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Sports:

Northern Valley competes at Phillipsburg cross country. Area volleyball, Regional tennis, Blue Jays to play Monarchs tonight.

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Norton, Kansas

Home of Ginne Concannon

Briefly

Pancake feed

set for Saturday

The Norton Lions Club will host their annual Pancake Day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Norton Senior Citizens Center. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 12. Proceeds will help support Lions Club community projects.

Bazaar to be held this weekend

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church will be holding its annual turkey dinner and bazaar Saturday and Sunday at the parish center.

At 10 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, a bake sale and fancy work sale will be held. The turkey dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, with an auction of quilts, afghans and other items to follow.

Norton schools plan conferences

The Norton School District will be holding parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and Thursday, Oct. 27.

There will be no school for all students on Wednesday. Conferences will be held at Eisenhower from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at the junior and senior high from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten conferences will continue on Thursday; there will be no school for kindergarten students on Thursday.

Parents will be receiving the login directions to access their students' grades and attendance information at the conferences.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Clear with lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds up to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Sunny with highs in the mid 70s. East winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the southeast 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s. Sunday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 51, Low 42
.43 of an inch of precipitation
Wednesday High 69, Low 44
Thursday High 76, Low 44
Week ago High 59, Low 35
Month ago High 76, Low 53
Year ago High 56, Low 30
October precipitation 1.41 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 20.96 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of each day. Forgive us for taking them for granted and for grumbling. May our thoughts and words reflect your grace. Amen



Eisenhower Elementary's students (above) covered their ears while local firemen gave a blast to the horn during the department's visit to the grade school for Fire Prevention Week.

Sparky The Safety Pup (below) gave "high fives" to students as they file out of the cafeteria after hearing a safety presentation from the Norton city and rural firemen.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier and Carolyn Plotts



Students learn about fire safety

By CAROLYN PLOTTS and VERONICA MONIER

Every year Norton city and rural firefighters present a safety program at Eisenhower Elementary.

Judging by the answers to their questions about what they should do if there is a fire at their house (get out and stay out) the children have been paying attention. The children also knew that they were to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothing ever caught on fire.

This year the firemen cautioned the children to use safety with candles. When asked if their parents used candles in the (Continued on Page 5)

School district takes a look at baseball

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board is considering adding baseball as a school sponsored activity.

Joe Durham, the coach for the American Legion summer baseball team, said this wasn't the first time parents had requested baseball as a school activity. He said he thought the district should allow baseball and that it takes little steps to get there.

Originally, he said, the plan was to let the boys play for other schools, but too much distance and travel time was involved.

Norton, he said, has everything needed for the school to allow baseball — willing players, a field, and the K-18/American Legion baseball equipment.

"I understand Mr. (Greg) Mann's concerns," he said. "He's looking at costs and doesn't want to diminish the other spring sports."

"It was hard to get a team this year and not because the boys aren't willing. But, when I asked them what the problem was, they said, to a man, 'if the town and school doesn't care, why should we come out?' That is heartbreaking."

If the school allows baseball, Mr. Durham said he plans to apply for the coaching job and would only charge \$1 for his service.

Board member Scott Ellis said if he wasn't on the board he would be beside Mr. Durham. But, he said, they've had problems fielding a team for several years. Mr. Ellis wanted to know how many of his Legion players were in spring sports.

Mr. Durham said one was in track and one was in golf. The others didn't go out for either.

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Photographer, editor recognized nationally

The Norton Telegram received a second place award from the National Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest for small non-daily newspapers this month.

The award was for a picture of a little girl playing T-ball, published in the June 11, 2004 edition of The Telegram.

Photographer Brandon Gay, a summer intern for the Telegram in 2004, took the picture, which showed Brianna White swinging away at the ball although her batting helmet completely covered her eyes.



B. Gay

Mr. Gay, who has since graduated from the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas, took third place in the annual Kansas Press Association Better Newspaper Contest with the same photo.

The Telegram won 11 awards in the Kansas contest in feature photography, headline writing, investigative reporting, special sections, agricultural writing, sports photography, feature story writing and feature photography packaging.

Last year Mr. Gay took first place in the Kansas contest with a feature package, "Trash in-Trash out," about how the



C. Haynes

county handles its solid waste.

Norton Telegram Publisher Cynthia Haynes won an honorable mention in the national contest with a column, published in The Oberlin Herald on April 28, 2004.

The column reprinted as an editorial in the April 30, 2004, Norton Telegram urged people to pray for their enemies and can be found on Page 4 of today's paper.

Last year Mrs. Haynes and her husband, Steve Haynes, took first and second places in the national editorial writing competition.

The Manhattan Mercury was the only other Kansas paper to earn awards in the national contest. The Mercury earned third place for best sports feature story and best sports section and honorable mention for best local news coverage.

Harvest, wheat drilling slowed by rain

By VERONICA MONIER

Although the rain earlier this week slowed down harvest, it was good for the winter wheat already planted.

County Extension Director Keith VanSike said the wheat that had already been planted was starting to dry out. It would have been okay for a little while longer, but would have needed moisture soon.

"It was a million dollar rain," he said. "Maybe a billion dollar rain. Everyone was glad to see it even though they had to stop doing some other things."

"We were going to need some moisture soon. It was a very nice, timely rain."

Mr. VanSike said it was also good because it was a nice, slow rain and not a big, heavy washout rain. A lot of it probably soaked in, he said.

Wheat drilling, he said, was probably

somewhere around 60 to 70 percent finished.

He said he has seen some farmers who are still trying to get their wheat drilled, but the majority of it is probably already planted.

"With the rain it's hard to plant wheat right now," he said. "It's probably a little bit damp to cut anything too. While things are drying out, a lot of farmers are probably making repairs and getting ready to get out there."

In addition to planting wheat, he said farmers are trying to get the fall harvest in.

Crops out now are corn, milo, sorghum and soybeans.

"At this time of year, farmers are trying to keep an eye on all their crops to see what needs to be brought in," he said.

Most soybeans have been dry enough

to harvest, but corn and milo take a little longer to dry out.

"Usually corn and milo will stand a little longer," he said. "Corn is drying down, but usually corn will stand okay."

"The milo is probably a little bit greener and probably not dry enough to harvest."

Milo, he said, is green in the stalks because there is a lot of leaf material. But, he said, that is good for cow feed.

Soybeans are pretty dry right now and the beans are starting to fall out of the pods, he said.

For those who still have wheat to drill, he said they have to decide whether to plant their wheat or harvest their soybeans.

Once things dry up a bit though, he said, harvest should be getting into full swing.



Flint Griffin (left) hands out safety coloring books to the children, while Terry Smothers let them lift 2,200 pounds of pressurized air.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts and Veronica Monier

Firemen teach kids about safety

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home, almost every hand in the room shot up. The firemen cautioned the children to make sure every candle is extinguished before they leave the house.

Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter said children should always be cautious around fire.

"It's not fun to get burned," he said.

He said one student at Eisenhower was burned badly this summer and was very lucky. The student, Lane Vanover, showed the students the special sleeves and leggings he has to wear and also showed them some of his burns.

One of the demonstrations included both Safety Officer John Hanlon and Fireman Shawn Gosselin donning all of his fire fighting equipment including respirator and oxy-

gen tank. The exercise was to teach the children not to be frightened by the fireman and not to hide from him.

Because of Tuesday's rain, the younger children were not able to see the fire truck and the rescue vehicle. Nicer weather on Wednesday allowed the upper elementary grades to go outside and see what was in the fire and rescue trucks. The students got to lift 2,200 pounds of compressed air and see the metal cutters and spreaders used to get people out of wrecked vehicles.

"Sparky, The Safety Pup" was also at the school. When not in costume, "Sparky" is known as Dan Yost.

Other firemen helping with the program were J.B. Carlton, Flint Griffin, and Terry Smothers.

School district looks at adding baseball to spring sports

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Superintendent Greg Mann said he wasn't worried about diminishing the other spring sports teams. What he was worried about, he said, was the distance that would have to be traveled to play, the extra school vehicles that would be needed for transportation, the bus drivers needed to drive, and the money it would cost to pay everyone, in addition to the expense of equipment.

Within a 100 mile radius, he said there were five schools that have baseball. Within 160 mile radius,

the number of schools jumps to 19, he said.

"Chances are there will be a lot of traveling," he said. "And we probably wouldn't be able to have a full season because we'd be picking up contracts as other schools' contracts lapsed."

Mr. Ellis said he would like to think about it for awhile and then discuss it again at the November meeting.

Mr. Mann said if the board added baseball, it needed to also seriously consider thinking about adding softball as well.

The item was put on the Nov. 14 agenda.

In other business, the board:

- Adopted the revised curriculum for language arts.
- Heard the results of the 2004-05 Kansas Assessment Tests from Wellness/Accreditation Coordinator Pam Menagh. She said almost all of the state assessment results were very good, with several standards of excellence made.

Mrs. Menagh also gave a presentation on the district's wellness policy that has to be in place by July of 2006.

She said it will focus on physical activity, nutrition and nutritional education.

- Heard a report from Frank Otter, the district's representative on the Northwest Kansas Technical College board.

Mr. Otter said the school is in the process of getting accreditation from the Kansas Board of Regents. Also, they are having an open house for juniors, seniors and other community members at the end of November.

- Approved a new board policy on out-of-state students.

- Accepted a bid from Melton Motors, Belleville, for a 59 passenger bus with trade-in allowance on the district's No. 2 bus for \$63,750.

- Gave approval to take part in the state purchasing program for a suburban with a third seat and anti-lock brakes. The board then gave permission to buy the suburban once it was ready.

- Appointed Board member Jennifer Terrell as the voting delegate at the Kansas Association of School Boards state convention. All other board members were appointed as alternates.

Mrs. Terrell was also appointed to be on the district's wellness policy committee.

- Appointed Board member Mark Keilig to be on the committee which will look at the possible development of a sick leave bank.

- Hired Mark Kelley as the 4-6 grade At-Risk tutor.

The board also approved the membership of Lynette Archer to fill the vacancy on the junior high site council and Brenda Mann to be on the high school site council.

- Hired Ms. Archer as the junior high assistant basketball coach.

Norton club to gather on Thursday

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend its monthly dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Town and Country Kitchen, Norton.

The cost is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, call Joan Knoll 877-3042 by Tuesday.

"Jungle Adventure" is the theme for the evening and "Hippo Notes" will be the music. Carol Wiersma, Littleton, Colo., will provide music and information.

She is a singer and radio hostess, who will take those in attendance on a faith adventure. The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the U. S. and Canada.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Artist of the month; Jay Singers, a.p.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Drama, a.p.; FFA/FCCLA/Kay hayrack ride, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA Leadership at Colby, 9 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; Senior class announcement sales, 2:15 p.m.; Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Kay holly sales, a.p.; FFA junior officer interviews; FCCLA board, 7 p.m.

Friday — Reading activity, a.p.; District football at Russell, 7 p.m.

Saturday — Regional cross country at Ellsworth; Sub-state volleyball at Phillipsburg; ACT test date, 7:45 a.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Grade 3 and 4 vocal concert, Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — SIT, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday — Grade 5 and 6 Level meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Next Monday — No Morning Early Childhood Development

All Schools:

Tuesday — SiPS Training, Alice Tweed Office, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday — End of first nine weeks

Next Monday — School starts late, 10:30 a.m.; No breakfast served; Professional Develop-

ment Council, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hard-boiled egg, sausage patty, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Birthday Meal—Ham and cheese rollup, corn, vegetable salad, strawberry shortcake, or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffle stix, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajita, peaches, or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, green beans, carrots, fruit salad, or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, peas, coleslaw, rosy applesauce, or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hard-cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry, potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Rolled-up sausage link, tater tots, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, Jello with pears, cornbread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk;

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, French fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Homemade pancakes, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger gravy, potatoes, peas, peaches, peanut butter twist, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, peaches, milk; Lunch: Cavatini, salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High School dance team practice; QPA, No school; High school junior varsity football game, 5:30 p.m., at Arapahoe

Tuesday — Breakfast and lunch payments due; High school regional volleyball; Bus drivers meeting in Alma, 8:45 a.m.

Thursday — High school dance team practice; Junior high volleyball, 5 p.m.; football, 6:45 p.m. at Kensington

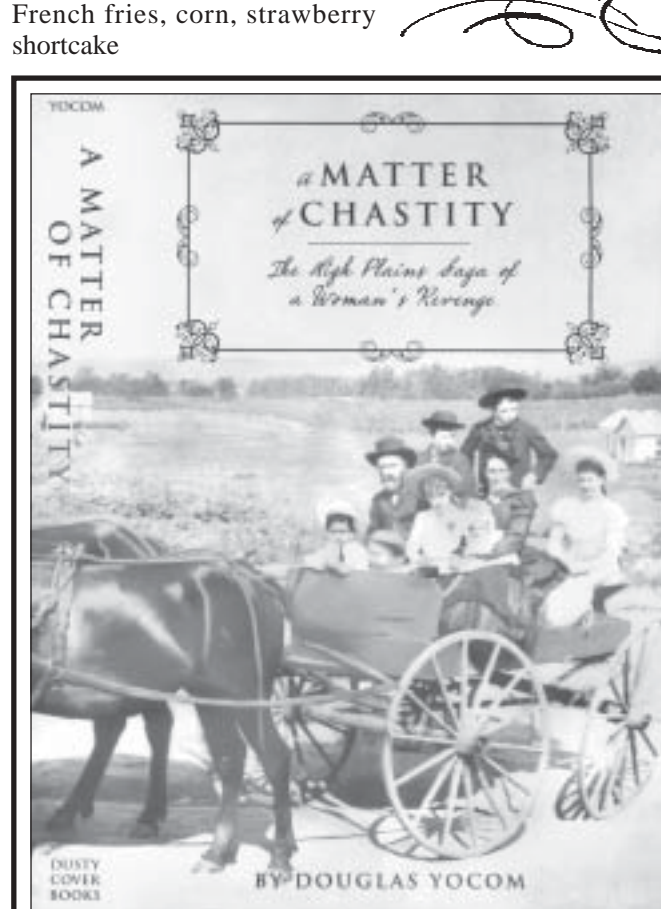
Friday — QSP Prize program, Grades kindergarten-fourth, 9 a.m., Alma; grades fifth-eighth, 10:30 a.m., Long Island; High school football against Eastern Heights, 7 p.m.

Saturday — High school regional cross country; High school sub-state volleyball

Menus:

Monday — No school

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon butterflake biscuit, ham, hashbrowns, cereal; Lunch: Beef-noodles, potatoes, whole wheat roll, cauliflower, peach crisp



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