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Briefly

Pigskin Pick-Em delay due to holiday

Since there was no mail delivery on the Columbus Day holiday Monday, all mail entries for the weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest were not received in time for grading prior to the deadline for today's Telegram.

The story listing the winners will be in Friday's Telegram.

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

Elementary music concert tonight

Third and fourth graders from Eisenhower Elementary School will perform a vocal concert tonight at 7 p.m., at the East Campus Auditorium.

Booster club set to meet Wednesday

This week's Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting will be held 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.

USD 211 closes for conferences

There will be no school at Eisenhower Elementary School this Friday for a teacher's work day. Then on Monday, October 21 there will be no school for all students so that parent teachers conferences can be held.

Post prom to host tailgate party

There will be a Post Prom Tailgate supper at the Norton livestock barn from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 18. Burgers, baked beans, chips, and a drink will be served. Come help support our area youth.

Markets

Monday, October 14, 2013

Wheat.....	\$7.40
Milo.....	\$3.99
Soybeans.....	\$12.05
Corn.....	\$4.24

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Clear with a high of 59. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 37. Thursday - Clear with a high of 61. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 39. Friday - Clear with a high of 59. Friday Night - Clear with a low of 36. Saturday - Clear with a high of 72.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, even when we are weighed down with responsibilities and worries, help us to spread your love and good news. Amen.

Huskies celebrate Homecoming...



Hunter Chandler and Brooke Hammond were crowned Northern Valley High School Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the football game on Friday against Natoma. (Pictured back row) Colton Bach and Shayna Vincent (sophomore attendants), Shilo Cline

and Ame Baird (junior attendants), Brooke Hammond-Homecoming Queen and Hunter Chandler-Homecoming King, Jordan Baird-Homecoming Prince, Beatriz De La Fuente-Homecoming Princess, Gia Laurin and Johnathan Towery (freshmen attendants). Pictured

in the front row are Graciana Kenney, Ayden Keith, Kaitlin Cox, Tyler Burge, Gavin Thalheim, Owen Hammond, Ja'Nee Moore, Audrey Bina, Navaeh Quintana, Maverick Rogers, Johnell Speer, Kathryn Speer and Clay VanPatten. —Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Recent burglaries discussed by sheriff

By Cynthia Haynes

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There were two burglaries in the area within the last week.

The car wash in town and the country club clubhouse were both broken into, Sheriff Troy Thomson told the Norton County commissioners during their meeting on Monday.

"If they aren't connected, it would be a heck of a coincidence," the sheriff said. "We haven't had a burglary for awhile."

The sheriff also said that the new camera system he has been expecting was installed. There are 17 cameras. Most are in the jail but some of them are on the outside of the courthouse, he

said.

"Even at night you can look into the cells," the sheriff said, adding that its in black and white but still a lot better than the old system, which was sort of greenish at night.

He said that the city of Norton has also had some cameras installed and the man who did the installation gave him a bid for speakers and microphones in each of the jail cells.

The jail has to have a communications system between the dispatch and the cells in case of a medical emergency or any other type of problem, the sheriff said.

The bid came in at \$3,000, the sheriff said, which seems a little high but

may be a good price. He said he is looking to see if he can afford that through booking fees. While the price seems high, he said, there is no extra room in the dispatch area and by putting in the microphone system, a huge piece of equipment could be eliminated as the microphone system would hook directly into the computer. This would give the dispatch more room, he noted.

There are only two people in jail right now, he said, since some have been released and a couple went on to prison. However, he said, there will be more coming in.

Besides the burglaries, the sheriff said, the only other big problem in the county was a cattle truck which over-

turned by the Prairie Dog Creek bridge near Almena. The truck was carrying a lot of cattle and many were injured or killed. A lot of local people helped corral and pen the rest, he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Asked the paper to do a correction on the packer they planned to purchase for the Road and Bridge Department. The packer will be a 90-inch model and will not cost \$90,000. The commissioners said they knew what they were talking about but had not specified that the 90 was a width not a price. Unfortunately, the reporter did not know that and got confused.

Physical activity champions of Norton

The Kansas Governor's Council on Fitness recently appointed Joan Bolt and the Norton County Health Department as Physical Activity Champions for Norton County. Physical Activity Champions across the state are advocating for local residents to be more active and are promoting physical activity and its benefits to individuals, community groups, businesses, schools and churches in their communities.

Joan Bolt is currently the Eisenhower Elementary Physical Education and Health Teacher and a member of the Norton Recreation Commission. Gina Frack is the Norton County Health Department administrator.

The Governor's Council on Fitness is launching the Get Active Kansas! Campaign to help Kansans realize the benefits of physical activity and to take action to increase physical activity among all Kansans. To kick off this local initiative Norton County residents are invited to participate in the "Get Active Norton County" activity on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the Norton track. If there is inclement weather we will meet at the Norton Recreation Center. Bring comfortable shoes and clothing and be ready to kick off the beginning of a healthier Kansas.

"This will be a fun short and sweet event for all ages. We will share in-

formation on the "Get Active Kansas" Campaign and the importance of getting and staying healthy", said Physical Activity Champion, Joan Bolt.

In addition to the network of Physical Activity Champions, this campaign includes the Get Active Kansas website www.getactivekansas.org and the online physical activity tracker Move Across Kansas at www.moveacrosskansas.ks.gov. Move Across Kansas features a map with routes across the state for virtual travels. Participants enter their daily exercise time to move along a different route each month. Each participant can receive credit for up to 60 minutes of exercise each day

with a goal of completing at least 600 minutes each month (30 minutes a day, 5 days a week).

The Kansas Governor's Council on Fitness has been charged with promoting a statewide response to prevent chronic disease and injury among Kansans. Established in 2006 to address physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco use, the Council promotes regular, lifelong physical activity and healthy eating practices that have been shown to contribute to healthy weight, prevent and/or improve most chronic diseases and increase longevity. For more information about the Council visit www.kansasfitness.org.

Semi wreck kills numerous cattle early Friday morning



By DANA PAXTON

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According to the Norton County Sheriff's Department, Jose Ortiz of El Paso Texas was involved in a one vehicle wreck Friday morning at 1:32 a.m. on highway 383 at the east edge of Almena.

Ortiz, who drives for CCL Transport also out of El Paso, was driving a red 2007 Peterbilt semi loaded with 122 calves when a deer entered the roadway from the north ditch causing him to swerve. This caused the cattle to shift their weight to the driver's side of the trailer, causing it to tip over and land on the driver's side.

The trailer slid into the north ditch and did not come to rest until it hit the guardrail. The trailer came to rest partially on its side and the tractor ended up on the north side of the bridge on the driver's side facing southeast.

There were 54 calves that did not survive the wreck but local volunteers helped by containing the surviving animals in a makeshift pen. The semi tractor and trailer were both destroyed. No injuries to the driver were reported at the time of the accident.

An overturned semi east of Almena Friday morning killed 54 head of calves. It took several hours to round up the surviving calves, cut the trailer away from the tractor cab and clean up the debris and fatally injured animals. —Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

