

**Tuesday**  
September 18, 2007

*A treasure worth hunting for*

**Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ron Fisher**

*Briefly*  
**Archers hosting  
shoot Sunday**

The Norton Archery Club will host a bowhunter practice shoot Sunday at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. It will be a trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per round. For more information call 877-3253 or 877-5269. Scoring will be optional.

**Speaker to show  
documentary**

Mike Matson, Kansas Farm Bureau director of communications and public relations, will talk about the effect of shifting populations in rural Kansas and will show a preview of his documentary, "Rural Kansas: Heritage Lost?" at 7 p.m. tonight (Tuesday, Sept. 18) at the East Campus Auditorium. The event is sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau and the Norton County Economic Development.

**Boosters set to  
meet Wednesday**

You do not have to be a member of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club to attend the weekly Norton Community High School sports meeting hosted by the Booster Club on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speaking at this week's meeting will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, head cross country coach Tom Hehn, head volleyball coach Peggy Cox and head tennis coach Lisa Henderson.

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 56. South wind around 5 mph.  
**Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 83. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 89. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph.  
**Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 61.  
**Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 90.  
**Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 62.  
**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 89.  
**Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 56.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 44, High 68  
Saturday ..... Low 47, High 74, .20 Prec.  
Sunday ..... Low 48, High 78  
Monday ..... Low 62, High 89  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Loving God, strengthen our faith. Remind us to keep reaching out for you. Your spirit is always there for us to touch. **Amen**



Ada Arford, left, negotiated with potential buyer, Carol Ryan, at her garage sale stall Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Arford was one of about 60 vendors set up in Norton and along the highway for the second annual U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt. — Telegram photo by Jim Plotts

**General public is against in-town kennel**

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Public opinion seems to be set against allowing kennels in the city limits.

At a Public Safety Committee meeting Monday evening, the public was invited to express their opinion on allowing a kennel to be built in town.

Roxane Kent, who wants to build the kennel, said she was sure most of the people attending the meeting's main complaint would be barking dogs. She said she ran a kennel in Denver that had 250 to 300 dogs, so she knows what she is doing. Also, she said she was a certified dog trainer.

The kennel she wants to build would be made of brick so that the dogs couldn't see each other or people walking by, two main reasons why dogs bark. It would have 10

runs that were 20 by 5 feet each. "I don't like barking dogs," she said. "No one will hear these dogs."

She said the dogs would be put in at night and would be let out during the day to use the bathroom and would also be out on nice days. Music will be playing, which, she said, calms the dogs.

Another concern she felt people would have was odor. The kennels would be rinsed out every day with a Clorox solution. She already has the sewer in place. Ms. Kent said she would have to pass state inspection and meet state codes.

Individual public comments included:

- City ordinance says you can only have two dogs. Why would more be allowed here?
- I don't have a problem with it.
- I lived by people who had dogs that

barked all the time. Who am I going to call if I have a problem with it?

- I don't want it in the neighborhood. I know she said there won't be barking, but I don't want to take that chance.
- I'm against it.
- Will there be more traffic? I just don't like the idea.
- I'm against it. There will be odor and they will bark.
- I haven't decided whether or not I'm against it. I don't want the barking. That will cause my dogs to bark and then the neighbors will be on me.
- Dogs that get dropped off bark, howl and whine. Music does help, I know, but it takes a couple of days for them to adjust.
- I think the kennel is a good idea. But it's a bad location. It needs to be on the

outskirts of town, where there will be room for the dogs and where it's not surrounded by residences.

• A survey was taken of the residents of Prairie Meadows apartments. Of the seven, five said they were against it and the other two had no problem with it. I'm here representing them.

- How often will it be inspected?
- Will you (Ms. Kent) be there every day, all day?
- Why don't you put it out in the country where you live?

Ms. Kent responded to some by saying that they could call her if there was a problem; there won't be any more traffic than there is now with the Groom Room, her grooming business; that she doesn't want to build something on property that she

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**Coaches try again for baseball**

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The American Legion coach is trying, once again, to get baseball as a school sponsored sport.

Joe Durham, head coach of the Legion team, told the Norton School Board that he was back for the third year, representing a group of people who would like to see baseball back in the Norton school system.

Mr. Durham said the number one reason the school should have baseball is that Norton has the facilities for it — John Ryan Field, Busch Field, Jaycee Field, and Doug Ward Field.

One of the district's concerns, he said, was finding opposing teams within a drivable distance. In a 100 mile radius, he said there are eight teams Norton could play. In 150 miles, there are 15 teams. Last year, he said, the Legion team played both Plainville and Minneapolis, who both

have school teams. Only one of the Norton team's players had a conflict with another sport and, rather than playing baseball, he participated in the other sport.

Of the 64 3A schools in the state, 45 have baseball. They play 10 double-header games.

One of the problems with not having school baseball, he said, was they miss most of the scouts for scholarships and pro-baseball opportunities. By the time the Legion plays, the scouts are finished. The only reason three of their players are receiving a chance to play pro-ball is because of Assistant Coach Steve Jeltz, who once played major league baseball.

"A few years ago, you added boys and girls tennis," he said. "Girls tennis is now thriving. Give baseball a chance to thrive."

"We have a very good chance to have a successful team. Not only do we have the support of the community and a field (John Ryan Field) that received a facelift

this summer, but we also have Steve Jeltz as an assistant coach."

Mr. Jeltz said when he started as the assistant coach for the Legion team, there were a lot of discipline issues that have since been worked out. Baseball, he said, gives the players a reason to bring up their grades, as they can't play college ball without the grades.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing," he said. "Maybe some of these kids who aren't doing anything else might come out for baseball. But it also might give some of these kids something to do to keep them out of trouble."

"Baseball will have some kind of effect on the community, but I don't think it will be a negative effect on the other sports teams. It will have a positive effect on the community."

Mr. Jeltz said he worked with the Legion players for three months over the

*Long Island man  
wins pick-em*

By DICK BOYD

Nine football fans turned in perfect papers in the *Telegram's* third weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but Frank Kaiser of Long Island earned the first prize of \$15 in scrip money by coming closest on the tiebreaker game.

Alabama edged Arkansas 41-38 in the high-scoring tiebreaker contest and Frank picked it 30-24 or 25 total points off the scores of the two teams.

Also correct on all 10 games and choosing Alabama to win the tiebreaker was Jim Springer, Long Island. Jim was second closest on the tiebreaker score, picking it at 28-20 or 31 points off and will receive the

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