

Friday
March 3, 2006

Norton, Kansas
Home of Jim Gordon

Briefly

Property must be filed soon

All personal property must be filed with the Norton County Appraiser's Office by Wednesday, March 15 to avoid the application of penalties and late filing.

Types of personal property needed to be reported include mobile homes (not listed on owned real estate); trucks and pickups with a tag greater than 12M; nonhighway or untagged vehicles; camping, car and utility trailers, unless tagged with an RV tag; golf carts; snowmobiles; all-terrain vehicles; boats, motors, jet ski, and trailers; aircraft; and business and office equipment.

Any person or business which has in their possession any tangible personal property belonging to others (not specifically listed above) must list the property with the appraiser in the names of the owner of the property.

If you are uncertain whether you have property that you are required to report, contact the office, on the second floor of the Norton County Courthouse, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., or phone 785-877-5700.

Man to benefit from hog roast

The Royal Neighbors of America will sponsor a whole-hog roast to help raise money for a Norcatuar man who has leukemia.

The benefit for Jim and Teresa Arnold will start at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, at the Norcatuar school cafeteria.

Mr. Arnold is at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver for treatment.

The benefit will help offset his medical expenses. All donations can be made to the Royal Neighbors of America, which will also take donations through the mail for those who are unable to attend. Mail checks to Lora Arnold, Route 1, Box 119, Clayton, Kan. 67629.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy and not as cool. Breezy with lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday — Partly cloudy and windy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 30 mph.

Saturday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

Sunday — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

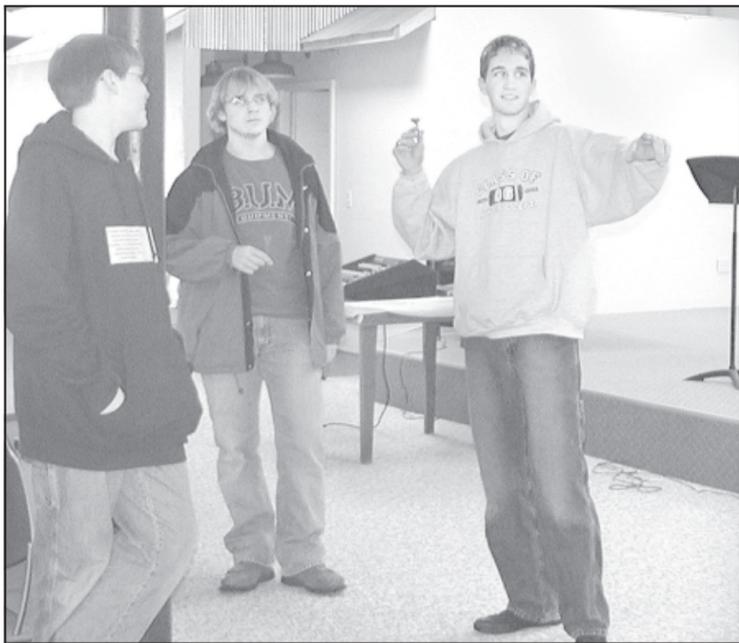
Prayer

Our Father, we praise you for your constant presence in our lives, and we cherish the opportunity to come to you in prayer always. **Amen**



Dane Krizek is surrounded by girls (above) as they hang-out in the front window of The Rock Youth Center, downtown Norton. The girls are, left to right, Naomi Streck, Kayla Douglas, Alexi Wolf and

Darci Darling. David Mizell and Ben Wuest (below) look on as Stephen Mizell takes aim with a dart in the game area of The Rock. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Youth center gives teens a place to hang-out

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Ready, or not, here they come.

There might be a few odd jobs remaining to be finished at The Rock Youth Center, but the board of directors of the center have decided to begin the regular schedule, anyway.

Beginning Saturday, The Rock will be open every Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. An entry fee of \$3 will be charged.

All youth will sign-in when they enter the center. However, one of the main rules states that once a youth leaves the facility he or she will not be allowed to return that night.

Board member Julie Douglas said there will be a concession stand open during the

evening.

Some of the activities for the youth to take part in include playing pool, ping pong, X-Box, foosball, cards, and board games. The board plans to add more.

Two events in the planning stages are Junior High Night and Family Night.

All events will depend on volunteers. The board is in need of workers to be in charge of an evening, volunteers to help with sign-in/out, concessions and the game areas. Worship teams are also needed for every night the facility is open.

Some needs the youth center still have include: two more televisions, an X-Box, an electric roaster, a variety of card games. (Continued on Page 5)

Hospital gets grant for bioterrorism

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Hospital has grant money to spend before this summer.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller told the hospital board at its last meeting that the hospital had applied for a \$19,500 bioterrorism grant and it was approved.

The hospital, he said, has until June 30 to use the grant money.

With the money, Mr. Miller said the hospital plans to upgrade the negative air equipment in the isolation room area; upgrade the decontamination area and possibly set up a second decontamination area; buy medications and vaccines so the hospital has them in stock; send staff through education and training; and increase the surge capacity, including buying more cots, etc., in case something happens where more people need treatment than the hospital has beds for.

Mr. Miller said the hospital has been holding utility studies, looking at natural gas, electric and water use. They have been trying to work with the employees on conserving energy, since the cost of everything has gone up.

He said the hospital received a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, regarding the financial information the (Continued on Page 5)



Naomi Streck practiced while Mat Sheperd looked on. The two recently competed in the Kansas State Piano contest. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Musicians make it to state

Three local piano students placed well against other Kansas high school pianists at the State Piano Contest held Feb. 18 in Wichita.

Naomi Streck received a I rating for her performance of "Notturmo" composed by Edvard Grieg. Mathew Sheperd earned a II when he played "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven. Both are students of Donna Severns.

Stanton Nelson, student of Jennifer Ruder, also received a I. He performed "Prelude in G Minor" by Rachmaninoff.