

Hospital to get new fetal monitor

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Hospital will be getting a new fetal monitor to replace one that is broken.

Director of Nursing Georgia Briery said the hospital has one working fetal monitor. She said it was purchased in 1994 and has been used as the main backup monitor.

She said the monitor that was purchased in 1995, which was used the most, needs repairs. The company it was purchased from no longer repairs this type of monitor because they are obsolete, she said.

Mrs. Briery said Maintenance Supervisor Ty Bruton found a place they can send the monitor to get it fixed with used parts, but she still recommended that the hospital buy a new one.

She said a new monitor isn't going to be as expensive as she originally thought because it doesn't include a keyboard. She said the keyboard the hospital has is fine.

The backup monitor, she said, is running fine, but there are times when the hospital needs to use both of them.

Board Member Weldon Brooks said if the hospital could spend money on the lawn, then it could also spend money on needed equipment. The other board members agreed.

Mrs. Briery said the new monitor should arrive quickly.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Chief Financial Officer Brian Carlton that the hospital's statistics will be done on the Dairyland system in a couple of months. Now, he said, getting the hospital's statistics is a time consuming process that is done, primarily, by the department supervisors.

He said a comparison of how the supervisors count to how the sys-

tem counts is being done to make sure everything matches up.

Mr. Carlton said in September, the hospital had 336 patient days, making 1,096 for the year. He said, compared to previous years, the hospital is busier. In September there were 42 admissions for a year-to-date total of 132; two babies for this month 12 with 10 more on the schedule for the next several months; two in-patient and 16 out-patient surgeries for 78; and 1,022 Doctor's Clinic visits for the month, making the year-to-date total 3,560.

- Learned that the hospital is set to go live with the Dairyland System for clinical modules on Nov. 16. Several of the department supervisors have been good with the training, said Mr. Carlton, and they in turn have trained their staff.

The computers will soon be taken from the training room and will be put in the departments where they need to be.

He said they were looking at getting laptops for the nurses to use when doing patient entry. He said they will have to figure out a way to lock the computers for security.

- Heard an update from Mrs. Briery about nurses who have just been hired. She said her registered nurse population is looking good, but the hospital will still need to use agency nurses for a little bit longer while the new nurses get oriented. She said the hospital also has two new certified nurses aides.

"Things are looking better," she said. "I feel really good about the professional staff we've been hiring. I think things are going to go well."

- Heard from Hospital Administrator Rich Miller that the hospital could use a medical technologist in the lab. He said the nursing department also has vacancies.



Payton Files, 1 1/2, played in a pile of giant pumpkins at his Grandma's house Tuesday afternoon. His grandparents are Jan and Rose Maley, Norton. They planted Atlantic giants this year, producing some that weighed 100 pounds. The smaller variety of pumpkins were

Connecticut fields. Payton's parents are Steve and Christina Files. His other grandparents are Ken and Michelle Ritchie, Denton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jack and Jerry McKay, Lenora and Willie and Dee Deuerline, Norton.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Extention election planned

Elections for the Norton County Extension Council will be held Monday-Friday at the county extension office on the first floor of the courthouse from 8 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m.

Voters can also do so from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the 4-

H Building in Norton during the annual 4-H Achievement Night.

Any resident of Norton County 18 years of age or older is eligible to vote.

At this election, 12 representatives will be elected.

CORRECTION

The headline on a story in Tuesday's Norton Telegram about applications for non-insured crop disaster assistance indicated the program was for loans when it provides insurance assistance. The error was caused by the editor.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON

Monday — Jay Singers; FCCLA Halloween window wash; Kay holly sales due; Kay Board, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer Bi-district football

Wednesday — Jay Singers, SAC.

Thursday — Kays; FCCLA Dessert Party, 7 p.m.; FFA junior officers interview, 7 p.m.

Friday — Kay Regional Conference at Logan, 8 a.m.; Jazz..

Saturday — Kansas Music Educators Assoc. jazz at Hays; Regional football play-off

Nov. 8-14 — Athletic buffer week

Next Monday — Jay Singers; league vocal clinic at Osborne, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Scholar Bowl at Hill City, 4 p.m.

Junior High:

Wednesday — Team meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday — Basketball versus Stockton, here, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday — Kansas Music Educators Assoc. jazz at Hays

Next Monday — Student Council

Eisenhower:

Tuesday — Rural Telephone— Telephone etiquette presentations

— Kindergarten, 9 a.m.; Grade 3, 9:35 a.m.; Grade 5, 10:10 a.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; EC-grade 2 Meeting, 3:40 p.m.; Wellness Fair, 3:40 p.m.

Friday — Rural Telephone— Telephone etiquette presentations

— Kindergarten, 2:15 p.m.

All Schools:

Oct. 28-Nov. 15 — Auditorium closed for play practice

Tuesday — Kids Voting USA

Wednesday — Administrators meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 9:30 a.m.

Next Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.

Junior/Senior High Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Mr. Rib sandwich, lettuce and tomato, green beans, peaches or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast quesadilla, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans, coleslaw, pears or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffle stix, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken wrap, shredded cheese, lettuce and tomato, green pepper, onion, potato puffs, pineapple or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, potato puffs, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, corn, applesauce or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: mac/cheese, green beans, carrots, mandarin oranges or chef salad, milk

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Apple/cinnamon muffins, covered bananas, grape juice, milk; lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, pears, celery, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Beef/ noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin

oranges, cheese rolls, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High School Dance Team practice, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Bi-district football at 7 p.m., with Brewster at Almena; All vocal students meet after school for 45 minutes

Wednesday — High School Dance Team practice, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday — High School Cheerleading practice at 7 a.m.; Fast Forward Program Training at Salina; Brain Workshop at WaKeeney, Public Library; High School Concert, 7:30 p.m., auditorium, Almena; A.M. activity period for Choir rehearsal; Basketball rules meeting at Hays High School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday — KAY Regional Conference at Logan

Saturday — Regional football, TBA; District Kansas Music Educators Assoc. at Hays High School

Menu

Not available.

JENNINGS

Monday — Junior high scholar's bowl at Rexford, 4 p.m.

Tuesday — High school football bi-district games

Thursday — Junior high boys

basketball at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday — High school football regional games

Lunch Menus:

Monday — Chili cheese dog, green beans, salad bar, pears, cookies

Tuesday — Beef nuggets, tater tots, broccoli and cheese, salad bar, fruit cocktail

Wednesday — Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, salad bar, applesauce

Thursday — Chicken supreme, peas, salad bar, rolls, mandarin oranges

Friday — Frito pies, refried beans, salad bar, peaches, brownies

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In the event there is a need to close schools due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the announcement will be made on the following radio and television stations: KQNK Radio (1530 AM or 106.7 FM) is the primary broadcast outlet for the Norton schools.

If inclement weather develops during the school day, parents should attempt to tune to one of the designated radio or television stations below. In the event there is an early dismissal students will be allowed to call their parents if instructions are needed.

If school is not called off, but parents believe the weather to be too hazardous to send their child(ren) to school they are to follow the normal procedures for reporting absences.

RADIO STATIONS:

KQNK 1530 AM Norton; 106.7 FM Norton
KRVN 880 AM, Lexington
KFNF 101.1 FM, Oberlin
KKAN 1490 AM, Phillipsburg
KQMA 92.5 FM, Phillipsburg

TELEVISION STATIONS:

KSNK-TV NBC, Channel 8
KBSH-TV CBS, Channel 7
NTV ABC, Channel 13

Halloween Trick or Treating at the Andbe Home, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., October 31

Robert D. Wyatt
Norton County Clerk

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- ★Maintenance of county road and bridges
- ★Airport efficiency
- ★Norton County solid waste disposal
- ★Protect the taxpayers dollar

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The City of Norton will be making appointments to various Boards and Commissions in the near future, and would like to encourage citizens to serve on these boards.

The following boards or commissions will have vacancies: Norton Housing Authority Board, Norton Convention & Tourism Committee, Norton Planning Commission, and the Norton Library Board.

For more information regarding any of these Boards or Commissions, or if you are interested in serving, please call the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, at 877-5000. Current members whose term is expiring will also need to contact the Clerk's Office, if they are interested in serving another term.