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Archery club will hold a 3D shoot

The Norton Archery Club will hold a 3-D archery shoot on Sunday at the Prairie Dog State Park archery range. Trickle start is from 9-10 a.m.

Legion is hosting dignitaries Monday

American Legion and Auxiliary members from Norton, Almena, Long Island and surrounding areas are invited to attend a meeting at the Norton American Legion Monday evening at 5 p.m. Special speakers and guests will be district commander Chuck Meyers, district vice commander Darren McMullen, district executive committee member David Hazelwood and district auxiliary chaplain Lisa Valcore.

Markets

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Wheat.....\$8.40
Milo.....\$6.89
Soybeans.....\$15.44
Corn.....\$7.29
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Friday Night - Clear with a low of 46. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 15 mph. Saturday - Clear with a high of 75. Winds from the NE at 5 to 15 mph. Saturday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy with a low of 41. Sunday - Partly cloudy in the morning then clear with a high of 75. Sunday Night - Clear with a low of 45.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 18.....Low 38, High 81
Wednesday, Sept. 19.....Low 52, High 89
Thursday, Sept. 20.....Low 45, High 84
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, teach us to recognize the opportunities you bring us to serve you by serving others. Amen



Corn, bean harvest begins to roll in

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As autumn rapidly approaches across the region, officials with Ag Valley Co-op in Norton report that they are beginning to see the earliest corn and bean harvest roll into their elevator.

Rick Mullen, Ag Valley location manager, reported Thursday that he has seen some corn and soybeans roll into the elevator, which is about a week to 10 days earlier than usual.

Mullen said that the corn brought to Ag Valley so far has been between 13 and 16 percent moisture, which is ideal for corn harvest. Beans are a bit dryer than corn, measuring in the 10-11 percent moisture range.

Even with a very dry summer, the measured harvest has not been dryer than in years past, Mullen said. As the unharvested corn continues to dry, he said the elevator will see an upsurge of trucks coming into their facility probably beginning next week.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 10 percent of the State's corn crop was harvested last week to reach 51 percent complete by Sunday, about three weeks ahead of 29 percent last year and 22 percent for the 5-year average.

Three percent of the state's soybean acreage was harvested by Sunday. Of the soybean crop, 33 percent was considered very poor, 36 poor, 24 percent fair, 6 percent good and 1 percent excellent.



About 10 days ahead of years past, farmers across the area have begun harvesting corn. These farmers spent Wednesday morning harvesting a field on Highway 383 near the Norton/Phillips county line.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Range and pasture conditions improved to 56 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 12 percent fair, and 2 percent good. Even with the improvement, this continues to be the worst range and pasture condition since the series started in 1995. Hay and forage supplies were 39 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 23 percent adequate.

Even with scattered rainfall across the state, the state has still not seen enough precipitation to begin refilling stock ponds.

Norton hosting foreign exchange students

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Thanks to a program that encourages new experiences for students, Norton Community High School is hosting two foreign exchange students for the academic year.

The students are Sophie Mangold from Germany and Andre Valencia from Mexico and both are being hosted by David and Charla Sprigg of Norton. The students have been in the United States since Sept. 9.

Sophie is a junior at Norton Community High School and this trip is her first visit to the United States.

In Germany, she lives with her parents, grandparents and a younger brother in a village of about 2,000 people.

Sophie said that school in the United States is a new experience for her because German schools are run a little differently.

In Germany, the students stay mostly in one classroom for the school day and teachers for different subjects rotate through the classrooms.

All students in German schools are taught English from an early age, so Sophie is fluent in the language.

While going to school in Germany, she heard about the opportunity to become a foreign exchange student and three students from her class took advantage of the program.

She could have gone to one of several countries, Sophie said, but she chose to visit the United States for the year.

Though only in the country for a short time, Sophie said she has been most surprised by the weather.

"In Germany, the weather is hot and cold," she said, "but here it is hot one day and then cold the next. I never know what it is going to do."

Another change for the German student is cuisine. Sophie said that bread is a staple in Germany with many different types of bread readily available. Germans also tend to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, but Sophie said

she is enjoying American food so far, with a few exceptions.

"I tried a chili dog and it was terrible," she said.

Along with Sophie, Andre Valencia is a student from Cancun, Mexico. As a high school junior, this visit to the country is not Andre's first trip to the United States as he has vacationed here with his family.

Prior to visiting for the year, he and his family visited several states as tourists.

In Mexico, Andre lives with his parents in the tourist town of Cancun. He became a foreign exchange student because his dad was looking for an opportunity for him to study abroad and learned about the exchange program.

In Mexico, Andre attends a private school, which is set up much like American schools.

In his school, every student learns English, Chinese and French from a young age. He also plays football for his school in Mexico and is playing for Norton this fall.

Because Andre's home in Mexico is primarily a tourist spot, there is very little farming or agriculture in the area.

The student said that what he is enjoying most about his visit so far is the chance to see how farms operate. His

host family lives on a farm outside of Norton and Andre is getting the chance to help with farm chores.

"I'm excited to learn something different," he said. "I get to help on the farm and learn a little bit about farming. I can't do that in Mexico."

Like his German counterpart, Andre said he was enjoying the opportunity to try new foods while living in the

United States.

"American food is good and I really like steaks," he said. "I tried ham for the first time and I really liked it."

Sophie and Andre will finish the school year in Norton and return to their home countries in June where they will both finish one more year of school.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 16

Tuesday, Oct. 16 is the deadline for Norton County citizens to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election.

According to information from the Norton County Clerk's office, citizens may register to vote during regular business hours at the Norton City Office, the Almena Community Center, Lenora City Office and/or the Norton County Clerk's office.

Voter registration will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 16. Anyone who wishes to vote in the Nov. 6 election must register on or before Oct. 16.

When a registered voter changes residence from one precinct to another, the voter must re-register. Voter

applications can be picked up at any of the registration locations.

When a registered voter fails to vote in two consecutive general elections, the voter's name will be removed from registration and party affiliation lists and the voter must re-register.

In order to register to vote in any election, citizens must provide proof of identification with a photo ID. Acceptable forms are driver's license, government ID, passport, military ID and college ID.

Voters must also show photo identification at polling places on election day.

Treasure Hunt draws many visitors

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After the annual Highway 36 Treasure Hunt held over the weekend, event organizers said that visitors from 20 states and two foreign countries visited Norton over the three-day event.

Treasure Hunt Committee member Carolyn Applegate reported this week that 84 vendors signed up to be a part of the treasure hunt, but several more participated that weren't listed on the map.

Visitors from 20 different states visited signed the treasure hunt guest book, along with visitors from Canada and France.

The Highway 36 Treasure Hunt began six years ago as a way to encourage people traveling across the country to take alternative routes instead of just Interstate 80 or Interstate 70. By increasing travel on Highway 36, the communities along the route benefit from increased revenue from travelers.

Of the 13 counties participating, Applegate said, Norton County had the most vendors/garage sales. Within the 13 counties, 35 communities in over 400 miles participate.

The Highway 36 Treasure Hunt is always slated for the second full weekend in September.

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