

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

September 13, 2011

Briefly

Booster Club set to meet Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the results of their team's recent competition will be head tennis coach Jim Green, head volleyball coach Kevin Jilka, head football coach Lucas Melvin and head cross country coach George Rossi.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Blue Jays to face off with Plainville team

The Norton Blue Jays high school football team will play in Plainville at 7 p.m. this Friday.

Highway 36 sales set for this weekend

The annual Highway 36 Treasure Hunt is planned for this Friday through Sunday. A full listing of the sale locations can be found on page 5 of today's Telegram.

State park office hours to change

The Prairie Dog State Park office will no longer be open on weekends for the remainder of this camping season due to budget cuts. Office hours will be Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 p.m. The self-pay station in front of the office can be utilized to purchase camping and vehicle permits. Licenses and permits can also be purchased online or through various vendors.

Hansen craft fair slated for Saturday

The 38th annual Hansen arts and craft fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 in Logan on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Markets

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| Wheat | \$7.19 |
| Milo | \$6.53 |
| Soybeans | \$12.61 |
| Corn | \$7.13 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Wednesday - Cooler and cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light rain showers. Wednesday Night - Cloudy and colder.

Kingham Report

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| Friday, Sept. 9..... | Low 46, High 78 |
| Saturday, Sept. 10..... | Low 50, High 82 |
| Sunday, Sept. 11..... | Low 51, High 86 |
| Monday, Sept. 12..... | Low 546, High 94 |

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, make us aware that in all circumstances your hand will guide us and you will provide the strength we need to face each day. Amen.

Another season, another crop



Kem Kindall helps on his father's farm south of Norton Friday afternoon by getting the earth tilled in preparation to plant the winter wheat crop for next year's harvest. Another season of harvest and planting is around the corner as farmers around the area prepare to harvest corn and beans and sow another crop of wheat.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Norton resident wins weekly Pick-Em

By Dick Boyd

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Six fans turned in perfect papers in the second week of the Norton Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and Rick Green of Norton won the \$15 scrip first prize by virtue of being closest to the actual score of the tiebreaker game.

South Carolina defeated Georgia 45-42 in the tiebreaker and Rick picked it 34-27 or a total of 26 points off the actual scores.

Also entering a perfect paper and earning the second prize of \$10 in scrip money was Chelle Millan, Norton, who was 35 points off on the scores of the tiebreaker game.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to Lynn Nelson, Norton, who had a perfect paper and was 36 points off the tiebreaker game scores.

Also entering perfect papers and points off on the tiebreaker were: Chriselle Thomson, Norton, 39; Tosh Green, Norton, 39; Jacob Green, Norton, 42.

Missing just one contest were: Brenda Husted, Linda Covington, Julie Hilburn, all of Alma; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Hank Kaiser, Jim Springer, both of Long Island; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Wilma Wiseman, Tiffney Yeager, Ashley Brown, Virginia Carlton, Nate Kesar, Paige Lowry, Abby Rice, Anastasia Foley, Nathan Morse, Christal Rose, Tammy Maddy, Chad Gasper, Lisa Shearer, Sarah Durham, Jennifer Boller, Wilson Ellis, all of Norton.

Correct on all but two games were: Darrell Moore, Jasmine Covington, Bob Covington, Rodger Stutterheim, Shirley Stutterheim, all of Alma; Iris Mastin, Virginia Montgomery, both of Oberlin; Lori Pasicas, Stockton; Tiffany Welch, Logan; Jared Foley, Wichita; Barbara Springer, Long Island; Doug Ray, Dennis Maybon, Regina Beikman, Steve Vollertsen, Tom Baumann, Diana Smith, Chase Rice, Misty Nuzum, Deb Thiele, Charlotte Stephenson, Shelby Jones, Jeris Norman, Dustan Daniels, Douglas Daniels, Ken Gregoire, Bill Fortune, Monica Wilson, David Riemann, Dalton Smith, Cassidy Palmer, Andrew Lantz, Amanda Ray, Dalton Miller, Kerri Ray, Keegan Smith, all of Norton.

Miscuing on three contests were: Sandi Winchell, Ja'Nee Moore, both of Alma; Ann Shaw, Beaver City; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Mitch Tegmeier, Eudora; Shyann Railsback, Tom Davis, Fig Millan, Trey Millan, Keely Millan, Joni Shellito, Kelly Sweet, Craig Foley, Rod Maddy, Charlotte Gasper, Travis Ray, Mary Ann Hager, Baylee Miller, Patrick Pomeroy, Justin Lindsay, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Alberta Geil, Alma; Erin Foley, Eudora; Ann Becker, Lenora; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Nick Mandl, Cope Railsback, Gaylene Cuzick, Joni Hilburn, Vallene Berry, Taryn Graham, all of Norton.

Gavlin Henderson, Devon Gasper, Dawn Johnson and Stacy Area, all of Norton, each missed five games and Craig Knapp, Norton, was incorrect on six contests.

This week's entries
The third week's entries must be post-marked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The defending champion is Chase Rice, Norton.

Scores of last week's games were: Norton 53, St. Francis 8
Northern Valley 34, Stockton 18
Lakeside 58, Logan 12
Plainville 42, Ellis 6
Smith Center 46, Phillipsburg 17
Kansas 45, Northern Illinois 42
California 36, Colorado 33 O.T.
Michigan 35, Notre Dame 31
Nebraska 42, Fresno State 29
South Carolina 45, Georgia 42

Agreement to cost city \$2.3 million in fees

By Carleen Bell
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After deciding earlier this year to shut down the city's power generation facilities, the Norton City Council approved Wednesday evening a revised agreement with Sunflower Electric to provide power for the community, a move that will cost the city more than \$2.3 million over the next 16 months.

Norton City Attorney Karen Griffiths reported Wednesday evening that the city had a standing agreement with Sunflower Electric for backup power generation. As part of that long-term agreement, the city was able to get competitive rates for being a backup supplier, but with the closing of the power plant, that agreement needed to be amended.

Griffiths said that the current agreement runs through the end of 2012, but the amended portion of the contract dictates that the city begin paying a monthly fee to Sunflower Electric because the city will no longer be providing backup generation. The monthly rate has been calculated at \$14,465.67 per month, which the city will pay through Dec. 2012.

The council agreed to move forward with the move by a vote of 5-1, with council member Jerry Jones opposing the matter. Jones said this week that part of his opposition to the revised agreement was having some unanswered questions regarding the cost savings of closing the power plant.

"I'm not really in favor of closing the power plant at all," Jones said, "but I know it's going to happen. I just think there are still questions that need to be answered, like how much we are really saving every month by closing the plant."

Council member Jerry Moritz also expressed his concern with the agreement, but voted in favor of the amendment.

"I admit I gulped at the monthly charge, but we need to remember that we aren't paying for maintenance on the plant," Moritz said. "It's probably going to come out about the same as what we would have had to pay."

After the amended contract runs out at the end of next year, the city of Norton is expected to enter into a new contract with Sunflower Electric for a 10-year period.

Local man has heart for world service

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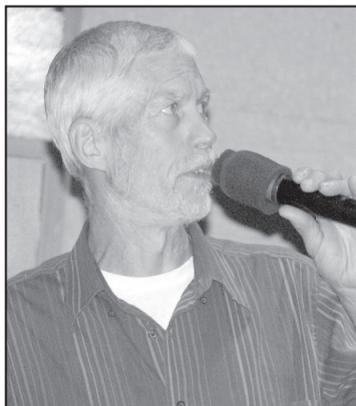
It's safe to say that Jim Rowh knows a thing or two about Africa.

The Norton native recently completed his second Christian mission trip to Kenya and presented an informational program at the Christian Church of Norton on Sunday evening.

Rowh left for Kibera, Kenya in late July and returned to the states about three weeks later. Kibera is the largest slum in Africa with more than a half-million people living in extreme poverty.

"The people there live on 50 cents a day," Rowh explained. "There is open sewage everywhere and because of AIDS running rampant, there are a lot of orphaned children. It's just a wretched place."

While staying in Kibera, Rowh lived among the Kibera citizens and stayed



with local Christian pastors in the area. During his time there, he and local church leaders held "crusade" missions for the local people and preached the Gospel of Christ from an outdoor

stage. Though the population of Kenya is about 20 percent Muslim, Rowh said, the evangelism efforts didn't go unrewarded.

"We had about 900 salvation decisions among the locals" he said. "Some experienced healings and deliverance from problems like addiction. The best part of the whole experience is seeing the response from the people. They are just really hungry for the Gospel."

Rowh reflected that Christian evangelism is not prohibited in Kenya, but missions work isn't without its pitfalls. He and his Kenyan counterparts hung about 2,000 posters around the city prior to the beginning of the crusades, which met nightly, but by the first evening of the gatherings, most of the posters had been torn down and destroyed.

The group also made it a point to get out of the city by nightfall each

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