

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

September 24, 2013

Briefly

Booster club to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria of the Norton Community High School.

Speaking to the fans will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, head cross country coach George Rossi, head girls tennis coach Jim Green and head girls volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

Demonstration of Pellet grills Thursday

Sander Furniture and Gifts will hold a Dog Days of Summer Feed on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the Norton Armory. Kelly Wertz, 2008 Jack Daniel's World BBQ Championship team member and 28 BBQ grand champions will be giving demonstrations with the new Louisiana Pellet Grills. Free will donations to benefit the Norton Salvation Army.

Library story hour with furry guests

The Norton Public Library will be celebrating National Dog Week at this Thursday morning's pre-school story time at 10:30. The Norton Animal Health Center and a furry friend will be there to read to the children.

Eisenhower to hold book swap

The 3rd annual Eisenhower Elementary School book swap will be Thursday, from 5:30-6:30 in the school cafeteria. Students and teachers may bring in up to five children's books in gently used condition to use in the swap them out for another book.

Tag renewals are due by Monday

The last day to purchase "P", "Q", or "R" tags at the Norton County Treasurer's office is Monday, Sept. 30. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. The office staff needs to verify the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date.

Markets

Monday, September 23, 2013

Wheat.....	\$6.88
Milo.....	\$4.02
Soybeans.....	\$12.49
Corn.....	\$4.62

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Clear with a high of 81. Thursday - Clear with a high of 88. Thursday Night - 50 percent chance of rain. Friday - Clear with a high of 77. Friday Night - 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - Clear with a high of 70. Sunday - Clear with a high of 75.

Prayer

Gracious God, open your eyes to the needs of people near and far, and empower us as agents of your grace. Amen.

One man's trash...



The U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, along U.S. 36 from the Colorado border to the Missouri border. On Saturday, Norton residents Cody Temmel and Kynzie Ste-

vens looked to see what was available at this stop and many others along the way.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

City requests additional funding

By MIKE STEPHENS
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City Clerk Darla Ellis told the City Council at its Wednesday meeting that the City had been approved for a 2014 Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation grant it had applied for to rehabilitate the building located at 109 E. Main Street. The problem, however, is the amount approved is \$75,000 less than what was requested on the application. Ellis said a request for additional funding has been made to the Kansas Department of Commerce, and a decision on the matter should come soon.

Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Tara Vance notified the council that the Norton County Community Foundation received \$69,000 in donations, which will be given to the City to purchase a pool heater. When the City receives the money, the council will

approve an alternate bid for the pool heater at a cost of \$69,000.

Brian Thompson of Mapes and Miller, C.P.A.'s, presented to the council the city's 2012 audit report. He said the City complied with all state statutes and no violations or areas of non-compliance were found. However, due to the amount of federal funds the City received an additional audit, an A-133 single fund audit, was also required. Thompson said there were no findings or violations with this audit as well. The council accepted the 2012 audit report and it will be filed with the State of Kansas.

In other council business:

-decided to have the city-wide fall clean up on Oct. 21, 22 and 23, at the City's expense. The final yard waste pickup will be on Nov 21.

-authorized Whitney Construction to

do the dirt work at Busch Field for the Lions Club building project at a cost not to exceed \$1,200, to be paid for with Hansen Foundation grant funds.

-authorized Structural Steel to do an assessment of the structural integrity and repairs needed to the grandstand in Elmwood Part, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 as a sole source provider.

-requested the City Attorney prepare an ordinance authorizing stop signs at the intersection of Crane and Kennedy streets, because of the additional traffic created by the new Ryan Addition.

-the Public Safety Committee has requested the City Attorney prepare an ordinance which would allow for three dogs, and an ordinance for three cats, with a grandfather clause and registration requirement.

-accepted the alternate for pool lighting at a cost of \$54,000, which will in-

clude lighting in and around the pool, and allow the City to have pool parties and other evening functions. The funding will be available by reducing the amount spent on furnishings by \$50,000, and by using galvanized frame instead of a powder coated frame, at an estimated savings of \$6,000. Funds which are not used may be added back into furnishings at a later date.

-Harriett Gill reported the Airport Board met and discussed soliciting a request for qualifications from engineering firms. It will be advertised and submitted to a list of firms.

-the Airport Board will have a special meeting on Sept. 23 to discuss an application for federal funds. December 30 is the deadline to submit a request for federal funding.

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Seven perfect picks in week three of Pigskin contest

By DICK BOYD
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The third week was the best yet for fans entering the Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest with seven entering perfect papers and the tiebreaker game deciding the three winners.

Winner of the first prize of \$15 in scrip money was Regina Beikman, Norton.

Second prize of \$10 scrip money goes to Mary Ann Hager, Norton. Texas defeated Kansas State 31-21 in the tiebreaker game. Regina guessed it 27-24 or seven points off the actual scores of the two teams. Mary Ann picked Texas by 24-21, also seven points off. Judges held a drawing to decide the winners.

There was also a tie for third place between Dalton Miller, Hays and Ryan Hopkins, Norton. Dalton chose Texas by 24-23 or nine points off and Ryan picked Texas by 34-27, also nine points off. By drawing, Dalton won the \$5 scrip for third place.

The other three fans with perfect entries chose Kansas State to win the tiebreaker. They were Len Coady, Fig Millan and Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Correct on all but one game were: Sandi Winchell, Alma; Lexie McDowell, Aaron McDowell, both of Hill City; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Trey

Millan, Hays; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Heather Simmons, Lenora; Patrick Hall, Jeris Norman, Crystal Freudenburg, David Riemann, Kerri Ray, Amanda Ray, Rick Green, Deanna Galentine, Clint Hammond, Baylee Miller, Dustan Daniels, Douglas Daniels, Monica Wilson, Starla Leclair, Steve Vollertsen, Lynn Nelson, Charlotte Gasper, Sharrelle Shinn, all of Norton.

Missing two contests were: Theresa Knapp, Bird City; Tiffany Becker, Logan; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Lisa Mussen, Phillipsburg; Julie Hilburn, Linda Covington, Maria Tipton, all of Alma; Kacie Boydston, Long Island; Edgar Jameson, Chelle Millan, Jennifer Boller, Chase Rice, Doug Ray, Travis Ray, Dennis Maybon, Abby Rice, Chad Gasper, Jacob Green, Nish Millan, Tobi Boller, Tom Baumann, Diana Baumann, Wilson Ellis, Scott Ellis, Brody Horwart, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Shawanda Hall, Norcatur; Jasmine Covington, Bob Covington, Alberta Geil, Ja'Nee Moore, Jim Winchell, Haley Graham, Tiffany Compton, all of Alma; Darline Brown, Hays; Ann Becker, Lenora; Taryn Graham, Charlotte Stephenson, Cassie Walker, Darin Williams, Shara Dukes, Keely Millan, Andrew Ellis, Virginia Carlton, Tom Davis, Keegan

Smith, Lisa Shearer, Trent Alexander, Bruce Rushton, Ken Gregoire, Shelby Jones, all of Norton.

Correct on all but four contests were: Dorothy Becker, Logan; Scott Kenfield, Dalton Smith, Dawn Johnson, Bill Nelson, Nathan Morse, all of Norton.

Missing five games were Mickey Kaiser, Long Island, Brenda Husted, Alma; Tiffney Yeager, James Sturgill, Betty Rossauw, Kennedy Yeager, Devon Gasper, all of Norton.

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McCook Walmart evacuated Sunday

The Walmart Super Center in McCook had to be evacuated Sunday after a man created a chorine gas from pouring bleach and ammonia on the floor.

Isaac Brown, police chief in McCook, said an adult male was taken into custody and later transferred to a mental health facility after pouring bleach and ammonia on the floor near the service department while shouting irrational phrases.

"That can be very dangerous to a person's respiratory system," he said. Luckily no one suffered substantial injuries.

Mr. Brown said the McCook Fire Department and ambulance were called to the scene and had to treat twelve people for respiratory problems, which included a McCook police officer. Three of the 12 people were taken to the McCook Community Hospital to be treated, he said, but were later released.

No criminal charges have been brought to the male, he said, because police are still determining the charges. The man was placed in emergency protective custody, he said, and no further information can be released about him.

