



Mike and Tina Barrett hung up the "family" clock in Mike's mother's room at Cumberland Lodge. The clock has spots for 12 pictures, which feature Mike's siblings. Until recently, in the place where Mike's picture should have been was a heart. Now that Mike has been reunited with his family, the clock is complete. Unfortunately, shortly after Mike and Tina arrived in Canada, the clock was accidentally broken. Mike's sister, Bonnie, managed to buy the last one like it and replace all of the pictures, this time adding Mike's to complete the circle. Tina kept the heart.

— Photo courtesy Mike and Tina Barrett

Man reunites with family after 50 years

(Continued from Page 1) only three of the 14 children who share the same mother and father. Throughout the trip, Mike met all of his brothers except two, but of the four sisters, was only able to meet Bonnie.

The icing on Mike's cake, though, was meeting his 90-year-old mother, Mertal Clark, for the first time.

"It was a wonderful trip and we met a lot of people," he said. "But, I think the highlight of the whole trip was spending time with Mom. She's a real character."

Mike met his mother the second day they were in Canada, when Bonnie took them to her lodge, which is what they call a nursing home in Canada. Bonnie told Mike that their mother has dementia, and so might not remember him everyday. But, she did and rarely let go of him while he was visiting her.

"We went and saw her everyday," he said. "Because she's deaf, she has a board that she and other people can write on. Before this, she only wrote on it two or three times a year. While I was there,

she wrote on it every day, telling me that she was happy I was there and that she loved me. We had a wonderful time.

"It was a thrill to spend time with her like that. She may not be able to walk or hear, but she really has it together."

Mike said he and Tina are planning on going back as soon as they can.

The family reunion will be sometime around August and they are definitely going back for that, when he hopes to meet the rest of his siblings and family, he said.

Easter Bunny coming to Norton for hunt

(Continued from Page 1) children participate, the starting times for the four age groups will be staggered by five minute intervals. Children will be divided into 0-3 year olds, beginning at 2 p.m.; preschool 4 and 5 year olds, 2:05 p.m.; kindergarten and first graders, 2:10 p.m.; and second and third graders, 2:15 p.m.

Each group will hunt in separate areas, so arrive early to find the signs for each age group. Areas

will be roped off and parents are asked to respect the barriers.

The scavenger hunt planned for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will begin at 1:30 p.m. Teams will have one hour to locate items on the list. To enter the contest, a team must have no more than four members and meet on the east side of the courthouse steps.

Prizes for the scavenger hunt have been donated by Norton Shop and Save, Jamboree Foods,

Dairy Queen, Adventures and Pizza Hut.

The child study club is for mothers with children 12 and under. The club is involved in community activities and supports children's events.

Anyone who would like to help the club with the cost of candy and eggs may do so by making their donation to Child Study Club Treasurer Mary Schulze, Rt. 3, Box 122, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Council lowers amount of raise

(Continued from Page 1) for suggesting the amount be \$500. He said he didn't believe it would pass. He also said the money is not the right reason to run.

"It's a civic duty," he said, "and that's why we're here, not the pay."

Mr. Briery said he would be foregoing the raise and would take what he was being paid now.

The raise will not go into effect until after the ordinance has been read at three council meetings and has been published in the newspaper.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that in January, sales tax receipts \$24,207.28 for the city and \$33,665.30 for the county for a total of \$57,872.58, making the year-to-date total \$90,782.05, compared to the total last year at this time of \$75,005.12.

- Accepted a bid of \$4,954.80 from Garrett's to replace the hot water heater at the library. City Administrator Rob Lawson said that was the only bid received for the library project. He said the council could make the city the general contractor, which would

allow local businesses to do the work without bond insurance. The council passed a motion, making the city the general contractor on the project.

- Hired Chris Frack as the assistant utility supervisor. He will start on March 31.

- Will be discussing a city-wide clean-up at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

- Set committee meetings as: Public Works, Monday, March 17, 5 p.m.; Utility, Monday, March 17, 5:30 p.m.; Public Safety, Monday, March 17, 6 p.m.

Emergency service building new facility

(Continued from Page 1) He said now that they have the grant, the next step is to meet with an engineer, so that specifications can be drawn and bids put out to contractors.

"It could be done by the end of this year, if we can find a contractor," said Mr. Miller. "Scheduling

is going to determine how long it takes to build."

The new facility will also have a decontamination bay, so the emergency technicians can clean up and shower after going out on a run, he said. Now, if they want to shower, they have to go home to do so.

"It's going to be a fairly fancy place when we're done," he said.

As for the old building, Mr. Miller said they haven't decided what they are going to do with it. They are looking at using it as a possible place to store equipment for the county, but also considering other options for it as well.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High

Monday, March 10 — FCCLA Bingo at Norton Manor, 7 p.m.; Assembly: Roy McElroy, Stull Gymnasium, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; National Honor Society Induction Ceremonies, Stull Gymnasium, 3 p.m.; Emporia State University Woodwind Choir, Stull Gymnasium, 12:30 p.m.; FFA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 — Government trip to Topeka Depart at 6 a.m.; Cloud County Community College Great Society Singers, Stull Gym, 11 a.m.; S.A.D.D. Meeting, A.P.; Prom Server Meeting, FACS Room, A.P.

Thursday, March 13 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Forensics at Colby, 1:30 p.m.; FCCLA Meeting, A.P.; Federated Fine Arts Tea, Music Room, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 14 — FFA: Made For Excellence, Junction City; Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Artist of the Month Competition, A.P.

Saturday, March 15 — FFA: Made For Excellence, Junction City

Monday, March 17 — No School

Tuesday, March 18 — No School

Wednesday, March 19 — No School

Junior High

Monday, March 10 — Pep Club Meeting, A.P.

Tuesday, March 11 — KAYS Meeting, A.P.; Pep Club Dance, Junior High Gym, 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 — Faculty Meeting, A.P.

Monday, March 17 — No School

Tuesday, March 18 — No

School Wednesday, March 19 — No School

Eisenhower

Friday and Saturday, March 14-15 — State Assessments, Grade Four Math and Fifth and Sixth Reading

Wednesday, March 12 — Team Meeting

Monday, March 17 — No School

Tuesday, March 18 — No School

Wednesday, March 19 — No School

All Schools

Sunday, March 9 — Daylight Saving Time Begins, Set Clocks Forward One Hour

Monday, March 10 — Board of Education Meeting, Unified Office, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 — Curriculum Council, Unified Office, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, March 14 — NCKSEC Superintendents Meeting at Glade, 10 a.m.; End of Third Nine Weeks

Monday, March 17 to Monday, March 24 — Spring Break, No School

Tuesday, March 25 — School Resumes at Normal Time, 8:30 a.m.

NORTHERN VALLEY

Saturday, March 8 — High School State Basketball at Hays

Sunday, March 9 — Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 10 — Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 10-14); Fifth Grade Math Assessments and Seventh and Eighth Grade Reading Assessments; Bus Drivers meeting at Long Island, 6 p.m.; School board meeting in the conference room

at Almena, 7:30 p.m.; Post Prom meeting in the lunchroom at Almena, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 — Fifth Grade Math Assessments and Seventh and Eighth Grade Reading Assessments; Annual State-wide Tornado Drill, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 — Fifth Grade Math Assessments and Seventh and Eighth Grade Reading Assessments; Great Society Singers from Cloud County Community College performs for Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, 9:30 a.m.; Title I Professional Network meeting at Salina, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Kindergarten through Sixth Grade to African Acrobats in Logan, 2 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 13 — High School Forensics meet at Colby; Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Easter Egg Hunt, 3:10 p.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences at Almena, 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 14 — KIAAA Convention; No School, Parent Teacher Conferences at Almena, 9 a.m. to noon; NCKSEC Council of Superintendents at Glade, 10 a.m.; FFA Leaders Lab at Junction City, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 — KIAAA Convention; FFA Leadership at Junction City

Sunday, March 16 — KIAAA Convention

Monday, March 17 to Friday, March 21 — No School, Spring Break

Wednesday, March 19 — High School Forensics meet at Hays

Monday, March 24 — Senior/Faculty Games in the big gym at Almena, 7 p.m.; Sixth Grade Wax Museum in the Band Room at Almena, 7:30 p.m.

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