

More than 100 units turned out for the annual Norton County Veteran's Day parade.

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Tuesday

November 15, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Fred Hawk Jr.

Briefly

Thanksgiving service planned

The Norton County Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on Sunday, at Norton First United Methodist Church. The alliance will be accepting donations for their new ministry, "Residents Emergency Relief Fund", to help the needy in Norton County. For more information call Kirk Kasson, 669-2453, Terry Worthington, 877-2181 or Jerry Cummings, 877-2426.

Meth protection training offered

A class called Community Training: Meth Signs and Symptoms will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the East Campus Auditorium.

The free training is open to the public and will focus on methamphetamine use and meth lab dangers. Those presenting material will include law enforcement and prevention and treatment professionals.

Resources and snacks will be provided. Also, Tamper Tags from anhydrous tanks will be available to farmers and anhydrous dealers.

The program is sponsored by the Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs and the Kansas Meth Prevention Project.

Booster club to skip meeting

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will not meet this week.

The club's next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 30, near the start of the wrestling and basketball seasons.

The club will meet every other Wednesday during the winter sports seasons.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear and colder with lows around 14. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 40s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 19. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the 50s.

Howell report:

Friday High 75, Low 47
Saturday High 66, Low 33
Sunday High 56, Low 40
Monday High 59, Low 31, .10 Prec.
Week ago High 74, Low 40
Month ago High 81, Low 47
Year ago High 48, Low 34
November precipitation10 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 21.50 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

God, our Father, help us to open our hearts to your will and to be comforted by your promises. Amen



During Saturday's Arts and Crafts Fair a shopper (below) took a closer look at a dried flower display at the National Guard Armory. Mary Ewing, (above) of Oberlin, plies the ancient art of weaving baskets from pine needles. Her wares were for sale at Eisenhower Elementary. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Crafters flock to Norton show

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

This year's Arts and Crafts Fair is in the record books. All locations had a steady stream of customers, organizers said, and all thought exhibitors were pleased with their sales.

Norton County Arts Council President Carol Erlenbusch said the weather was favorable and she thought attendance was good.

"All the vendors were very happy," she said "I thought we had a good year. Besides membership fees, the Arts and Crafts Fair is the only fund raising event we have. The admission fee goes toward our programming during the year."

This was the 32nd year for the council to be involved with the fair.

Fleta Hanlon and Joann Wolf coordinated the vendors and crafters signed up at Eisenhower Elementary School.

Mrs. Hanlon said it was the 18th year for the Norton County Genealogical Society to be in the fair. She said they had good attendance during the morning.

The Sunflower Pioneer Power Association ran a lunch stand. She said she thought the 38 vendors and crafters at the school all want the same spot at next year's show.

"This is the only fund-raiser we have," Mrs. Hanlon said. "We use the funds to buy research materials and microfilm supplies. It also helps keep the computer and reader/printer up to date."

In the opinion of Curt Archibald, coordinator of the craft fair at Norton's American Legion, lower gas prices contributed to the good turnout.

"It was a good one," he said of the fair. "It was well-attended and most of the vendors are planning to come back next year. A few were kind of 'iffy' because of the change in pheasant season."

Mr. Archibald said there were 18 vendors at the Legion and the exhibitors told him their sales were good.

Economic development looks at home repairs

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County Economic Development is looking into grants and loans for housing repair in the county.

Director Marlene Henderson told the board last Tuesday that she was talking to both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) about getting grants and loans.

"There are a lot of homes here that could stand to be updated and improved," she said.

In October, she said she met with Keith Corbett, field director in charge of rural development, at his office in Colby to talk about what the Department of Agriculture had available.

She said there were two programs — the Home Preservation Grant and the

Home Repair Grant and Loan program.

She said he didn't know a lot about the Home Preservation Grant, where the county gets and disperses the money and then people apply with the county, because it's a national program. Only three counties in Kansas applied last year, she said, and all received a grant.

With the Home Repair Grant and Loan program, homeowners 62 and older can

apply for a grant or loan up to \$7,500 to be used for new heating and air conditioning units, new roofs, windows and doors, and new siding. But, she said, they can't have more than \$10,000 in liquid cash.

She encouraged people to talk to her if they are interested in more information.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed office equipment. Ms.

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Nickala O'Hare poured tea and water at hunters' supper in Norcatar. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Pheasant supper draws crowd

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

About 150 signed the register at Saturday night's Pheasant Hunter's Supper in Norcatar at the Educational Building.

Local women prepared turkey, ham loaf, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and every imaginable vegetable, salad and dessert. Youngsters kept tea and water glasses filled and helped to clear plates and silverware from the tables. Meanwhile, several men washed dishes, glasses, pots and pans.

Opening weekend of pheasant season brought hunters from Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma and from all over Kansas



The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club earned the top club promotion award at the annual 4-H banquet. On Friday, members were marching in the county's annual Veteran's Day parade. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

Director looks at home repair loans

(Continued from Page 1) Henderson said she bought a Dell laptop from Mortensen Computer Service, because the board didn't qualify as a non-profit organization and so couldn't get free or reduced price software. The laptop cost \$1,250. She said she also bought a HP printer, copier, fax, scanner from Computer Pro. for \$169.

- Talked about boardroom tables and chairs. Ms. Henderson is looking for something suitable, yet affordable.
- Signed a 6-month lease with Dennis Gilhousen for office space in the old Social and Rehabilitative Services office at First Street and Lincoln. The space includes three rooms — a board room, a large office and a small office.
- Asked Ms. Henderson to attend several of the Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development meetings and then give her opinion on whether the board should join or not.
- Looked at letterheads and mottoes. The board decided on the motto "Working together to build our future" and chose a letterhead with a graphic design rather than a photo.
- Heard that Ms. Henderson has spoken with a major farm supplier about setting up a store in Norton. She said other towns are offering land and if Norton County wanted to be considered it needed to as well. The supplier, she said, wants to be near an industrial park.

Board member Dean Kruse said they (the board) should look into getting an option to buy.

"That way," he said, "we're not out the money if the business doesn't come."

4-H hands out top county awards

By Keith P. VanSike, county Extension director
Norton County 4-H'ers, clubs and friends received numerous awards during the annual achievement night on Nov. 6.

The event is co-sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the Friend of 4-H Award and the ham that was served this year. 4-H'ers and families brought covered dishes for the supper.

Besides numerous awards for state and local projects the 4-H clubs were honored for their accomplishments during the year. The Busy Jayhawkers were named the top club.

Individuals were also given I Dare You awards. The Key award winner was honored and Don McMullen was named the Friend of 4-H.

4-H PROMOTION AWARDS

Busy Jayhawkers — Top
The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club members did radio spots during 4-H week, submitted articles for a 4-H special edition in *The Telegram*, sponsored a trivia contest during 4-H week, handed out 4-H flyers at the grade school, sponsored an enrollment fair as a scavenger hunt and did television interviews during the county fair.

They had a booth at the fair and several members turned in record books and KAAs.

They have a community service project each month ranging from donating gift baskets for a radio auction to holding an auction lunch stand and co-hosting a benefit for a club member.

They also wrote letters to soldiers; made table tents for six restaurants advertising the fair; donated items for the Orphan Grain Train, God's Pantry and Lions Club food baskets; made baby blankets for the hospital; and volunteered at the Norton Theatre.

The club enjoyed a hayrack ride and hot dog roast, Veteran's Day float, robber bingo, parents' night, a bowling party, a taco party and a softball game with another club.

Busy Beavers

The Busy Beavers 4-H Club completed seven community service projects including cleaning up after the Arts and Crafts Fair, donating cookies for two bloodmobiles, making valentines, caroling to shut-ins, having a food stand at an auction, delivering goodies to 4-H special edition sponsors, playing Bingo at Whispering Pines and donating items to the accelerated reader program at the grade school.

Each member gave a project talk during the year. Several members promoted 4-H by doing television or radio interviews, or submitting articles for the 4-H special edition in *The Telegram*. They had a booth at the county fair, enjoyed a hayrack ride and hot dog roast and worked on parliamentary procedures.

Prairie Dog

The Prairie Dog 4-H Club did community service projects including working at the movie theater, making cheer baskets, baking goods for Bake and Take Day, and adopting a soldier abroad.

The club fund-raisers included serving a food stand, an appreciation supper, selling candles and a

cake walk. Members stressed the importance of turning in KAA and record books and had great success. The Junior Leaders and club members were active in decision making. Several members attended camps including Discovery Days, Aerospace Camp and County Camp. Several members served as ambassadors this year. The club had a tour, a pre-county club day with another county's 4-H club, and had project talks at their monthly meetings.

Cedar Ridge

The Cedar Ridge 4-H Club had a community service project each month. Projects include picking up trash, making Thanksgiving favors, working on an Angel Tree, making Valentine's cookies for shut-ins, donating items to God's Pantry and working at the Norton Movie Theatre.

They had a club tour, a pizza party and an enrollment fair with a hot dog roast. They received a blue ribbon at the county fair for their booth and several members did posters and displays at the fair. Each member gave at least one talk, demonstration or recital during this past year. They submitted articles to the 4-H special edition in *The Telegram* and did articles for *The Prairie Dog Press* and *The Norton Telegram*, along with promotional spots on the radio for the county fair and 4-H Week.

IDARE YOU AWARD

I Dare You Award is presented through the American Youth Foundation, established in 1924 by William Danforth, the founder of the Ralston Purina Company. In addition to the certificate, recipients receive a copy of Mr. Danforth's inspirational book "I Dare You".

Dana Hillebrand

Dana Hillebrand is a nine-year member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club and has served as treasurer, junior vice president and recreation leader. Her projects had included ceramics, clothing, crafts, foods, horse, leadership, shooting sports and swine. She has helped with club community service projects like cheer baskets, bake and take day, Christmas caroling, fair set up and clean up, and working at the movie theater.

She had helped with the porkburger fund-raiser, pet show, the 4-H food stand, and is an ambassador. She has written several articles for the 4-H special edition in *The Telegram* and has participated in Club Day and judging contests and she has attended many shooting sports activities. She is also involved in church and school activities.

She is the daughter of Gary and Sue Hillebrand.

Tanner Griffith

Tanner Griffith is a nine-year member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club and has served as secretary, junior secretary, junior vice president and president. His projects have included beef, arts and crafts, foods, leadership and photography.

He has helped with Club Day, day camp, photography judging contests, Achievement Night and the Centennial committee. He has helped with club community service projects like adopt a soldier, set up and clean up after the fair,

4-H food stand, taking photos, cheer baskets and delivering goodies to 4-H sponsors. He has participated in judging contests and events and is a member of the State Photography Action Team.

He is the son of Chuck and Carol Griffith.

KEY AWARD

Joshua VanSike

Joshua VanSike is a 10-year member of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club. He has been involved in woodworking, plant science, aerospace, leadership, photography and small engines, and has sent several exhibits to the state fair.

Joshua is president of the 4-H Council and of his 4-H club. He has served as a project leader and fair superintendent for several years. He serves on area and state committees including the Northwest Area 4-H Advisory committee, State Aerospace Action Team, Centennial Committee and Ambassadors and assists with entries and judging at the Kansas State Fair.

His community service includes volunteering at the Norton Theatre, Andbe Home and county fair. He was a ASCS banquet server, church volunteer and soccer referee. He helped to donate food to God's Pantry and made and delivered valentines to shut-ins. He has been a Day camp leader, 4-H Camp counselor and state Aerospace Camp Counselor. He has written promotional articles for 4-H Week and has done television interviews for the county fair. Joshua has attended KYLF, the Denver Stock show and the 4-H National Congress in Atlanta.

He has participated in local, regional and state judging contests in several areas. He is active in his church, FFA, KAYS, FCA and traveled recently to an Indian reservation on a mission trip. He also enjoys playing the drums.

He is the son of Keith and Karen VanSike.

CAMP COUNSELORS,

Kansas Farm Bureau

Katrina Wentz, Kylena Hager and Dana Hillebrand. Special Recognition is given to Dana, Kylena and Katrina for their summary of activities by the Kansas Farm Bureau and Norton County Farm Bureau.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

Don McMullen

Mr. McMullen has been a life-long member and volunteer. He was involved as an adult livestock and woodwork project leader for 10 years and a community leader of the Busy Jayhawkers for four years. He works at both the foods and livestock auctions at the county fair.

He helps to deliver sale sheets to absentee purchasers at the foods auction and livestock sale and works both sales. He has served many years and is on the Norton fair board.

He and his wife Cindy have six children and all of them were active in 4-H in Norton County.

Sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, the award is given to an individual or couple who have provided long term leadership, such as being a club leader or project leader or helping with programs. This award began in

1985 with George Jones, then president of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Previous winners are: Harold Holste, Bill Donovan, Ray Ellis, Evelyn Field, George A. Jones, Loren Thiele, Dean and Evelyn Sprigg, Doris Mizell, Beverly Kindler, Robert and Sharon Smith, Kenneth and Pansy Price, Ruth and Denzel Lofgreen, Frank and Edna Brandyberry, Nina Melroy, Jay and Virginia Griffith, Larry and Jerris McMullen, Bob and Kaye Strevey.

Norton County Weather—November 15th–19th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				
38/15	45/24	53/26	58/28	53/25

Normal High: 50
Normal Low: 26

Sunrise: 7:24 to 7:29 A.M.
Sunset: 5:21 to 5:24 P.M.

A big change in the weather today with a few snow flakes and 50+ mph winds. Tonight's lows in the teens will be the coldest temperatures this fall. Moisture availability with the past several frontal systems has stayed to our east, but before long we will get our first significant snowfall. After today's cold snap temperatures will be more seasonal through the weekend and early forecasts call for another spell of 60 and 70 temperatures just before or on Thanksgiving!

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