

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

September 7, 2012

Briefly

Theatre poker run planned Saturday

Norton Theatre is holding a benefit Poker Run Saturday. Registration will be at the Norton Theatre from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (picture at 10 a.m.). There will be a free will donation hog roast and silent auction open to the public from 2-5 p.m. at the Norton Eagles Lodge. For more information contact Kim at 785-874-8492 or Kris at 785-871-1771.

3-D shoot will be Sunday morning

The Norton Archery Club will hold a 3D archery shoot at the Prairie Dog State Park archery range this Sunday. A trickle start begins at 9 a.m. and the cost to participate is \$10 for two rounds. For more information, call 877-3253 or 877-5269.

Schools to dismiss early Wednesday

The USD 211 schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday for teacher training. Buses will run and lunch will be served. This is the first of several early dismissals for the 2012-2013 school year.

Bass tournament set this weekend

There will be a Bass Tournament held at the Norton Sebelius Reservoir both Saturday and Sunday.

Markets

Friday, September 7, 2012
Wheat\$8.26
Milo.....\$7.41
Soybeans.....\$16.45
Corn\$7.79
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 84. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 91.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.
Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 77

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 4Low 59, High 102
Wednesday, Sept. 5Low 54, High 87
Thursday, Sept. 6Low 56, High 100
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to realize that we can trust you. Teach us to wait and pray rather than rush ahead into situations that might hold danger for us or others. Amen.

Labor Day celebration is fun for all

By Dick Boyd

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The 36th annual Labor Day Celebration was held Sunday on the golf course in Logan and it was another outstanding event with something for everyone of all ages from morning to evening.

“The morning was beautiful and by noon the 5 to 10 mile per hour wind was very helpful with the 104 to 106 degree temperature during the rest of the day,” said Shirley Henrickson, director of the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum.

This popular, free celebration is sponsored annually by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum and Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Radio Control Fly-In

The day began with the annual Radio Control Fly-In for model airplanes, which attracted 21 pilots who brought 40 model airplanes. The crowd enjoyed the aerobatics and demonstrations of technique by the pilots and planes.

A special demonstration by a smoker plane was appreciated by the crowd.

Nebraska pilots participating were from Hastings, Giltner, Grand Island and Kearney. Kansas pilots were from Palco, La Crosse, Natoma, Wichita, Mankato, Osborne, Olmitz and Lucas.

Mickie McElroy does an excellent job of coordinating the fly-in, which continues to grow each year.

Mickie has been flying model airplanes for 24 years.

Church service

A good crowd attended the Logan Chamber of Commerce-sponsored



The Prairie Dusters Drill Team presented another outstanding program of precision maneuvers on horseback during the Labor Day Celebration in Logan on Sunday. They are the official color guard for Kansas’ Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg but they also have traveled many miles to do what they love to do, fly the American flag from the back of a horse.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

church service, which began at 9:30 a.m. Troy Buss opened the service and Mike Kemper and Staci Hartman provided guitar accompaniment for “Amazing Grace” and “How Great Thou Art.”

John Sullivan read scripture and Nikki Sammons spoke.

Sand Volleyball

Sand Volleyball began at 9 a.m. with Tina and Brandon Gehring as co-ordinators again this year.

“Fourteen teams were represented and played at a fast pace,” said Henrickson.

Repeating as champions this year

were the “I’d Hit That” team. Team members were Lisa and Rick Dusin, Lindsey and Cory Johnson, Dylan Webb and Reagan Vanderplas.

The runner-up team was the “Out-laws.” Team members were Stephanie and Jesse Pfortmiller, Chad Lenker, Michelle Pfortmiller, J.R. Bateman, Alisha Schilowsky and Denny Tweedy.

Third place winner was the “Balls n Dolls.” Team members were Beth and Josh Schemper, Tammy and Kirk Girard and Peggy and Clark Cox.

Fun for the children

Inflate-O-Fun from Inman set up

the King of the Mountain, the 18 feet slide and the Castle Bouncer for the children to enjoy.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts entertained a group of youth from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a bow and arrow range and a BB gun range.

The Pinewood Derby was not held due to the dust, which causes problems with the electronics of the track.

Car Show

The 18th annual Dane G. Bales, Jr. Car Show was another outstanding one with 45 entries and a wide variety

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City council rejects grandstand repair bid

By Carleen Bell

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After some discussion on the matter, the Norton City Council rejected a bid Wednesday evening to make repairs and replace the roof of the grandstands at the Elmwood Park Speedway.

City council member Jerry Jones reported to the council that after soliciting bids for the project, the city received one bid from Jacob Hickman.

The proposal total was \$10,784, which included \$7,000 in labor costs and \$3,784 for material costs.

Council member Jerry Jones expressed concern over the proposed price of the project, saying he thought other individuals might be interested in taking on the project for a much lower cost.

“I’m not in favor of doing anything with it right now,” Jones said. “Baseball season and race season are over. Someone else might be willing to do it for

less money.”

Moritz explained, however, that putting it off would take the project into next summer and the city would be back in the same position for the next race season.

“We’ve been talking about this for six or seven months and if we put it off, we’re going to be back here next summer,” Moritz said. “We need to decide if we are going to fix it or not.”

Originally, city leaders agreed to remove the grandstand roof all together to avoid possible safety concerns from loose tin and the roof structure in need of repair.

After getting an offer for donated roofing material, however, the city decided to repair the roof and solicit bids for the project.

Along with costs, the council discussed concerns over how much city contribution Hickman was re-

questing for the project. Hickman requested that the city provide a welder and some supplies, along with assistance from city work crews.

Council members raised the question of whether or not it was fair to agree to the proposal when the original bid advertisement didn’t specify that the city would agree to provide materials and services.

In the end, council members Roberta Ryan and Jerry Moritz voted to accept the bid from Jacob Hickman while Donna Foley, Ron Briery and Jerry Jones voted to reject the bid, causing the motion to fail.

Council member Harriett Gill abstained from voting.

With the rejected bid, the council agreed to advertise for bids again, this time with clearer language about what the city may or may not be willing to contribute to the project.

Benefit planned for Norcatur boy with cancer diagnosis

By Carolyn Plotts

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If you ask three-year-old Eric Kuhlman what he wants to be when he grows up, he doesn’t say a cowboy; he doesn’t say a fireman; he says he wants to be like his daddy. With the miracle of modern medicine, that will be possible.

On Sunday, July 8, Eric, the son of Matt and Brandy Kuhlman of Norcatur, was diagnosed with cancer, specifically, a Wilms’ tumor on his right kidney.

His mother said she has learned this type of cancer affects children between the ages of three and five. It is usually found after the child has an accident or it becomes visible. She said doctors told her Eric was born with the tumor, but it was after he fell at a waterslide on Friday, July 6 that he began to complain of his side hurting.

That Sunday he couldn’t walk, his stomach was hard and he wouldn’t allow anyone to touch it. His parents immediately took him to the emergency room at McCook Community Hospital.

Blood work showed his white blood cell count was three times higher than normal. X-rays were taken and a CT scan was done. A surgeon was called and told Eric’s parents that a mass was found on his right kidney. Children’s Hospital in Omaha, Neb., was recommended as the best place to take Eric and by 8 p.m., he and his mother

were in an ambulance headed for eastern Nebraska with his father in a vehicle right behind them.

They arrived in Omaha by midnight where a surgeon met them and double-checked the tests. He offered the worried parents some good news; the tumor had not spread. On July 10, Eric’s right kidney and a 1 ½ pound tumor the size of a grapefruit, was removed.

Waking after the surgery, he cheered his parents even more by asking for a cheeseburger Happy Meal. Doctors said it’s always a good sign when a child’s appetite returns.

Eric’s medical team has recommended chemotherapy as a precautionary measure – just to be sure the cancer is gone. Mrs. Kuhlman said doctors put no limitations on Eric, and he is your normal rough-and-tumble boy, though he tires easily. She said he needs to avoid sick people, as his immune system has been weakened. He will be monitored for two years: if the tumor comes back, doctors say, it should be within that two years. After that, he will be checked less and less. After 10 years, assuming the tumor doesn’t reappear, he should be fine.

Eric has to go to Omaha every week for six months to take chemotherapy. Mrs. Kuhlman said he has been “a little trooper” throughout the whole ordeal. She said he doesn’t fight the nurses at all when he receives his treatments. He

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Among Eric Kuhlman’s favorite activities is using his imagination to become a cowboy on his rocking horse. A benefit for Kuhlman, diagnosed with cancer, is planned for Saturday evening in Norcatur.

