

Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Sue Urban

Briefly

Tailgate party on tap Friday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will make final plans for Friday's annual tailgate party during their regular weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

The tailgate party will be prior to the Norton-Trego football game that begins at 7 p.m. at Travis Field. The party will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the livestock barn at Elmwood Park. The menu will be roast pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, watermelon and drinks.

Blue Jay Booster Club memberships will be sold and a free gift will accompany every membership.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to Wednesday's meeting as well as the tailgate party. Speaking on Wednesday evening will be NCHS football coach Lucas Melvin, cross country coach Tom Hehn, volleyball coach Peggy Cox and tennis coach Lisa Henderson.

Norton student rolls up sleeves

More than 60 Bethany College students, faculty and staff members began their academic school year with a lesson in hands-on help. The volunteer group, which included Ryan Maddy, a junior from Norton, went to Greensburg on Aug. 25 to assist with tornado-recovery efforts.

The Bethany volunteers cleaned lots, distributed more than 45 bicycles, assembled shelters and helped repair homes.

The service trip was coordinated by Bethany staff members in conjunction with Lutheran Disaster Response. Bethany's Thrivent service learning grant, "Learn, Serve, Lead," helped fund travel expenses and supplies.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Increasing clouds with a low around 65. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 63. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 82.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 59, High 85
Saturday Low 60, High 86
Sunday Low 62, High 90
Monday Low 60, High 91
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Giver of all good things, help us to remember to thank you for all our blessings and to be grateful each day.

Amen

Wall wizards



Repair work has begun on restoring the west wall of the Pure Prairie Natural Foods Store. The wall had been adjoined to the structure housing the Norton Archery Club that burned down last July. Workers on the wall were, left, Andrew Sheley and Zach Larison.

- Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

He picked-em better than any other pickers

Gail Bailey, a longtime contestant in the *Norton Telegram's* Pigskin Pick-Em Contest outguessed seven other fans who entered perfect papers in the first week of the contest, which begins its 38th year.

Bailey was correct on all 10 games and was closest to the tiebreaker game. California won the tiebreaker contest over Tennessee by a 45-31 score. Gail picked California by 36-26 or a total of 14 points off the scores of both teams.

Bailey will receive the first prize of \$15 in scrip money.

Also with a perfect entry and placing second was Jared Foley, Wichita. He chose California by 31-21, or 24 points off, and will receive \$10 in scrip money.

Third place scrip money of \$5 will go to Sandy Husted, Norton, who also submitted a perfect entry and selected California to win the tiebreaker by a score of 28-21, or 27 points off.

Lexie McDowell, Hill City, also submitted a perfect entry and chose California to win the tiebreaker by the same score as Sandy; however, Sandy won the drawing to determine third and fourth places.

Other fans who turned in perfect entries and chose California to win the tiebreaker and their points off on the tiebreaker were: Glenn Brands, Alma, 28; Bob Covington, Alma, 41; Dale Shearer, Edmond, 42.

Nancy Moore, Hoisington, also turned in a perfect paper except for incorrectly choosing Tennessee to win the tiebreaker game.

Incorrect on just one game were: HiPlains Co-op, Lenora; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Aaron McDowell, Brody McDowell, both of Hill City; Bob

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Sixty years of memories to unfold

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Seventy-two years ago, in September of 1935, children who would eventually be part of the Norton Community High School graduating class of 1947, entered kindergarten at Norton City School.

Ten members of that class would complete their entire elementary and secondary education together. They were Jerry Butler, LaDon Eppinger, Duane Hickman, Shirley Mather, Jim Melroy, Esther Phillips, Anna Robben, Donna Scarlett, Don Schneider and Patsy Ward.

During their senior year, the class claimed several honors. Senior members of the National Honor Society were Carman Wiltrout, Duane Hickman, Virgil Severns, Esther Phillips, Patsy Ward and Miladeen Shaw; Carman Wiltrout was chosen as a representative to Girls State and Esther Phillips was an alternate; se-

Dinner scheduled
There are 30 surviving members of the class of 1947 with 15 planning to attend the school reunion this weekend. The class is planning a special dinner party at 5 p.m. Friday at Attitudes followed by a short program. The class invites other alumni and friends to join them at the restaurant after 7:30 p.m.

nior class rings arrived Oct. 21, 1946, and were declared to be "the prettiest we have had in NCHS for years"; Richard Esslinger was president of Hi-Y; the senior play was "Uncertain Wings" directed by Miss Geraldine Feighny; royalty at the Junior-Senior Banquet were Carman Wiltrout, princess, Patsy Ward, queen, Don Schneider, King and Richard

Big plans made for vacant lot

By VERONICA MONIER
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A small group of Norton County residents have big plans for a vacant lot in downtown Norton.

The group is the Downtown Restoration Committee, which was formed to help clean up the county's downtown areas.

Gloria Nelson, who is on the committee, said the project they are working on now is turning the vacant lot, left after two buildings burned down last summer, into a park.

"We want it to be a focus area for people driving through town," she said. "A place for people to rest, to visit and to enjoy it."

Plans for the park include a pergola, a fountain, tables and benches, a stone and metal fence, ironwork scenes, brick paths, and landscaping with trees, flowers and grass.

She said they would like to bring in large white sandstone rocks and somehow get water to drip over them like a fountain. The fountain, as well as the stone table and benches they wanted would cost too much money, so they are going back to the drawing board to find something more affordable.

They will also be installing lights throughout the park and along the brick paths.

Mrs. Nelson said they are still in the planning stage. So far, she said inmates from Norton Correctional Facility have cleaned off Pure Prairie's brick wall, which faces the park. Jim Rowh, she said, is having the wall re-pointed.

The city is also helping and will be installing the water and electrical lines.

She said they don't have a set cost for the project and plan to pay for it with donations. What they receive in donations will determine what they are able to do with the area.

"Anyone who would like to donate can do so through the Norton County Community Foundation," she said.

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Esslinger, prince; the class presented memorial gifts to the school of two swivel chairs, to be placed at the desks of Principal Gerald Travis and Assistant Principal Mary Norris and a public address microphone.

In 1947, the school newspaper, *The Nugget*, conducted a popularity poll of the student's favorite comic strip characters. Dick Tracy came in first, followed by Blondie, Mary Worth's Family, Terry and the Pirates, Li'l Abner, Smiling Jack, Mutt and Jeff, Joe Palooka, Henry and Little Iodine.

Graduation day for the class was May 14, 1947. Principal Travis presented diplomas to the seniors. It was Mr. Travis' nineteenth year at the high school. There were 48 members in the Class of '47. Esther Phillips was class president and

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A Christmas vacation party was held at the Norton Country Club in December of 1946. The party was hosted by Don Ward and his sister, Bee Ward, and Jerry Butler and his sister, Beverly Butler. — Photo courtesy of Esther (Phillips) Headrick