



Tuesday
October 23, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Wayne Elson

Briefly

Lions flip for pancakes

Pancakes will be flipping and sausage will be sizzling from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Norton Senior Center as the Norton Lions Club sponsors their annual Pancake Day. Proceeds from the event will help support various club projects.

Students, staff take Friday off

The Norton School District will not have school this Friday. Superintendent Greg Mann said an overwhelming number of the district's staff and students have asked to go to the state volleyball tournament Friday, which starts at 8:30 a.m., and so they have decided to dismiss school for the day. Norton has not been to state volleyball since the 1985 season.

Boosters meet on Wednesday

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Speaking will be Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox on the Lady Jays' sub-state victory which qualified them for the state tournament, head cross country coach Tom Hehn, whose Lady Blue Jay runners qualified for the state meet and head football coach Lucas Melvin, who will talk about his gridders' district win over Phillipsburg and show the film of the game. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meeting and support our Blue Jay athletes.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 39. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Wednesday** — Sunny with a high near 68. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 37. Southeast wind around 5 mph. **Thursday** — Sunny with a high near 67. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Thursday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 37. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 58.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 38, High 74
Saturday Low 41, High 83
Sunday Low 42, High 50
Monday Low 31, High 57
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, speak good news to our hearts and make us better people.
Amen



Field trip takes kids inside bones

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON,
Hansen Museum Director

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present "Bone Up On Bones", a new interactive science exhibit, which opened on Oct. 5. "Bone Up On Bones" was created and is toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibit was funded by a donation from Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon (Regence BCBSO) and will run through Dec. 30. The 2000 square foot exhibit uses over a dozen hands-on-exhibit components, computer stations, fiber optic displays and videos to offer a comprehensive look at bone structure and health. In the exhibit, visitors will be able to learn how joints act as shock absorbers by manipulating prosthetic joints, watch X-rays of bones in motion and get an inside look at the human body in action, assess their

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Jennifer Ortiz and Kayla Hofaker were among Sue Jackson's third grade class from Logan who went on a special field trip to the Dane G. Hansen Museum to see the exhibit, "Bone Up On Bones."

— Photo courtesy of Shirley Henrickson

Property owners ponder easement to city

By VERONICA MONIER
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A sewer main will need to be given to the city if the property owners want the city to maintain it. City Administrator Rob Lawson said the Utility Committee met with a group of citizens from the east side of town about sewer problems they had been having. The problem the city faces, he said, is that the main, which has had problems before, is private property and doesn't belong to the city. The alley the main is in was closed when the properties were built in the 1970s, but the main was never dedicated to the city. Five homeowners in the area are affected by the sewer problems with the major problem coming from tree roots plugging the sewer.

"We don't have a problem coming in and helping you guys when your sewer is plugged," said Mr. Lawson. "But, if the city comes in to help fix the problem and something goes wrong, it can get bad. If the line belongs to the city, then the responsibility is ours to fix whatever happens, not yours." Mr. Lawson said in order for the city to maintain the line, the property owners would need to give ownership of the line to the city in the form of an easement. The easement would need to be 20 feet wide so that the city has enough room to put in a couple of manholes and use a root saw. City trucks and equipment would also need the space to fit. Steve Hoyt, one of the property owners, said he would like to see where the sewer line runs and where the proposed easement would be. Some of their back-

yards are already small, he said, and this would make them smaller. City Attorney Karen Griffiths said a consensus would be needed for the easement. "I think it's all or nothing," said Mr. Lawson. "Either all of the property owners affected agree to the easement or we can't do it." He said the easement would be 10 feet on both sides of the main. Also, he said, with the easement, the main would become the city's responsibility, but the lines going from the main to the houses would be the home owners' responsibility. "This is probably one of the worst things a city can do to itself," he said. "We know there are problems with the main, but we don't know what the problems are. We're going into this without knowing

and we're doing it to help you out." Mrs. Griffiths said the homeowners could each sign a letter to the city saying they were okay with the easement if that is what they wanted. But, she cautioned, everyone needed to sign it. In other business, the council: • Heard from Chris Miller of Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm for the water plant, that they received the results of the well field tests. He said the current ground water supply to the water treatment plant is set up in a line from west to east. There are currently six wells, four of which supply the majority of the city's well water. He said the city has the option to keep the well field where it is and treat the water for uranium, or drill four new wells adjacent to the existing wells and connect them to the existing

Volunteers needed to fill open positions

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Several board and committee terms are up for re-appointment in Norton. Mayor David Corns told the city council last week that several boards and committees had positions which needed to be re-appointed. The terms, he said, are coming up on Nov. 30. Each current member of the boards and committees whose position was up needed to submit a letter to the city saying they wanted to stay on their board or committee, if that is, indeed, what they wanted to do. People who are not on the boards or committees, but are interested in serving, should also send a letter to the committee. The boards and committees with positions up for appointment are: • Economic Development • Travel and Tourism • Housing Authority • Planning Commission • Recreation Commission • Library Board. Letters of interest can reach the city office at 301 E. Washington, Norton, Kan. 67654. For more information, people can call the city office at (785) 877-5000.

Hoisington woman wins pick-em

By DICK BOYD

Nancy Moore, Hoisington, was one of three fans entering perfect papers in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but she was the only one to pick the correct winner of the tiebreaker so will receive the \$15 scrip money first prize. Michigan defeated Illinois 27-17 in the tiebreaker game and Nancy chose Michigan by 27-21 or a total of just 4 points off the actual score but judges didn't need her score to award first to her. Tom Baumann and Anastasia Foley, both of Norton, also were correct on all 10 games but picked Illinois to win the tiebreaker. Tom was off the actual scores of the two teams by a total of 14 points and Anastasia missed the actual scores by a 23 point total so Tom will receive the \$10 scrip money second prize and the third prize of \$5 in scrip money will

go to Anastasia. Sixteen fans were just out of the running for the prizes with one miss. They were: Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Lucas Bailey, Denise Bailey, both of Norcatour; Tim Moore, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Linda Covington, Almena; Jim Springer, Dwight Vallin, both of Long Island; Jennifer Terrell, Fig Millan, Georgie Rorabaugh, David Riemann, Charlotte Stephenson, Craig Foley, Kollean McMullen, Rick Green, all of Norton. Correct on all but two games were: Clint Lowry, Carol Voss, Bob Covington, Alberta Geil, all of Almena; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Brody McDowell, Aaron McDowell, both of Hill City; Gail Bailey, Shayla Bailey, Mark Bailey, all of Norcatour; HiPlains Co-op, Donna Nelson, Ann Becker,

all of Lenora; Jared Foley, Wichita; Andy Moore, Randy Springer, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Tom Davis, Virginia Carlton, Sandy Husted, Dustan Daniels, Nathan Morse, Lynn Nelson, Morgan Baumann, Kama Mandl, Mary Ann Hager, Ken Gregoire, Erin Hill, all of Norton. Missing three contests were: Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Dorothy Shearer, Dale Shearer, both of Edmond; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Douglas Daniels, Chandler Sumner, Jeris Norman, Misty Nuzum, Janiece Walter, Regina Beikman, Baylee Miller, Dalton Miller, Rosalie Schulze, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton. Incorrect on four games were: Julie Hilburn, Darrell Moore, Turner Linner, all of Almena; Wade McDowell, Hill City;

Halloween parade, roast set for Thursday

The Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast will be held this Thursday, Oct. 25, in downtown Norton. The Norton Volunteer Fire Department and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will again co-sponsor the event. Participants in the parade are asked to assemble in the parking lot behind Hall's Clothing at 6 p.m. Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson and his wife Chriselle will be dividing the children into groups from pre-school to sixth grade. Repre-

sentatives of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas and others will be holding signs for each age group to direct children and parents on where to line up. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will move east along Main Street to State Street, then south to Washington Street and east to the fire department's station house. When the parade reaches the station house, a free wiener roast will start. Kids

will be able to get apples and candy in trick or treat bags from employees of the Norton County Hospital. The wiener roast is financed through donations from businesses and individuals in the Norton area. The candy will be donated by the hospital. All children are invited to participate. For more information, call the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 877-2501.