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Briefly Army unit plans reunion Thursday

The members of the 110th Ordnance Battalion will have a 49th reunion in conjunction with the Vietnam Moving Wall that is coming to Norton Sept. 23 through Sept. 27.

The reunion will take place at the Norton American Legion on Thursday, Sept. 23. An Informal Get Together and Happy Hour will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. a Dinner will be held at 7 p.m. for the cost of \$10 to \$15 per plate. A Evening of Fellowship will follow the meal.

For more information, contact Jon Boxler at 1-800-569-0151 jonb@boxler-insurance.com or Dwight Heikes at 785-877-2584 or 785-871-0727 ddheikes@ruraltel.net.

Norton booster club to meet Wednesday

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Speaking about recent results of their team's competition will be tennis coach Jim Green, volleyball coach Peggy Cox, cross country coach George Rossi and football coach Lucas Melvin. Following the speeches, the film of Norton's 46-0 Homecoming football win over Plainville will be shown. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

School district opens weight room

The USD 211 weight room is open to the public beginning Monday, September 20. It will be open from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Limited seating for wall ceremonies

There will be limited seating available on the bleachers at the Moving Wall during the ceremonies Sept. 23-27 so come early or be sure to bring your lawn chairs.

Markets

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Wheat\$6.00
Milo.....\$4.18
Soybeans.....\$9.91
Corn.....\$4.40
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. **Wednesday** - Partly sunny with a high near 91. **Wednesday Night** - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. **Thursday** - A 40 percent chance of showers. **Friday** - Sunny.

Kingham Report

Friday, September 17..... Low 53, High 87
Saturday, September 18.. Low 54, High 56
.....10 Rain
Sunday, September 19 Low 42, High 67
Monday, September 20... Low 52, High 91
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, forgive us for taking our relationship with you for granted. Soften our hearts and help us to respond to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THEY DIED SO WE CAN BE FREE

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN DIEDERICH

Family gets soldier's letter 33 years later

This is the fourth in a four-part series about servicemen killed in the line of duty.

Like lots of farm boys during the 1960s, John Diederich wanted to do his patriotic duty. The country was at war and he volunteered. Like four of his five brothers before him, John served his country. His brother, Tom Diederich, Lenora, said, "I had just gotten back from Vietnam and before I could even talk to John he had volunteered. He wanted to get it out of the road."

John graduated from Leoville High School in 1966 and that fall he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was trained to maintain and service power generation equipment. John had considered making the Army his career.

In September of 1967, he spent his furlough at home before leaving for Vietnam. His sister, Virginia Rome, said before her brother left for war, he had shared some of his thoughts with her. He had told her, "With the type of training I've had, (intensive, jungle fighting, etc.) I don't think I'll be coming home."

His premonition proved correct. On Aug. 23, 1968, with only a few weeks left on his tour of duty, John Leo Diederich, 20, who had already re-enlisted for additional years in the Army, was killed when an enemy rocket struck his bunker.

Thirty-three years later the family received a letter from one of John's Army buddies, David Porter. Mr. Porter wrote,



The headstone of Sergeant John Leo Diederich as it sits today at the parish cemetery in New Almelo. (above)

To the right is a shadowbox made by the family of John to display all of the medals and some photos of their lost loved one. Included you will find his obituary information and military information. Courtesy photos.



"I apologize for waiting so long to write this letter. I was a member of Battery A with your brother. I heard from Nick Zeiler (another of John's buddies) after I returned to the States. He said he had stopped by and visited your family. I wish I had as well.

"I remember Aug. 22 and 23, 1968, very well. For years, those events replayed in my mind most every night. John came to my gun section the morning of the 22nd and asked if I would like to go get a haircut with him. We had

moved to firebase Dottie on July 3 and John had found a couple of real barbers, one just outside the gate to our firebase

and one in a local village. I grabbed my gear and off we went. I recall we were (Letter - Continued on Page 5)

Keiswetter and Streck crowned at Homecoming

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Landon "Tug" Keiswetter and Bekah Streck were crowned king and queen of the 38th annual Norton Community High School Homecoming on Friday night at Travis Field during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Plainville football game.

Landon is the son of Jana and Louis Keiswetter and Bekah is the daughter of Joan and Steve Streck.

Attendants were: Billy Broeckelman, son of Tami and Jim Broeckelman; Kaylen Rossi, daughter of Sue and George Rossi; Dakota Dreher, son of Jamie and Ray Dreher; Rachel Shepard, granddaughter of Shirley and Larry Shepard; Spencer Shirk, son of Pam and Lamont Shirk and Kyra Fulton, daughter of Samantha Fulton and Todd Fulton. Kyra was unable to attend due to other commitments.

Crown bearers were Ella Carter, daughter of Karen (Gosselin) Carter (95) and Justin Carter (00) and Garrett Urban, son of JayLynn (Colip) Urban (95) and Dominic Urban (94).

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The 2010 Homecoming Royalty at Norton Community High School is shown after the crowning ceremony prior to the Norton-Plainville football game on Friday at Travis Field. They are, from left, front row: crown bearers Ella Carter and Garrett Urban; back row: attendants Kaylen Rossi, Rachel Shepard, Queen Bekah Streck, King Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, Spencer Shirk, Dakota Dreher, Billy Broeckelman. Not pictured: attendant Kyra Fulton. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Road and Bridge head nearly sacked at meeting

Norton County Commissioners discussed the performance of the County Road and Bridge Department with Supervisor Tom Brannan during their September 13 meeting. Chairman Richard Thompson presided with Commissioners John Miller and Carolyn Applegate and County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt present.

Commissioners spoke to Brannan about time management and the importance of getting request jobs completed. Commissioners asked him to deliver a schedule of planned maintenance for requested work on the books, and outlined the importance of getting organized and completing jobs rather

than delaying them.

Following a lengthy discussion of the department and its performance, Commissioner Miller moved to terminate Brannan's employment. After more discussion Commissioner Applegate suggested Brannan submit a plan of management prior to a second on the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Brannan also reported on the scheduled road maintenance with mowing a priority for the week.

In other business, the commissioners asked Sheriff Troy Thomson to get bids from local vendors to purchase a new (Meeting - Continued on Page 10)

Norton youth wins this week's "Pick-Em"

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Seven fans had the chance for the top prize in the third weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest last week and two even tied before Morgan Baumann, Norton, emerged as the winner.

Morgan and Jennifer Boller, also of Norton, each missed just one game and also missed the actual score of the tiebreaker game by four points. A drawing decided the first place winner. Morgan will receive \$15 in scrip money.

Losing the drawing and placing second was Jennifer, who will receive \$10 in scrip money.

Morgan miscued on the Hill City win over Hoxie and Jennifer missed just the Arkansas victory over Georgia.

Auburn edged Clemson 27-24 in overtime in the tiebreaker game. Morgan chose Auburn by 28-21 and Jennifer

picked Auburn by 31-24, both a total of four points off the actual scores of the two teams.

All alone in third place with a prize of \$5 in scrip money is David Riemann, Norton, who also missed just the Arkansas win over Georgia. He was seven points off on the tiebreaker score with a 27-17 choice for Auburn to win.

Also missing just one game and points off on the tiebreaker game were: Jim Springer, Long Island, 10 and Abby Rice, Norton, 20. Erin Foley, Lawrence, and Monica Wilson, Norton, also missed just one game but went with Clemson to win the tiebreaker.

Correct on all but two games were: Rodger Stutterheim, Julie Hilburn, Ja'Nee Moore, all of Almena; Nish Millan, Goodland; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Rick Green, Will (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)

