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A day of rafting



Reservoir News in today's Telegram



Water seeped from Stan Harbers' yard late Tuesday afternoon. It was one of several water leaks reported, caused by too much water pressure. The water tower has been drained, and pumps at the water plant are run-

ning the pressure. This time running water in the streets wasn't due to rainfall.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Briefly

Treasurer clarifies tax listing problem

Cynthia Linner, county treasurer, released this statement regarding the recently published delinquent real estate tax listing in The Norton Telegram:

"I would like to clarify a problem that existed with the 2008 Norton County Delinquent Real Estate Tax listing that was published in The Norton Telegram on Aug. 11, 18, 25, 2009.

"I electronically submitted the listing to The Norton Telegram in 2 formats: an Excel file and a PDF file. The file used to print the publication was the PDF file which did not clarify that the owner is not necessarily the tax payer; as some of these properties are being sold to other individuals on contract and they are the party responsible for paying the taxes each and every year.

"The Excel file did have this information but was not the file used because excel format was not user friendly to the software available to The Norton Telegram.

"I regret any embarrassment this may have caused to some of the individuals listed because in care of names were omitted from the publication."

'Norton: We have a problem!'

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Work on the water tower in Norton continued this week, causing several disruptions to water pressure. The water tower has been drained and pumps at the water plant have been regulating pressure.

Dan Bainter, public works supervisor, said four leaks were reported between Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening.

The first leak, on north Grant Street, was reported at 5 p.m. Stan Harbers said his neighbor Tom Montoia told him about the leak in his front yard. Mr. Bainter said they used a repair clamp on the pipes.

The public works crew also put a repair clamp on the second leak, reported at North and State Street Tuesday evening.

The third leak, reported at 11 p.m. on Tuesday night on North and Grant Street, had to have the pipe replaced. The public works crew worked through the night replacing the pipe.

The fourth leak was reported Wednesday afternoon on North State. A repair clamp was used to fix that problem.

Mr. Bainter said the cause of the leaks was fluctuating pressure on old pipes.

"I hope it doesn't continue. I think they have the pressure regulated," he said.

Water could also be seen spraying out of several fire hydrants. Mr. Bainter said it was to relieve water pressure.

"I would like to thank my crew for their dedication and hard work," he said.



Jason Dial and Steve Reedy worked on fixing the water pipes on North Grant on Tuesday. The leak was fixed with a repair clamp after the crew evaluated the problem. Three water leaks were called in between late Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. The leaks are connected with work being done on the city's water tower.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

All's go for Saturday's first-ever Smokin' contest

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The first *Smokin' in the Barn* event will take place this weekend at the Livestock Barn in Elmwood Park with 21 teams participating in this first-ever barbecue competition.

John Carlin, event organizer, said the event is open to the public. He said there will be multiple events including dinner on Saturday and a concert at 8 p.m. A \$5 cover fee will be charged for general admission. Admission and dinner will cost \$10. A \$15 day pass can also be purchased which will cover general admission, dinner and the band.

All activities will take place in the livestock barn.

He said dinner is first come, first served. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Mr. Carlin said the Department of Corrections is providing some picnic tables, but there will be limited seating.

The smokin' will end at 5:30 p.m. and judging will begin at another location.

The event consists of four categories including brisket, pulled pork, pork spare ribs and chicken.

Mr. Carlin said their group is non-profit, the money will only go to pay for their expenses. He said the 4-H club

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weather forecast

SCATTERED SHOWERS

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 53. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 77. Saturday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Sunday - A slight chance of showers with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Sunday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, August 25 Low 64, High 83
1.50" Precipitation
Wed., August 26 Low 63, High 83
Thursday, August 27 Low 56, High 83
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

In our times of disappointment and despair, O God, may we feel your presence and find strength in your word. Amen

Get ready, football fans, it's Pigskin Pick-Em time again

The 40th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest for area football fans will begin in the Tuesday, Sept. 1 issue of The Norton Telegram and all details will be included in that issue.

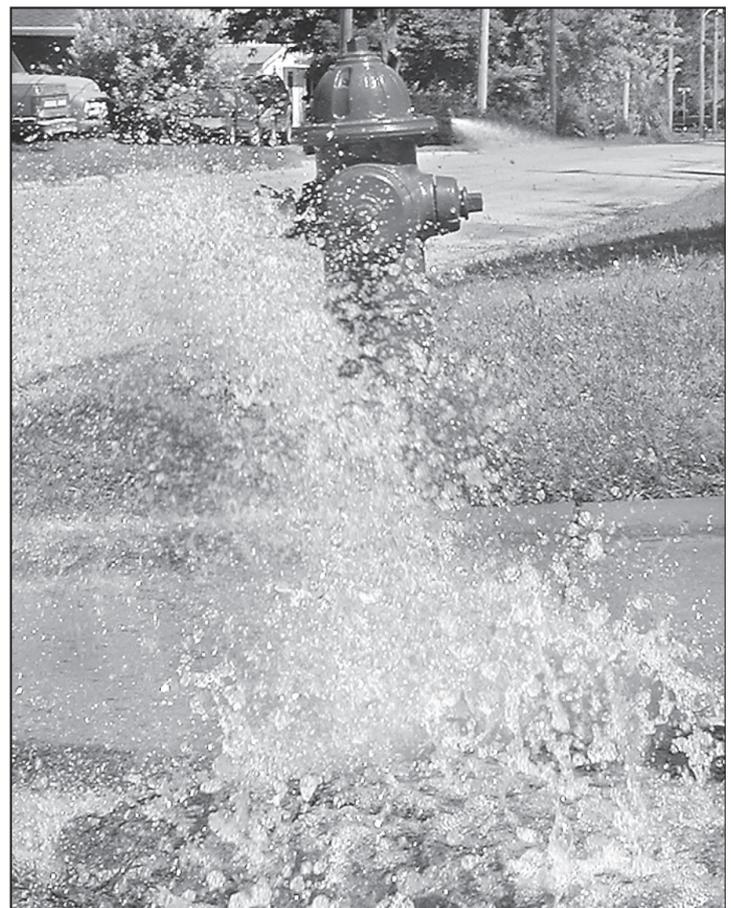
An entry blank will be printed in each Tuesday issue of the newspaper during the 12 weeks of the contest, but extra blanks can be picked up now from contest sponsors.

Extra blanks are now available at these locations: Almena State Bank, Long Island Feed and Grain/Island Insur-

ance and First National Bank and Trust, Moffet Drug, Kellie's Inc., Valley Hope Association, Norton Shop and Save, Jamboree Foods, Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Pizza Hut/Taco Bell/Wing Street, Walter Motor Company and The Norton Telegram.

Only official entry blanks can be submitted and only one entry per person per week.

Weekly prizes and a contest-ending trophy will be awarded.



Fire hydrants across Norton were spraying water all over the place. City crews said it was to relieve pressure on the water pipes. Four leaks were reported earlier this week due to too much water pressure, the result of work on the city's water tower.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley