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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Sports:

Northern Valley and Norton cross country teams compete at Hill City. Norton football team defeats Osborne.

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Friday Sept. 30, 2005

Norton, Kansas Home of Doug Ray

Briefly

Quilters to meet in Long Island

The Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Long Island Community Building. Elaine Boese, Osborne, will present a trunk show of miniature quilts. Members are reminded to bring their "Trash Into Treasure" sack for the swap.

BB Gun meeting set for Wednesday

The Norton Rotary BB Gun team will have an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at the BB-Gun Museum on East Highway 36, across the highway from Ace Hardware. To learn more about the team call Cameron or Lynette Archer at 877-5567, Kansasland Tire, 877-5181 or Dan or Teresa Lauer, 877-3638.

4-H to hold open house

An open house to kick-off the 4-H Centennial will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Norton Community room at the Norton Library on Tuesday. A brief program will be held and refreshments will be served at the open house. In honor of the state 4-H centennial, the Norton County 4-H has planned displays at the library for the months of October through December. The displays will include project exhibits, memorabilia and pictures.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph in the late morning and afternoon.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 90, Low 57, Prec. .06
Wednesday High 63, Low 39
Thursday High 73, Low 48
Week ago High 72, Low 53
Month ago High 89, Low 63
Year ago High 72, Low 54
September precipitation67 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 19.55 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, teach us and help us to forgive quickly so bitterness cannot take root in us. Amen



Kent Kearney, Norton, (above) checked the length of a pair of jeans while he shopped at Hall's Clothing during Thursday night's Moonlight Madness. Norton Ambassadors Jake Durham, left, and Mel Rice, (right top) served coffee and hot chocolate



to hundreds of late night shoppers. Little Gracie Campbell (right bottom) was all eyes as she helped herself to a piece of pumpkin pie provided by local merchants.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Crowds gather for 'madness'

By VERONICA MONIER

Crowds of people could be found shopping in Norton Thursday night as they looked for the bargains that come with the Moonlight Madness sale.

Each business participating stayed open late for the annual event. Besides sales, the madness included free pumpkin pie, coffee and entertainment.

Chamber Director Karla Reed said this year's sale went very well.

"We had a very good crowd, including a lot of kids," she said. "Everyone enjoyed the pumpkin pie and the tricycle races."

"We also had wonderful weather that was very cooperative."

"It's been a really good night."

Some of the things happening this year were performances from the Norton and Northern Valley dance teams, tricycle races, a mystery movie at the Norton Theatre, the Norton Rotary's "Pack the Pickup" for God's Pantry, classic cruisers on display, and the Nex-Tech RTS Express train.

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service had an ambulance at the event and were offering free blood pressure checks, while Cub Scout Pack 181 had

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Spirit will be shown during Norton's homecoming week

As the Norton Blue Jays prepare to derail the Ellis Railroaders next Friday night, the rest of the student body is getting their spirit pumped up with a week of activities in anticipation of homecoming.

The week will kick-off with the hanging of spirit posters downtown.

Each day, the students will dress up to show their spirit. Monday is Twin Day, Tuesday is Dress-Up Day, Wednesday is Pajama Day, Thursday is Redneck Day and Friday is Blue and Yellow Day.

On Wednesday, the student body will vote on the homecoming royalty. They are Andrew Ables, the son of Charles and Rebecca Ables; Clay Madden, the son of Barry and Dana Madden; Luke Pfannenstiel, the son of Dan Pfannenstiel and Connie Pfannenstiel; Lance Roe, the son of Jeff and Lori Roe; Rachelle Donovan, the daughter of Dave and Lisa Donovan; Karlie Jones, the daughter of Jeff and Lynette Jones; Rachael Lentz, the daughter of Michael and Katie Lentz; and Naomi Streck, the daughter of Steve and Joan Streck.

On Friday, junior high and high school students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. for the homecoming parade and pep rally.

Eisenhower Elementary students will not dismiss early, but will be excused if parents and guardians, who want to take their children to the parade and pep rally, pick them up.

The homecoming parade will begin at 2:45 p.m. at the junior high and will end at the courthouse. The pep rally is set to start at 3 p.m. on the west lawn of the courthouse.

Buses will run at the normal afternoon dismissal time. Students in grades 7-12 who ride the bus home will be picked up at the courthouse square around 3:35 p.m.

The cheerleaders and dance team will perform at 6:30 p.m. at Travis Field. The marching band, led by David Will, will perform a heart on the field just before the crowning of the homecoming royalty at 6:43 p.m. The marching band will put on a pre-game show at 6:50 p.m. and will also perform during the half-time show.

In case of bad weather, the coronation will be held at the junior high at 10:15 p.m.

Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. against Ellis.

The homecoming dance will be held from 10 p.m. to midnight in the junior high gym.

County donors help hundreds of people

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County donors are helping save lives.

The Midwest Transplant Network is impressed with tissue donations from the county, said Hospital Administrator Rich Miller at Wednesday's hospital board meeting.

The network, he said, is the one the hospital works with when a person dies and tissue donation is made. A team comes to the hospital to prepare the donation.

Mr. Miller said there have been three donors between January and August, which has helped about 177 people.

He said there have been six damaged heart valves replaced; 150 spine, neck bone and dental procedures done; six dialysis access grafts done; three or more burn patients have received skin grafts; and some dozen or so sports injuries that have been repaired.

"It's very positive," he said, "when you can turn a difficult situation into helping someone else."

In other business, the board:

• Heard from Financial Officer Brian Carlton that in August the hospital had 424 patient days for a fiscal year total of 830; 60 admissions for 126; nine births for a total of 16; 26 surgeries for 48; and 1,352 Doctor's Clinic visits for 2,562. The fiscal year began in July. Mr. Miller said there were also 105 mammograms done in the last two months.

• Discussed what should go in a new accounts receivable payment policy. Mr. Miller said the policy needed to be tightened up a bit because so many changes are being made. He said some of the things the board needed to think about were medical record completion, self-pay balances and billing, terms of payment expectation, minimum payments and whether or not to charge interest.

• Learned that the hospital received \$688,000 in disproportionate share money. It just received its first of four payments in the amount of \$171,000.

• Went over quality improvement

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Road work to take a break on highway

Construction on U.S. 36 Highway west of Norton is progressing nicely.

Koss Construction Co., Topeka, the company in charge of the work, began cold recycling the road surface last week.

"Paving, which is one of the final stages of work, began earlier this week as planned," said Harold Schleicher, area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Pilot cars are leading traffic through the construction area. The project is set to wrap up in about a month.

Construction crews began widening the six miles of highway, from the west edge of Norton to the U.S 383 west junction, last spring because of rising traffic. Once finished, there will be 10 additional feet of newly paved shoulders on each side of the road.

"Before, there was a three-foot paved (Continued on Page 5)



Travelers along U.S. 36 Highway west of Norton won't have much longer to wait until there is a break in construction. Right now, pilot cars are leading the lines of cars through. — Photo by

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Volleyball vs Colby and Liberal at Hays, 4 p.m.; "C Team" Volleyball at Hill City, 5 p.m.; JV Football vs Stockton, here, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Volleyball vs. Trego and Smith Center at Smith Center, 5 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FFA Land Judging, here, 9 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; Homecoming Election, fourth hour; College Career Night at Oberlin

Thursday — Photo Retakes, 8 a.m.; FCCLA, a.p.; FFA, a.p.; Mid-Continent League Cross Country at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.

Friday — Pep Assembly, 3 p.m.; Homecoming Parade, 2:45 p.m.; Coronation, 6:45 p.m.; Football vs Ellis, here, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, Junior High Gym, 10 p.m.

Saturday — Volleyball at Scott City, 9 a.m.; FFA NW District Greenhand Conference, 9 a.m.

Monday — Jay Singers; Regional Tennis; FFA District Fall Meeting at Oakley, 5 p.m.; "C Team" Volleyball at Phillipsburg, 5 p.m.; Junior Varsity Football at Phillipsburg, 6:30 p.m.

Junior High:

Monday — Stuco, a.p.

Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.

Wednesday — Team Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday — Photo Retakes, 8 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Osborne, here, 4:30 p.m.; Football vs Osborne, here, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday — Mid-Continent Elementary League Volleyball at WaKeeney, 9 a.m.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Fifth and Sixth Grade Girls Basketball starts, 3:30-5 p.m.

Wednesday — School Photos, 8 a.m.; Rural Telephone — "Telephone Manners", Kindergarten, 2:30 p.m.; Pre-School Photos, 4 p.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; Kindergarten Photos; Early Childhood-Grade 2 Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

All Schools:

Administrators Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, to be announced

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

Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Straw-

berries, bagel with cream cheese, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple chunks, dinner roll, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage pancake stick, strawberry fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Shipwreck, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Apple wedge, banana spears, oatmeal muffin square, toast with peanut butter, milk; Lunch: Ike burger, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, peaches, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk

Jr.-Sr. High Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Cherry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes with country gravy, hot roll, carrots, pineapple upside cake or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage sandwich, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Monte Cristo with ham sandwich, peas, potato salad, pears, rosy applesauce or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Long John, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken enchilada, lettuce and chopped tomato, hot roll, fruit cocktail, or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Apple/cinnamon muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Meatballs, whipped potatoes, coleslaw with green peppers, hot roll, peaches or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Sausage pockets, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Turkey and swiss rollup, green beans, garden salad, cake or chef salad, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Saturday — High School Volleyball Tournament, Ellis Tournament at Ellis

Monday — High School Dance Team practice; 5:30 p.m., High School Junior Varsity Football Game, Northern Valley Junior Varsity vs Grinnell Junior Varsity at Almena

Tuesday — 4 p.m., High School Volleyball at Grainfield, Northern Valley vs. Golden Plains and Wheatland at Grainfield

Wednesday — 8 a.m., KPERs Workshop at Phillipsburg; 9 a.m., Area Land Judging at Norton; 10 a.m., Barton County Rep; 10 a.m., High School Football Scheduling at Salina; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Title I Professional Network Meeting at Salina

Thursday — High School Dance practice; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., "Where the Boys Are" Inservice at Smith Center; 1 p.m., FastForWord Mini-Conference at Salina; 4:30 p.m., High School Cross Country at Phillipsburg; 5 p.m., Junior High Volleyball and Football - Volleyball at 5 p.m. Football at 6:45 p.m. vs. Damar at Long Island

Friday — High School Dance Team perform at halftime of Football game; Kay U.N.I.C.E.F. Drive during football game; 8 a.m.-3 p.m., FastForWord Mini-Conference at Salina; 3:10 p.m., High School Pep Rally, Big Gym; 7:30 p.m. High School Football vs Logan at Almena

Saturday — 8:30 a.m., High School Volleyball Tournament at Hill City; 9 a.m., FFA District Greenhand Conference at Hill City; 10:30 a.m. Junior High and High School Cross Country at Riley Co. Invitational at Leonardville

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles/syrup, ham slice, apple wedges, cereal; Lunch: Shaved turkey/bun, seasoned potatoes, broccoli, fruity jello

Tuesday — Breakfast: Plain muffin/jelly, scrambled eggs, peach half, cereal; Lunch: Vegetable beef soup/crackers, cheese sticks, peaches, cinnamon bun

Wednesday — Breakfast: Ham/cheese bagel, pineapple ring, cereal; Lunch: Cheeseburger/bun, French fries, baked beans, fruit cup, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday — Breakfast: Cherry muffin, sausage patty, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Submarine sandwich, tater tots, corn, chocolate pudding

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Ham-n-beans, cornbread/honey, broccoli, pineapple ring

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Checking blood pressures during Thursday night's Moonlight Madness was Norton Emergency Medical Technician, Jeana Yost. Her patient was Launa Hopkins. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

'Madness' hits downtown Norton

(Continued from Page 1) popcorn sales, Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) had a bake sale, and the Norton Flower Committee

was selling day lilies as a fund raiser.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, American Field Service, Norton

Manor, the Methodist Church Education Council and KQNK Radio with a live remote were all there as well.

County's donors help others

(Continued from Page 1) reports.

• Heard that the hospital is updating its patient rights and responsibilities' policy. Mr. Miller said every patient gets a copy when they go through admission. He would also like to hang a copy up next to the hospital's mission statement.

• Went into a five-minute closed session to hear the confidential

risk management report. The board approved the report when it returned to open session.

• Heard that Bill DeKnight, Coryamber Marine, Tammi Sherlock, Betty Vahling and Pamela VanRoekel were chosen to receive the George Jones interest-free loan and Heather Matson and Michelle Pierson were chosen to receive a scholarship from the Extension Council. Mr. Miller

said none of the students were from Norton because there are no Norton nursing students this year.

• Learned that the hospital donated \$500 for hurricane relief supplies. The supplies helped a small hospital in Tylertown, Miss.

• Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

U.S. 36 project has about a month left

(Continued from Page 1) shoulder on each side," Mr. Schleicher said. "The extra few feet on each shoulder will provide safer standards for those driving."

A new project on U.S. 36 will start in late winter or early spring. At that time, preliminary work will start on the 10-mile stretch from the west U.S. 383/U.S. 36 junction to the Norton/Decatur county line.

However, the \$17 million project should cause very little delay to traffic because the construction will be on a road with a new alignment. The new road will be built nearly parallel to the old

road. The new design includes changing the grade of the corridor and improving sight distance.

"We will be cutting into the hills

and filling in the valleys as well as eliminating many no passing zones," Mr. Schleicher said.

The project will include four new span bridges as well.

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