



## 1951 team honored

Members of the 1951 Nortonstate championship basketball team (right) cheered during Norton's win over Ellis on Friday evening. Pictured are: from left, back row Don Glenn, GlennBremenkamp, Walter Wolf, Ray Bower; second row: Ron Allen, Rex Davis, John Hutcherson; front row: Eloise Allen, Ann Davis, Dee Sawyer, Karl Kohfeld and Robert Davis. The 1951 and the 2003 Norton state champions (above) congratulated each other during ceremonies at halftime. Pictured are, from left, Bremenkamp, Aaron Overlease, Bower, Marc Brooks, Kyle Kats, Michael Newell, Davis, Ryan Maddy, Don Glenn, Walter Wolf, David Schneider and John Hutcherson.



— Photos by Dick Boyd



Jeannie Down, the new crossing guard at the corner of Wilton and State, held up traffic while 6-year old Julia Gallega crossed the street. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Crossing guard protects youngsters

**By CAROLYN PLOTTS**  
A school crossing guard carries a big responsibility. It is their duty to stop traffic on busy streets to allow children to cross safely. Even though crossing guards are paid, the money is not the motivator that keeps most at their posts, school officials say. It is their concern for the safety of the children.

Jeannie Down, from Duluth, Minn., is the newest crossing guard at the State Street and Wilton intersection replacing Charles Kent who had been the guard at that corner for about a year. Before that, Patty Jensen guarded the crossing for many years.

Ms. Down said that she was at a crossroads herself a little more than a year ago. Several personal losses caused her to rethink her priorities.

When her sister Marlene

Sumner of Norton told her that she had an empty rental house, Ms. Down made the decision to move. "It was so cold in Minnesota," she said. "I decided to give Kansas a try."

Since then, her daughter, Jan Rose, has also moved to Norton, where she is a para-professional at the high school.

In Minnesota, Ms. Down had worked in a casino and did lots of volunteer work. Now retired, she was looking for something to do when the crossing guard job opened.

"I just love those little kids," she said. "They are so sweet."

Every morning and afternoon, during the school year, the lady with the smile can be seen escorting children safely across the busy street.

Crossing guards are also located at the corner of North State and Crane and on U.S. 36 by Quinzos and Dairy Queen.

## Art students named winners of contests

Norton Community High School art students have competed in several competitions this school year.

On Oct. 29, students submitted their art work in the first Artist of the Month competition, which was judged by faculty and students, who are not involved in the art program.

The winners were: Student Choice — Kylee Witt, first; Todd Zink, second; Nolan Evans, third; Anna Medlock, fourth; Chris Davis, fifth; Morgan Kauten, sixth; Lance Roe, seventh; Jared Bebb, eighth; Corey Rutherford, ninth; and Brianne Nelson, tenth;

Faculty Choice — Annette Becker, first; Lance Roe and Kylee Witt, tied for second; Jared Bebb, third; Jackie Krueger, fourth; Rachel Engelsman, fifth; Brett Wyatt, Sarah McDiffett and Chris Davis, tied for sixth; and Brandon Quintant and Morgan

Kauten, tied for seventh.

The second Artist of the Month competition was held on Jan. 18.

Winning were: Student Choice — Sarah Ward, first; Tosha Lyon and Kylee Witt, tied for second; Lance Roe, third; Dan Cummings, fourth; Sarah McDiffett, fifth; Travis Chandler, sixth; Sarah Sprague, seventh; Annette Becker, eighth; and Jackie Krueger, ninth;

Faculty Choice — Tosha Lyon, first; Sarah Ward, second; Annette Becker and Kylee Witt, tied for third; Travis Chandler and Brett Wyatt, tied for fourth; Dan Cummings, fifth; Lance Roe, sixth; Boomer Hickman, seventh; and Sarah Sprague, eighth.

The art students had their work displayed for the Federation Fine Arts Tea on Jan. 24.

Students in Art II, II and IV submitted work for the General Federation of Women's Clubs Art Competition, which is held annually at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Brad Anderson was the judge. Of the 34 students participating, winning ribbons were: blue — Kylee Witt (two), Morgan Kauten, Sara Johnson and Sara Ward; red — Nolan Evans, Alex Hageman, Chris Davis, Dan Cummings (three), Travis Chandler, Rachel

Engelsman, Brett Wyatt, Jared Bebb, Brandon Quintana, Sarah Sprague, Jill Skrdlant, Tosha Lyon (three), Gabe Vittitow, Jackie Krueger and Kayla Land; white — Aaron Gallentine, Brianne Nelson, Annette Becker, Sarah McDiffett, Melissa Vogt, Zach Otter, Brandon Pfannenstiel, Kylee Witt, Corey Rutherford, Aaron Daniels, Anna Medlock, Jeremy Meyers, Lance Roe, Todd Zink, Blake Jacque, Sara Johnson

(two), and Jake Kramer.

Tosha Lyon, daughter of Kevin and Kelly Lyon, has also been selected to receive the \$500 Fort Hays State University award of excellence scholarship in art for the 2005-'06 school year. These one-time scholarships are awarded to first time, incoming freshmen who have demonstrated superior performance and potential in fine arts. Tosha is one of Vicki Robison's Art IV students.

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