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Friday

October 26, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Kyle Stewart

Briefly

Andbe Home plans fall festival

The Andbe Home will be hosting a fall festival on Monday, Oct. 29. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., a soup supper of chili or chicken noodle with apple pie and ice cream will be served. The cost of the meal is \$6. At 7:30 p.m. in the ageless aerobic arena, Andbe Home residents will put on a program. There will also be a quilt drawing. Up for grabs will be an Irish chain quilt made by the residents, an Afghan made by Pauline Goeken, and quilted pot holders. Proceeds from the festival will go to the Andbe Home's activity fund.

Pancake feed to be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pancakes will be flipping and sausage will be sizzling from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday 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.

No school due to conference

There will be no school for Norton students in grades 7-12 on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Norton Junior High School and Norton Community High School KAY Clubs will be hosting the KAY Regional conference. Students from 22 area school KAY Clubs will spend the day in the junior and senior high schools attending sessions and workshops on many topics related to service and leadership.

Hunters to hold annual banquet

The Norton Long-Spur Chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold their annual banquet on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Social hour will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction following the dinner. For more information contact Dan Lauer at (785) 877-5181 (Kansasland Tire) or (785) 877-3638 (cell) or Tim Kelly at (785) 877-5121 (New Age) or (785) 871-0749 (cell).

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a low around 35. **Saturday** — Partly sunny with a high near 54. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 31. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 64.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 35, High 73
Wednesday Low 39, High 65
Thursday Low 34, High 67
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Precious Lord, thank you for each day of life you give us on earth and for the eternal life that will be ours in heaven. We trust that we will rest eternally in the comfort of your embrace.
Amen

A couple of little stinkers!



Laura Gilhousen and her granddaughter, Braxton Bina, were a couple of skunks for the annual Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast Thursday. The pair entertained themselves by giving passersby a spray while waiting for their wieners to cook. (See more photos from the parade and roast on Page 9)

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Hospital gets the 'go-ahead' for renovation

By VERONICA MONIER
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Although things are still up in the air regarding a remodel of the surgery area, the Norton County Hospital board gave the "go-ahead" to renovate the physical therapy/cardiac rehabilitation area.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller told the board at its last meeting that previously it had been discussed whether or not it was feasible to move surgery to a different area of the hospital. He said Health Facilities Group has been working with Murray Company to see what was and was not possible.

An architect from Health Facilities

Group said there was no way surgery would work in the lower level of the hospital, nor would it work to build out from the lower level, Mr. Miller said. The architect, he said, suggested the hospital go with the physical therapy area remodel already planned.

Some options they have for surgery, he said, is to add a second level over the out-patient clinic. But, they would need 6,000 square feet and it costs about \$300 a square foot for new construction on a surgery area.

A more realistic idea, said Mr. Miller, was to renovate the current surgery area and extend it into the boiler area. If they

got lucky, surgery would only be down for a couple of weeks. Worst case scenario, he said, was surgery being shut down for the entire length of the project, which is estimated at about six months.

As for the Colby Community College area, which is next to surgery, they would like to enlarge it, so that more students would be able to attend class in Norton. But, Mr. Miller said, they are waiting for solid numbers from the college and are also looking to see if the Dane G. Hansen Foundation will help pay for it.

He said Murray Company had already put a bid in to be the general contractor of the lower level, which includes the physi-

cal therapy and cardiac rehabilitation departments and the board and conference rooms. The bid was for \$496,000, which is less than the bid received from another company earlier this year.

To pay for the remodel of the lower level, they plan to use estate money and a portion of the hospital's reserves. Renovate the surgery area, he said, will cut into the reserves quite a bit more. He said he didn't know if the board wanted to get into more long-term debt, but the U.D. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is willing to loan the hospital more money.

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Foreign countries come into play

By TOM DREILING
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The countries of China and Spain surfaced at this month's meeting of the Northern Valley School District Board at Alma.

Requests from a couple of teachers involved the two countries mentioned, with the board approving the requests.

The first was from Ken Tharman, who told the board he and his family will be going to China in the near future to pick up the little girl they will be adopting. He asked if he could use sick leave as paternity leave for this mission, and additionally if he could take a school computer with him to allow him to communicate with staff and students in his absence from the school. A 7-0 vote gave Mr. Tharman the
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'Elvis' makes a birthday appearance

By VERONICA MONIER
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A Norton woman received a big surprise when Elvis showed up for her birthday.

Sabrina Richards, head teller at First State Bank, was somewhat flustered Thursday when Elvis, impersonated by Larry Henderson, showed up at the bank in a limo with a police escort.

Friends of Ms. Richards hired Mr. Henderson to pull off the impersonation for her 50th birthday.

Bank employees said she was a bit flabbergasted and a little embarrassed, but a really good sport about the whole thing.

"Elvis" sang several songs to Ms. Richards, including "I Can't Help Falling in Love with
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Sabrina Richards took it in good stride when her friends hired Larry Henderson to impersonate Elvis for her 50th birthday.
— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier