



Sandy Kaiser, a registered nurse, tapes the line to Todd Boller's arm during Natoma Corporation's blood drive Thursday. Mr. Boller is not a first-time donor, but four other employees who volunteered to give blood were.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Sound Off!

Parents cautioned about bullying

Do you have any idea of what is going on in your local schools during the day and at any other time that students come together for school, church, social, or any other activities that places people in close proximity of each others' company?

This extends to the various communications systems that may be involved in a student's life such as cell phone usage, computer sites (my space), etc.

I am the grandmother of a student who is and has been subjected to **bullying** for a number of years,

Picture and plaque are at Andbe

I appreciate the concern regarding Bessie's picture at the Andbe Home. The picture and plaque were temporarily removed for one reason only: to renovate the front entrance, which is still in progress.

They were rehung in a special place next to the directory in the front area and have been there for sometime.

If you have a concern regarding Andbe Home, please do not accept misinformation as fact; come visit with me.

I welcome your input and would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

*Nancy McGinnis
Administrator
Andbe Home*

Jobless workshop

(Continued from Page 1) also be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The staff will assist in preparing a resume and cover letter, and employment specialists will also be available to help develop employment plans.

Economic development will also hold a follow-up resume preparation session on Feb. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the economic development office.

"This will give those who attend the rapid response and job search workshop a chance to have the resume they create proofread and finalized," said Diane Becker, director of economic development. "The session is made possible by the Norton school teachers who will be volunteering their time to help."

Miss Becker said those who are unable to attend the workshop Tuesday are invited to attend the Feb. 18 session.

and it has gotten to the point of threats to my grandchild's life. It is a sad day for me that I feel compelled to appeal to local communities in the surrounding area to **please become aware of what might also be happening right under your noses** in your particular community.

What if this was your daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, nephew, or, for that matter, someone not related to you at all? Doesn't everyone deserve to be able to feel safe and secure when he or she attends class and be able to concentrate on getting good grades instead of what **so and so** just said to you that stresses you out and breaks your concentration in the classroom?

This area of northwest Kansas is a heavily Christian society, and, yet, many of us don't seem to put into practice during the week what we hear when God speaks to us during the time we spend in attendance at our weekly church services. We are **all God's**

'Mr. NCHS' competition

(Continued from Page 1) Thomson, who helped organize the event.

Kendra Engelbert, who also helped organize, said, "I've enjoyed planning it. I'm anxious to see how it all turns out." Kendra will also be playing songs from *High School Musical* on the piano before the pageant begins.

When asked why they should be chosen as Mr. NCHS, the guys replied:

"I am the best-looking, funniest Norton Community High School male of the 2009 year. Yeah!" said Brock Lauer.

"Because I look in a swimming suit," said Josh Gallentine.

"Zac Dreher. That's all you need to know. Vote for me!" said Zac Dreher.

"Because I'm better than Dreher, and that's it," said Jacob VanSki.

Lay-offs, hours cut

(Continued from Page 1) financial officer and general manager of Rural Telephone. "We've gone from 26 employees to more than 400."

Mr. Seveer said Rural Telephone will continue to fill positions that come open, but because a major three year project is winding down, they won't be hiring as many people as they have in the past.

children, so why don't we act like it and step up to the plate and support one another when we see the evils of bullying and other types of abuse going on in our communities. Teachers, administrators, parents, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who is aware of this type of activity going on should let their voices be heard that it won't be tolerated in our schools and communities.

Our thought processes in this community seem to be that **'oh, we don't have anything like that going on here such as what happens in the bigger schools!'** Well, let me tell you, it is going on right under your noses and to the extent that I don't want it to become a casualty.

Parents, please wake up and teach your children to treat everyone with courtesy. You don't have to **like** everyone, but we are all God's children and should be treated with respect as such. Belittling someone else to the point of severe bullying just tells me and the world that the people responsible have so little self-esteem that they have to try to derive an ego from stripping someone else of his or her dignity.

Please wake up and step up to the plate. Let's become a loving and caring community and help each other out to become the best that we can be.

*Frieda Goetze
Oberlin*

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Disc golf tourney aids God's Pantry

By **DON MORDECAI**
Special to The Telegram

We were all amazed at the favorable weather for our recent disc golf tournament. Temperatures over 60 degrees and only light breezes made for two enjoyable rounds of disc golf. We had 26 participants from Norton, Colby, McCook, Almena, Kearney, Hays, and one person from Fort Riley, for this event, which will benefit God's Pantry here in Norton. Here are the results.

There were 9 players in the Open Division. Dusty Ream from Hays took 1st place with a score of 103. Don Mordecai of Norton came in 2nd with a score of 105. Don also won the Closest To the Pin prize in that division.

There were 4 players in the Advanced Division and Chad Gasper ended up with the win with a 110. Chris Davis, Norton resident, bested the 6 players in the intermediate division with a score of 109 with James Fawcett of Norton right behind him throwing a 110. James won the CTP prize in his division.

Jeff, Zach, and Jessica Porter along with Lauren Mordecai participated in the recreational division, playing only one round in the morning. Zach won the Closest To the Pin prize in his division.

Cindy Mordecai prepared lunch for the entire field, between rounds. The meal was delicious and much appreciated because it gave the players a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company between rounds.

The Norton Disc Golf Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their help with this fund raiser: City of Norton Travel and Tourism committee \$100.00, Jay's Woodworking \$20.00, Deanna Braun Insurance

Department letting wind do the work

The Kansas Department of Transportation hopes to save some operating costs by tapping a plentiful Kansas resource — wind.

A wind turbine installed two weeks ago at the department's Osborne subarea shop is expected to provide 30 percent of the facility's electricity needs. And, there should be some excess electricity that can be sold back to the local power provider.

Within a few weeks a second turbine will be installed at the transportation department's office in Grainfield.

"Finding ways to stretch our budget is always important. So we decided to research the use of alternative energy to accomplish that goal at two of our facilities. And, this goes along with our on-going effort to support the Governor's green initiative," said Deputy Secretary for Engineering/State Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger.

Osborne and Grainfield were selected for the installations because there is plenty of wind and electricity costs are relatively high. The turbines were purchased for \$12,000 each from PIFM Power of Lincoln, Kan.

\$25.00, Bridges Group INC Insurance \$25.00, Valley Hope Association \$25.00, First State Bank (American Eagle Silver Dollar), The Kansas Disc Golf Association, The Norton Disc Golf Club (Lunch and \$375 worth of discs),

City of Norton, KQNK Radio, The Norton Telegram.

The total amount raised for "God's Pantry" was \$650.00 along with several bags of food! Thanks to all who helped with this event!

Tough go for Husky boys

By **TOM DREILING**
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It was kind of a bumpy ride for the Northern Valley varsity basketball boys when they hosted Alma Tuesday night.

For the visitors, it was smooth sailing that resulted in a 71-30 victory.

Alma led at all stops:
• 15-8 at the end of the first quarter.
• 34-5 at the half.
• 46-23 at the end of three.
• 71-30 at the final buzzer.

Scoring for the Huskies were: Colton Lowry 2; Dusty Eagleburger 2; Ethan Hays 4; Chaim McMillin 2; Cody Callaway 9; Drew Eagleburger 5; Eric Woodside 2; Bryant Tharman 4.

The Huskies scored on 12 2-pointers, 1 3-pointer and 3 free throws. Alma tossed in 17 2-pointers, 9 3-pointers and 10 charity tosses.

In the game vs. Western Plains at home last Friday night, the Huskies took it on the chin 63-25.

The Huskies were held scoreless in the first quarter while the visitors popped in 20 points.

In the second period, Northern Valley Valley scored 8 and Western Plains 16 for a 36-8 halftime lead for the visitors.

In the third quarter, the Huskies scored 10 vs. 15 for the visitors for a 51-18 Western Plains lead.

The final period saw Western Plains again outscore the Huskies 12-7 for the final 63-25 tally.

Scoring for the Huskies were: Lowry 4; Cody Callaway 8; Drew Eagleburger 3; Woodside 10.

Dysinger of Alma was the game's top point maker with 21.

The Huskies scored on 7 2-pointers, 3 3-pointers and 2 free throws. For Western Plains, it was 19 2-pointers, 7 from 3-point range and 4 from the free throw line.

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