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Briefly

Bank Gallery 'gave it a good fight'

For five weeks The They Also Ran Gallery, located inside First State Bank in Norton, competed in the 8 Wonders of Kansas competition. 12,396 votes were cast in the competition, but the gallery did not make the top eight. Lee Ann Shearer, curator, said Norton gave it a good fight.

Theater hosts costume contest

The Norton Theatre will host a costume contest for Halloween Spook-tacular on Saturday. Come to the 8 p.m. or midnight showings dressed up and be entered into a drawing for the best costume contest. The top three prizes will be awarded.

Booster club sets next meeting

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fans will be updated on recent competitions by Norton football coach Lucas Melvin, cross country coach George Rossi, and volleyball coach Peggy Cox. At the end of the meeting, fans will be invited to watch the film of Friday night's hard-fought district football game with Scott City. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Cleanup begins



Norton City Workers Tom Davis and Phil Volgamore picked up discarded items yesterday during the city's annual fall cleanup. Residents can put old furniture, tree limbs, leaves and other items not normally taken by sanitation crews on their curbs until Wednesday. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Businesses consider relocation

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The recent increase in utilities has affected not only residents but several local businesses who are considering leaving the county due to their increased overhead expenses.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said multiple business owners have approached her with concerns.

"In some cases, it is causing large users to consider moving outside of the city or county, and it is deterring local expansion possibilities," she said.

Stiles said no businesses have decided to leave, but it is a possibility. The increased costs are also affecting expansion efforts in the county.

"The increased overhead costs are a consideration for all existing business owners and potential new business owners," she said.

Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson said Stiles approached him about finding other solutions for the problem.

"There are a lot of people who think there are other solutions. We have looked at what we think is every option but welcome other ideas," he said.

Lawson said city council will consider (Relocation - Continued on Page 5)

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
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CORN
\$3.30

SOYBEANS
\$9.20

WHEAT
\$4.23

MILO
\$2.98

Ag Valley
314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
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weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 38. Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 53. Wednesday Night - Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 43. Thursday - Rain likely. Cloudy with a high near 49. Thursday Night - A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 31. Friday - Mostly sunny with a high near 52.

Kingham report:

Friday, Oct. 23 Low 31, High 55
Sat., Oct. 24..... Low 32, High 66
Sun., Oct. 25..... Low 39, High 54
Mon., Oct. 26 Low 30, High 53
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us to face life's trouble-makers with confidence in your power. In Christ's name. Amen



Jake Romey stocked shelves at God's Pantry on Sunday. The pantry is able to help people with food and other supplies in an emergency. Donations can be made to the pantry or when First Church of God Youth collect donations on Wednesday. The pantry is located at 102 E. Waverly. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Local pantry offers aid

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The increased moisture is affecting more than harvest as many people have been left without work and have had to ask for assistance from local organizations.

God's Pantry serves people in Norton County on an emergency basis, it is not a solution, said Chairwoman Elaine Mann.

Mann said she expected to see an increase in participation when the economy turned bad, but business has remained steady. She said there are several factors including the increase in utilities and groceries that have contributed to need.

She said winter is always harder for people. On Sunday, four families came into the pantry, all listing weather as a reason why they couldn't work. (Pantry - Continued on Page 5)

Resident gets first "Pick-Em" prize

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The best any football fans could do in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the Norton Telegram was miss as few as two games and only three fans did that well.

Travis Ray, Norton, who won third prize in the sixth week, earned the first prize of \$15 in scrip money this time around. He missed the Quinter win over Hill City and the Iowa State defeat of Nebraska. Travis was also the only one

of the three with two misses to choose the correct winner of the tiebreaker game between Stanford and Arizona State, won 33-14 by Stanford.

Dennis Maybon, Norton, who won second prize in the very first week of the contest, was the winner of another second place and \$10 in scrip money. He missed the TCU win over Brigham Young and Nebraska loss to Iowa State and was closer on the actual scores of the tiebreaker teams, despite picking the (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)

Annual Halloween parade scheduled

The Don Heller 42nd annual Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast will be held Oct. 29 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. Representatives of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas and others will be holding signs for each age group to direct you 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 (Parade - Continued on Page 5)