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Briefly

Club collects coats for needy

The annual FCCLA Coat Drive started Monday and will run through Thursday.

Coats, gloves, mittens, scarves and hats will be accepted. The clothing should be clean and in good condition.

Please bring your items to Regina Stark's room at the Norton High School or to Jamboree Foods or Norton Shop and Save. For more information or to have a large donation picked up, call Annette Becker at 877-2045 or Amie Richard at 877-5520.

Veterans benefits to be explained

The Roy C. Goodrich American Legion Post will host a meeting from 4:40-5:10 p.m., Tuesday at the Long Island Community Building to help veterans and their families learn more about their Veterans Administration benefits.

Time to renew P, Q and R tags

The deadline to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycles and/or motorized bike tags for persons whose last names, businesses or lease companies begin with the letter "P", "Q" and "R" is at the close of business Thursday, Sept. 30. You are required to bring or include proof of insurance for each vehicle. Current proof includes vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date. If you have any questions call the Norton County Treasurer's office at 877-5795.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with lows around 50. **Saturday** — Cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. **Saturday Night** — Clear with lows in the lower 50s. **Sunday** — Cloudy with lows in the lower 50s. **Monday** — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s. **Monday Night** — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 72, Low 50, Prec. .80
Wed. High 53, Low 46, Prec. 1.70
Thursday High 74, Low 50
Week ago High 84, Low 60
Month ago High 99, Low 67
Year ago High 95, Low 54
September precipitation 3.76
Year-to-date precipitation ... 20.34 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

God, forgive us for trying to hang on to habits and things that clutter our lives and hold us back. Help us die to our old ways so that we may live freely and fully. Amen

Learning becomes an art

New teacher lets students see, create

Art teacher Diane Lambrecht plans on teaching her students how to see.

Mrs. Lambrecht, who is new to the Norton School District, said visual literacy is a part of being educated.

"I want to teach my students how to see," she said, "and then teach them how to describe what they see.

"It's not a new concept. They'll just be learning how to talk about it."

She said her students both at Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High School will be learning the basics, but in a new way. Throughout the year, they'll be working on prints, paper maché and wire sculptures, as well as other things. She said they'll learn how to shade and mix colors.

"I tried to keep some things the same," she said. "Kids need a little stability. If it works, use it."

Mrs. Lambrecht said she and her students will be working with several media this year so each student can find something they like. She also thinks working with both two-dimensional and three-dimensional styles is important.

At the junior high, she has her students write critiques of their work as part of the assignment because she feels they need to be able to say what's going on with their art.

Mrs. Lambrecht said she teaches in themes and units, because she needs to see the big picture. Then, the theme is broken down for the different classes into projects. Right now at Eisenhower, her students are working on a sports theme.

She said she is influenced by other artists and what they have done.



Art Teacher Diane Lambrecht (above) picked up folders with her students' work for the day inside. With a few minutes left before the bell rang at the end of class, Mrs. Lambrecht had her class draw

themselves on a bicycle, which is exactly what Dillon Lawson, Lauren Mordecai, Chandler Sumner and Quentin Wentz (below) did.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

"We need to respect other artists' ideas," she said. "We may not understand what we're looking at, but it still needs respect. I think that is transferable to other aspects of life."

Mrs. Lambrecht teaches kindergarten through sixth grade at Eisenhower and also two Art I and two Art II classes at the junior high.

She said she's mostly from Minnesota, but grew up in the Philippines, where her father was a teacher.

She earned a masters degree in art at Hasting College and has taught at Ransom High School, as well as a middle school in Kansas City, a high school in southwest Kansas and several college classes.

Mrs. Lambrecht and her husband live in Stockton, where he is a pastor of the Methodist Churches in Stockton and Woodston.

When she's not teaching, she likes to garden, create art with fibers, and draw with charcoal.



Northern Valley gains students, others drop

By VERONICA MONIER

With the exception of the Northern Valley School District, student enrollment throughout the area seems to be dropping.

The Norton School District has lost 49 students since last year, said Superintendent Greg Mann. Forty-three of those were lost when the 75 students in the 2003 graduating class were replaced with a

much smaller 32 kindergartners this year.

Mr. Mann said the district has a full-time equivalency of 648.6 students and a head count of 706 this year — 350 at Eisenhower Elementary, 109 at Norton Junior High School, and 247 at Norton Community High School — as well as 33 students contracted from Lenora.

Last year, the district had a head county of 755 and a full-time equivalency of

679.2.

He said the lower enrollment is not going to affect this year's budget because the district used last year's figures, but the smaller numbers will be a problem for next year's budget.

A little bit of relief comes from the contracted Lenora students. The Norton district gets \$4,513 per student, which is about \$2,000 less than the district gets for

its own students. Mr. Mann said the Lenora money has been used for technology updates, but this year, the district is going to try to save it until the end of the year.

He said he thinks the reason for the smaller numbers is population declines.

"People have smaller families," he said. "Also, families are waiting longer before

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Norton High School to celebrate Homecoming

By DICK BOYD

Homecoming week at Norton Community High School will begin on Monday and include daily activities highlighted by the crowning of homecoming royalty and the football game with Stockton on Friday.

The Student Advisory Council will coordinate the festivities, said sponsor Jennifer Hauser.

Each day has been designated as a special dressup day for the students.

Monday will be Pajama Day. After school, students will hang Homecoming Spirit Posters in windows of Norton businesses. This will be coordinated by faculty members Vicki Robison and Jody Hadachek.

The Norton freshmen volleyball team will host Osborne on Monday in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, beginning at 5 p.m. The Norton junior varsity football team will also host Osborne on Monday at Travis Field, beginning at 6 p.m.

Tuesday will be Occupation Day. The Lady Jay volleyball team will travel to Atwood to play Colby and Atwood in junior varsity and varsity action. Matches will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Also, the Norton cross country team will compete in Oberlin on Tuesday. Run-

Northern Valley crowns royalty

Northern Valley's week of student spirit activities culminates with tonight's festivities.

During half-time of tonight's football game against Ransom-Bazine in Almena, royalty will be crowned. Nominees for queen are Lindsey Jessup and Kristin Hardy. For king, Jesse Hilburn and Thomas Ostmeyer have been nominated.

This year's attendants are juniors Clarke Nelson and Hope Hansen, sophomores Henry Griffiths and

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Jeana Swisher, a freshman at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, was a winner in the greased pig contest held in conjunction with the college's first homecoming week. She is the daughter of David and Sheila Swisher, Norton. Pictured with Miss Swisher is DaLynn Anderson of Central City, Neb.

Norton schools celebrate

(Continued from Page 1) Sprigg and Derek Volgamore and Casey Carter, Amber Engelbert, Shannon Jones and Claudia Lacy. Seniors who are a member of a fall sports team, the cheerleading squad or the dance team are eligible to be royalty candidates.

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All boosters are invited to hear team reports from football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Bill Johnson and cross country coach Dayton Hager. The video of tonight's Norton-Osborne football game will be shown by Coach Graber..

Thursday is Celebrity Day. Students are invited to dress like their favorite famous person. Coronation rehearsal will be held at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday. Blue and Gold Day is Friday. Junior and senior high students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. so they can attend the pep rally. Eisenhower Elementary will not dismiss early but those wishing to take their children to the parade and pep rally may pick them up at 2:30 p.m.

The grade school students will be allowed to leave the building only with their parent or legal guardian.

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 2:45 p.m. in front of the junior high school. The Pep Rally will begin at 3 p.m. on the west lawn of the county courthouse. Guest speaker will be David Sprigg, father of senior Michael Sprigg.

Buses will run at the normal afternoon dismissal time. Students in grade 7-12 who ride the bus home will be picked up at the courthouse square at about 3:35 p.m.

The Cheerleaders and Dance Team will perform at 6:30 p.m. at Travis Field. The coronation of the king and queen will begin at 6:40 p.m. David Will and his marching band will perform a pre-game show at 6:50 p.m. and will perform again at halftime. In case of bad weather, the coronation will be held at 10:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The Mid-Continent League football game with Stockton will begin at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance will be held in the junior high gym from 10 p.m.-midnight.

The tennis and volleyball teams will play on Saturday. The Lady Jay varsity tennis team will compete in the Mid-Continent League Tournament in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m. and the junior varsity will travel to Colby. Play at Colby will also begin at 9 a.m.

The varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will compete in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament, beginning at 9 a.m. The Lady Jay freshmen volleyball team will compete in the Plainville Tournament, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Class set for future foster parents

A 10-week training seminar for potential foster parents will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Oliff-Boeve Community Room, 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg.

Sponsored by The Farm, a child-care agency, these classes are a licensing requirement for foster parents.

To register call Julie Cowles at (800) 279-9914.



Shari Archer, (center), Norton, modeled the hat she won in a drawing Sunday in Goodland. Mrs. Archer is a member of the Crimson Cuties of Norton, a chapter of the

Red Hat Society. Behind her are some of the "gangster staff". Other Cuties pictured are Sherrill Wendell, (left) and Karla Anderson, (right)

Red Hat chapter goes to 'Roaring '20s' party

The Crimson Cuties of Norton, a chapter of the Red Hat Society, traveled to Goodland Sunday for a Roaring '20s tea party at the historic Ennis House.

Staff at the house, dressed as

flappers and gangsters, served finger sandwiches, cakes, cookies and tea.

Shari Archer won a decorated 1920s hat.

A documentary film about the

era was shown.

The group's next outing will be Tuesday, when they try their luck at the Sac and Fox Casino at Potawatomie.

Saturday, Oct. 9, the group will

be guests of the Oberlin Red Hatters for a fun day at the Bohemian Hall, at the Decatur County Museum.

For information about the chapter call Anise Gill, 877-5170.



Pauline Poage (left) and Judy Luft display some of Mrs. Poage's handiwork at the Heritage Quilt Club's Sept. 13 meeting.

Quilt group shows off handiwork

Quilts, quilts, quilts. Quilts of many sizes, colors and designs were shared as members of the Heritage Quilt Club presented "Show and Tell" at their Sept. 13 meeting.

There were baby quilts, table runners, wall hangings, Christmas stockings and bed-size quilts. Patterns included Drunkard's Path, Log Cabin, Potato Chip, Hen Folks, Underground Railroad, Seeds of Time, Friendship Star and Stained Glass Nativity.

Roll call was answered by 34 members. Alice Mizer, Matasha Otte and Pat Van Allen were guests.

Plans for the "Block of the

Month" project were presented by Regina Stark and names were drawn for "Secret Stitchers". Beverly Kindler presented a proposal for a community service project of making "Benjamin Smiles Pillowcases".

The club has been invited to the Fall Fling of the Prairie Quilt Guild in Holdrege, Neb., on Oct. 12; to a "Quilter's Day Out" Sept. 25 at Hildreth, Neb.; an exhibit of quilts by Heritage Quilt Club at the Logan Library, that was held on Saturday; and a workshop on "Stained Glass" to be led by Jackie Rutherford on Oct. 16.

The program featured a trunk show by Pauline Poage. She

showed off two of the first quilts she made and displayed others with the designs Drunkard's Path, Courthouse Steps, Friendship Star, Little Women and Stack and Whack and a reversible quilt. She also showed quilts she had made in workshops with instructors Mary Ellen Hopkins, Liz Porter, Lynne Hagmeier, Jo Morton, Janet Phelps, Elaine Boese and Sue Nickels.

Hostesses were Judy Luft, Pam Copper, Pam Cuthbertson and Judy Fawcett.

The club's next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at the farm home of Irma Lee Gebhard, Long Island.

Most schools shrink

(Continued from Page 1) having children."

Mr. Mann said the numbers are not truly official until audited by the state, which usually happens in late winter or early spring.

The Northern Valley School District has a head count of 189 and a full-time equivalency of 184.5, which is up from last year's head count of 179 and full-time equivalency of 178, said Superintendent Bill Lowry.

The increase isn't completely new. Last year, the district had an increase of two full-time equivalency students.

Mr. Lowry said the increase is due to a lot of young parents and alumni with children living in the district. He said they also have out-of-district students in attendance.

Last year, the district had a small graduating class of 12. That is the number of first graders this year.

The district has 20 students in the 4-year-old pre-school class, which will add to enrollment numbers next year.

He said there are about 16 students in each class, with some having 17 or 18. The numbers are pretty even across the board with 62 students in kindergarten through fourth grade, 63 students in fifth through eighth grade, and 64 students in high school.

The Jennings School District isn't doing as well, losing more than half of its students. Superintendent Dave DuBois said the district is reporting a loss of 31.5 students. This year, Jennings has a head count of 31 and a full-time equivalency of 30.5. Last year's full-time equivalency was 60.5.

Mr. DuBois said the district will be using last year's equivalency for budget purposes. The board will be discussing the district's future, he said.

The school system graduated a large senior class of 12 students last year, he said, and several families have moved. Others are going to schools in Norton, Oberlin, Hoxie or Golden Plains.

There are different reasons, he said, why each family decided to not have their children go to Jennings. Some thought their children could get better social interaction at a school with more students. Others decided to move because they don't think the school will be around in years to come and wanted to move when it best suited the family.

The Logan School District has lost seven students this year. Superintendent Bob Jackson said they have a kindergarten through 12th-grade head count of 187, compared to last year's, 194. Mr. Jackson said he hasn't figured the full-time equivalency number yet.

The district graduated 19 last year, while getting only 13 in the kindergarten class this year. He said the decline of student enrollment is being caused by a lack of population and fewer kids.

Club gives food items to pantry

Marie Wendel and Nora Washburn were co-hostesses for the Aug. 20 meeting of the North Dividers Family and Community Education Unit. Ten members answered roll call and each brought canned items for God's Pantry.

Members that went on a trip to Beaver City reported they had lunch at the senior center and then went to several shops in town.

Four members helped at the Youth Fun Day.

Donna Bantam, Lois Krauss and Sherrill Wendel created a booth for exhibit at the fair. It was called "Natural Disaster" and showed the ways to be prepared for them. The booth received a red ribbon.

Members discussed projects for the coming year that could use some help. Two suggestions were the Northwest Family Shelter in Hays and Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas in Norton.

Election of officers will be held on Friday and Ruth Lofgreen will be the hostess in place of Sherrill Wendel. A sewing day was to be held in September and 2005 dues should be paid at the September meeting.

Fleta Hanlon gave the lesson "Grass Roots Politics" or "Know Your Candidates and Be Sure to Vote".

The hostess gift was drawn by Sherrill Wendel.

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Northern Valley crowns its royalty

(Continued from Page 1) Andrea Lowry, and freshmen Bryce Marble and Jessica Zillinger.

Earlier today, the four high school classes were to show off their class floats in the annual parade, which was to be at 12:45 p.m. School was to let out early at 1 p.m.