

# Almena seniors invited to participate in 'OJT'

**By WADE CARTER  
Norton County Economic Development Director**

Northern Valley High School and Norton County Economic Development are working together on an "On Job Training" (OJT) program to start with the Spring 2007 semester involving local and area businesses.

as they are a vital component of continued economic growth and the success of Norton County. Please feel free to contact Wade M. Carter or Verla Gryschat (785) 874-4816 if you are a business interested in participating in the program.

**Requirements:**

Second semester senior students at Northern Valley High School who have a 2.0 or better Grade Point Average and attend regularly may in some cases be released early from school to work. This program will entail school attendance in some part of a day and work part of a day.

To request this program, the following criterion are established:

The pupil's parents must request, in writing, to the school counselor, their desire to have their student participate in an early release-to-work program.

The long term goal of this program is to train and retain well-qualified employees from within Norton County and to help sustain a viable workforce for all existing and new employers looking to locate in Norton County. The children of this community are the greatest asset. We should provide them with as many opportunities for success within and outside the county whether through OJT programs, college, or the highest quality employment available. We are an aging community, seven years above average for the state of Kansas and the U.S. as a whole (2000 U.S. census). Therefore, our children are the future of Norton County. We should all take this opportunity to promote the exceptional employment possibilities within our county to our children

The student will submit an approved form requesting early work release from school to work. The school counselor and principal will review the student's needs, academic records and other necessary criteria. The principal will make a recommendation to the Board of Education.

The student must maintain employment until 3:30 p.m. every school day. Additional time must be worked out between the employer and employee. The employer will be responsible for contacting the school if the job status changes.

If the job status changes, the student must work with the school to find a new job. Any student who does not work with the school to maintain employment will forfeit their right to participate in graduation ceremonies.

## NEW ALMELO

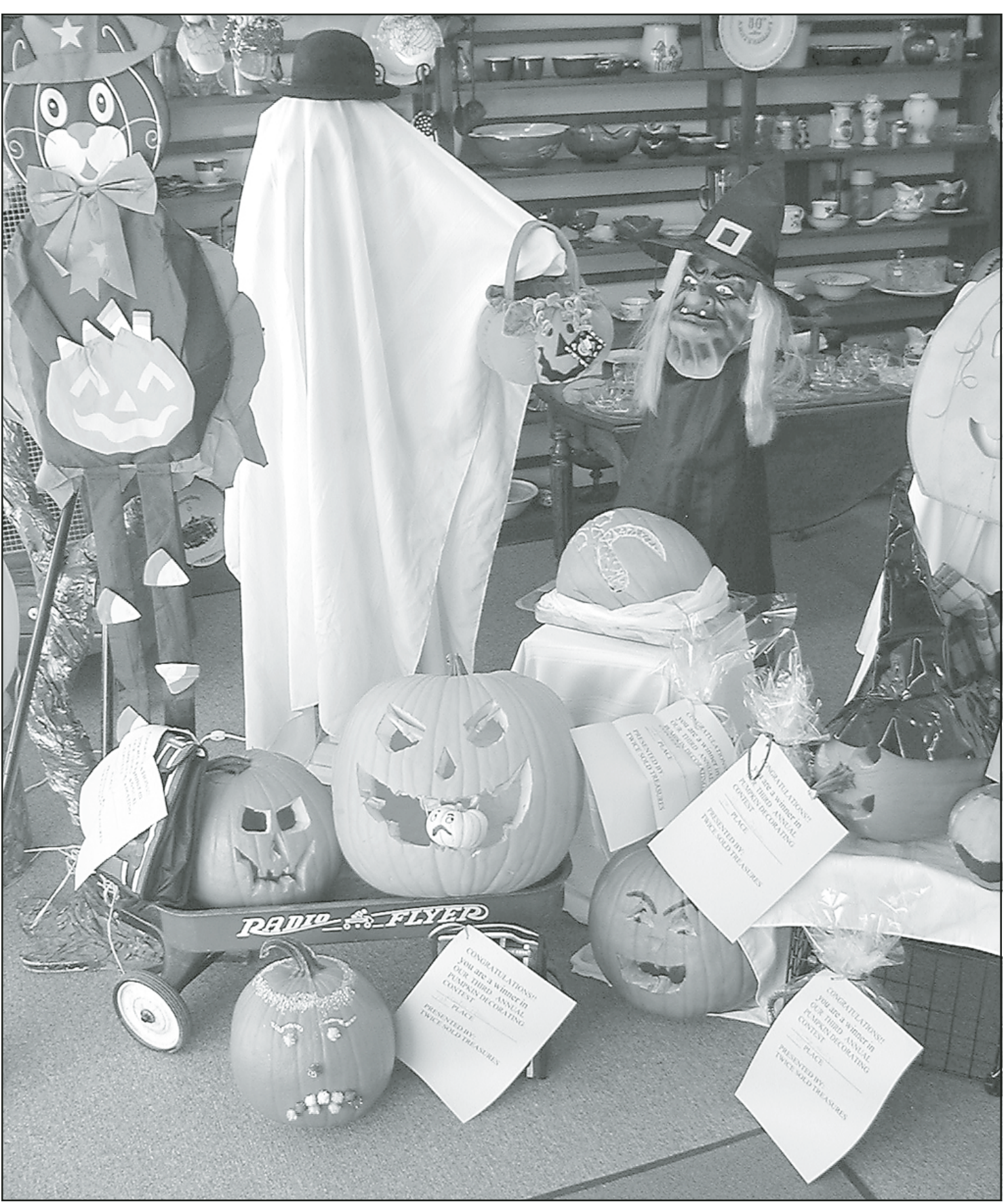
**By BETTY OTTER**

Charles Otter, Salina, came to the home of his parents, Alfred and Betty Otter, on Oct. 13 and spent the weekend.

Marion Long was admitted to the Dawson Place in Hill City on Oct. 14. Lorraine has been staying with their son and his wife, Gary and Carolyn Long, in Hill City at times to be able to visit Marion. Funeral services were held Oct.

26 for Gilbert Bollig, 80, at St. Joseph Church, New Almelo. Father Vincent Thu Laing officiated. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo. He is survived by his wife, Mathilda Bollig, of the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin; one son, Glen of Norton; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Rose; and one son, Cherald.

## Spook-tacular...



For the third year in a row, Twice Sold Treasures in downtown Norton sponsored a pumpkin decorating contest. Addison Brooks and Ashley Herring received honorable mention in the under 5 age group; James Sturgill won first place in the 5 to 6 year old category; Justis Posson placed

first in the 7 to 8 year old division and Luke Keilig took second. In the 9 to 10 year old group Shauna Gibson placed first and Dawn Herring was second. Sady Keilig took first place in the 12 year old age category.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## New development in driver's license issue

**By TOM DREILING**

Petitions in opposition to removing driver's license services from the offices of county treasurers in Kansas will remain in place until January, said Cindy Linner, Norton County Treasurer. The petitions originally had a deadline of Oct. 31.

The Department of Homeland Security had announced earlier plans were being discussed to eliminate the service provided by county treasurers and moving

those services to regional centers. Mrs. Linner said this would provide a hardship for a lot of Norton Countians, especially since no one knows where those regional centers would be located.

Congressman Jerry Moran is also involved in the issue. He received word this week from the Department of Homeland Security that they do not expect to dictate what entities within a state are allowed to issue a driver's li-

cence or identification card. The Department of Homeland Security said that if county treasurers in Kansas can meet minimum security standards, the state may continue issuing and renewing licenses in the manner that best suits Kansans.

"We have passed the first hurdle," Rep. Moran said.

"It is good to see that the Department of Homeland Security plans to allow the state to decide what is best for Kansans," Mr. Moran said. "I will continue to be in contact with those officials as they determine the specifics of these standards."

The petitions are available for signing at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse, at the End Zone, 102 S. Second and at *The Norton Telegram*, 215 S. Kansas Ave.

## Video salutes America's troops

In September, a special video was made by the Times Square Church in New York City to honor and encourage American troops serving in areas of conflict around the world.

On the deck of the USS Intrepid, Pastor Carter Conlon delivered a message where he told the troops how much God loves them and that they are not forgotten. He told them the churches in America are regularly lifting them up in prayer.

Members of CrossRoads Church in Norton are joining forces with the New York Church. They are gathering names of men and women who are serving our

country in the armed forces. Those names will be sent to the Times Square Church and they, in turn, will send the DVD to each service person.

If you would like to help in this effort, send a check to CrossRoads Church, P.O. Box 40, Norton, Kan. 67654. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to fund this DVD ministry to our troops.

In conjunction with this effort, CrossRoads Church is having a special showing of the DVD at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12 for veterans and family members. A free soup supper will be served to them after the viewing.

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