

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Troy Collins

Briefly

Church group to aid God's Pantry

The Church of God youth will be going door-to-door in Norton Wednesday for a project called "Trick-or-Treat so others can eat." All collected canned goods will be donated to God's Pantry. If you will not be home and would still like to contribute to God's Pantry, you can leave your canned items in a sack by your door.

Booster Club set for weekly huddle

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Featured speakers will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, volleyball coach Peggy Cox and cross country coach Tom Hehn. Coach Melvin will also show the video of Norton's football victory over Ness City-Dighton on Friday, which began District play.

Parent-teacher conferences set

Parent-Teacher conferences are Wednesday in the Norton School District. The morning session will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the afternoon session scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parents will stop at the office, pick up their student's report card and then proceed to the student's classroom teacher.

High school teachers, who also teach junior high students, will meet with parents in the junior high gym during the first session. High school teachers will be in their classrooms for the afternoon session.

Students will not pick up grade cards, but may accompany parents to the conference.

Weather

Tonight — Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 39. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Wednesday — Rain likely. Cloudy with a high near 40. Chance of precipitation is 70%.



Wednesday Night — A chance of rain and snow before 1 a.m. then a chance of snow. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Thursday — A chance of rain and snow.

Kingham report:

Oct. 17 Low 38, High 66
Oct. 18 Low 40, High 75
Oct. 19 Low 47, High 80
Oct. 20 Low 41, High 61
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, thank you for the friends we meet along life's journey. Remind us that you are always our companion.
Amen



Ronna Carter (left) helped Julie Campbell (right) the Director of Nursing at Norton County Hospital cover Mabel Dole with a new lap blanket featuring "scotty" dogs. The blankets were made by the Heritage Quilt Club.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux



This is the stack of blankets made by the Heritage Quilt Club. The money for the blankets was donated from the Jean Spires Memorial by Linda Carter. It was Pam Cuthbertson's idea to have the Heritage Quilt Club make the blankets instead of just buying some.

— Courtesy Photo

Blankets warm the patients

By BRANDY LEROUX
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The Norton County Hospital, through the Jean Spires Memorial, has received 21 new lap blankets for their patients.

This past February, Jean Spires — who had worked at the Norton County Hospital for more than 30 years — passed away. Her daughter Linda Carter wanted to do something to help the patients at the hospital where her mother had worked and spent her last days.

"I wanted to be able to give the patients comfort and warmth," said Mrs. Carter. She brought the memorial money to Rich Miller, the hospital administrator, and told him of her idea to buy blankets for the patients. He told Pam Cuthbertson, the Information Technology Supervisor, about the idea. Mrs. Cuthbertson, a member of the Heritage Quilt Club, took the idea to her club, and everyone jumped on the idea to make the blankets instead of buying them.

In June, during a trip to Salina, Jackie Rutherford and Regina Stark purchased the yards and yards of fleece they needed to make the blankets and, in August, the Heritage Quilt Club sat down to make the blankets.

"It took us 3 hours to make 21 blankets," said Mrs. Rutherford. "Some ladies trimmed, some sewed, some turned. We were set for it to take all day, and we were done by noon. Everyone was surprised at how fast it went," said Mrs. Rutherford.

There are 10 blankets for male patients, 11 blankets for female patients, and all of them can be used for children.

The blankets are made of fleece, and are double-sided. One side is patterned, the other is a solid color, and no two blankets are the same.

The blankets were donated to the hospital in August.

"The patients really enjoy these blankets," said Julie Campbell, Director of Nursing at the hospital. "A blanket is one of the first things they are given when a patient is admitted to the hospital."

"I'm so pleased to walk in the hospital and see the blankets helping keep patients warm," said Mrs. Carter. "It makes me happy to see Mom's legacy at the hospital still bringing comfort."

"We always appreciate when clubs and individuals in the Norton area do neat things for the benefit of our patients; our sincere thanks to the Heritage Quilt Club members for their many hours of service in making these blankets," said Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital Administrator.

Statewide honor for resident

Special to The Telegram

Norton's Gloria Nelson was honored this summer as one of the top seven Kansas Volunteers of the Year by the Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA).

Over 100 Kansas citizens were nominated for this honor.

Mrs. Nelson was awarded an engraved plaque by Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius at a dinner honoring the recipients on June 17 at Memorial Union, Emporia State University, Emporia.

"Gloria Nelson is undoubtedly the one individual who has worked tirelessly on behalf of economic development in Norton over the past year and has been remarkably successful in her efforts," said Diane Becker, Norton City/County Economic Development Director, who nominated Mrs. Nelson for this honor.

"In May, Mrs. Nelson brought together a group of community members



Gloria Nelson

and formed the Norton Downtown Restoration Committee.

"The first order of business was reinvigorating the Norton County Community Foundation. She convinced the board of directors to add a category for downtown development and began work to improve downtown Norton.

"She led the Norton Downtown Restoration Committee in drawing up plans for a beautiful sitting park in downtown Norton where two buildings had been destroyed by fire.

"She presented her ideas to the Norton City Council and they quickly approved the plan."

The new park was named the Washington Street Park and was dedicated on Sept. 19.

"Creating this park was a joy," said Mrs. Nelson when speaking at the dedication of the park.

She was quick to add, "You never do anything alone. It takes a lot of people to make things happen."

Mrs. Nelson used an idea from a Kansas Main Street Award winner and hired a local business, Rawhide Ironworks, to craft iron banners for the light poles to match the pergola and iron fencing in the park. The iron scenes are complete and can be seen on State Street in Norton.

Mike and Roger Moffet, sons of the late Dorothy and Melvin Moffet of Norton, former owners of an old gas station in disrepair located adjacent to the park, were willing to gift the property to Norton City/County Economic Development to create a tourism center.

With Mrs. Nelson's assistance, the Norton County Community Foundation added the Moffet Station as another project for downtown restoration. When the interior renovation is completed, the Moffet Station will house the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Travel and Tourism offices.

Mrs. Nelson is presently tackling a third project: the restoration of a building in the downtown business district. She expects to see progress on this project by next spring.

"With her leadership, enthusiasm and tireless energy, Gloria Nelson has given the community of Norton a tremendous jump-start," said Mary Beth Boyd, secretary, Norton County Community Foundation. "She clearly demonstrates the fact that one person can truly make a difference. She sets a fine example, inspires others and is most deserving of this great honor."

Hoisington woman best Pick'Em picker

By DICK BOYD
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Eight fans came close but Barbara Springer of Hoisington was the only one who entered a perfect paper in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the *Norton Telegram* and will win the weekly \$15 scrip money first prize.

Seven of the eight with one miss were correct in choosing the winner of the tiebreaker game between Ohio State and Michigan State. The game was won 45-7 by the Buckeyes.

Second place of \$10 in scrip money will go to Jacob Green, Norton, who selected Ohio State by 21-7, or 24 points off. His only miss was the Golden Plains win over Northern Valley. Jacob placed third in the fifth week of the contest.

Jared Foley of Wichita won the third prize of \$5 in scrip money for missing only the Boston College win over Virginia Tech and picking Ohio State to win the tiebreaker by a 27-17 score, a total of 28 points off the scores of each team.

The other six fans who missed one game and points off on the tiebreaker game were: Doug Ray, Norton, 31; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington, 32; Jim Springer, Long Island, 32; Nancy Springer, Hoisington, 32; Craig Foley, Norton, 34; Bob Beadle, Norton, wrong winner.

Correct on all but two contests were: Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Bob Moore, Tim Moore, Randy Springer, all of Hoisington; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Spencer Shirk, Anastasia Foley, Charlotte Stephenson, Georgie Rorabaugh, Jeris Norman, Kristy Keilig, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Andy Moore, Hoisington; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Tina Tanner, Virginia Carlton, Sandy Husted, Tami Antrim, Rick Green, Eric Farber, David Riemann, LeRoy Newell, Tom Davis, Dustan Daniels, Douglas Daniels, Sady Keilig, Janiece Walter, all of Norton.

Missing four contests were: HiPlains

Co-op, Lenora; Linda Covington, Jasmine Covington, Brenda Husted, all of Alma; Christal Rose, Arapahoe, Neb.; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Tiffany Yeager, Tom Baumann, Kollean McMullen, Rodney Stapp, Kathleen McConney, Dillon McConney, Fig Millan, Stacy Area, Naedean Whitney, Nathan Morse, all of Norton.

Miscuing on five games were: Carol Voss, Alma; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Donna Nelson, Ann Becker, both of Lenora; Regina Beikman, Bill Nelson, Gary Matson, Jennifer Wahlmeier, Mark Scheetz, Diana Smith, Rosalie Schulze, Lynn Nelson, Dalton Miller, Baylee Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Luke Keilig, Mark Keilig, Linda Matson, all of Norton.

Incorrect on six contests were: Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Julie Hilburn, Sandi Winchell, both of Alma; Deanna Gal-

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Blue Jays win big!

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