

Tuesday
October 31, 2006

Hobnobbing with goblins



Carebears mixed with dragons, princesses mingled with storm troopers, and parents kept an eye on everyone during the annual Heller Halloween Festival Friday evening. A parade made up of all sorts, from fairies to superheroes, to villains to monsters, walked down State and Washington streets to get to the weiner roast held by the volunteer fire department. See more photos of the event on Page 8. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Norton, Kansas
Home of Jim Green

Briefly

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

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. Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin and head cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on their team's latest competition. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Clinic will have flu shots Nov. 4

Flu shots will be available at the Norton Doctors Clinic beginning Saturday, Nov. 4. No appointment is necessary.

Today is last day to renew 'S' tags

Today is the deadline for the renewal of automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags for those persons whose last name begins with or business name that begins with "S". When renewing your vehicles, remember to include proof of insurance. Vehicle Identification Number, policy number and expiration date will be verified. The county treasurer reminds drivers needing a Commercial Driver's License that it will have to be renewed at a full-service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby. If someone needs to renew their regular driver's licenses and or get identification cards, they can do that at the Norton County office.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows around 18. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy with lows around 19 and light winds. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 34, High 62
Saturday Low 35, High 70
Sunday Low 39, High 74
Monday Low 40, High 67
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your revelations and for your patience until we're ready to receive them. Please keep us wrapped in your loving arms and open to your abundant grace.
Amen

Fire property may become Norton's

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council is thinking about taking over the property that was destroyed by fire downtown.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said she has been working on an agreement with Lee and Siobhan Hanes about the city cleaning up the damaged property. If the city cleans up the property, the Hanes will deed the property over to it.

The agreement says the city will keep the \$5,000 insurance payment, which was made to the fire insurance proceeds fund and the Hanes would give the city \$5,000 from the money they received from their insurance company or from their own pocket. Also, she said, the Hanes would be responsible for paying 2006 property taxes and will give the city the titles from both U.S. 36 Collectibles and the archery club.

The city, she said, will keep anything

found on the property.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said Penco Engineering will be inspecting Pure Prairie's wall to make sure it is stable and will advise the city on clean up procedures for the property that was destroyed. He said he also checked with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment about the fire debris. They said there shouldn't be any problems with the city cleaning it up.

He said the landfill will take all of the brick, concrete and mortar free of charge as long as it is separated from the metal and wood.

Mrs. Griffiths said they were applying for the Hometown Helper grant from Hamburger Helper to see if it would cover clean up.

Councilwoman Donna Foley asked if they qualified for disaster assistance to help pay for the clean up.

Mr. Lawson said he didn't know, but would check into it.

The council sent the agreement to the Finance Committee to make a recommendation.

In other business, the council:
• Heard from Mayor David Corns that he is sending a letter from the city to its state senators and representatives, expressing the city's concern of changing the drivers' license renewal stations to a regional location.

• Approved a 10-year lease agreement with Nex-Tech, which will allow the company to put radio communication equipment on the city's water tower for \$300 a month.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that a meeting was held at the sewer plant. The project, he said, is about 10 percent finished.

• Thanked John and Lee Mapes for donating a slide at Mapes Park in Westridge and thanked Carolyn Applegate and the Community Association for the work that

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Governor up by one vote in straw poll

By TOM DREILING

Seven more straw poll votes arrived at *The Telegram* office since Friday's report, moving Gov. Kathleen Sebelius ahead by a single vote, 50-49. She garnered 5 of the 7.

This gives the straw poll an even 100 respondents since its start in late September. A total of 99 votes were recorded, and one counted as taking part despite the fact that person would not vote for either candidate on Nov. 7.

The deadline for taking part in the poll is officially today; however, you can e-mail tom@d@nwkans.com, call 877-6908 or 877-3361, fax 877-

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Achievements will be recognized at special night

Norton County 4-H members, Leaders and Parents will be recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, to be held Sunday evening, Nov. 5 at the 4-H Building in Norton, according to Keith VanSkiike, County Extension Director. A carry in dinner sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber and 4-H families will be served at 5 p.m., and the program is to begin after the meal.

"Color Your World with 4-H" will be the theme and will help set the mood for the event. Member recognition is planned with the prestigious I Dare You award and Key Awards given to older 4-H'ers for Leadership Achievements. The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce is helping to co-host the event and will sponsor the

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Pick-em contest won by Lincoln man

By DICK BOYD

The football fans entering *The Telegram's* Pigskin Pick-Em Contest had some tough choices last week as only six missed as few as two contests and Brad Killian, Lincoln, came closest to the tiebreaker game score to win the \$15 in scrip first place money.

Killian missed the Oklahoma win over Missouri and Kentucky's victory over Mississippi State. Kansas State won the tiebreaker contest over Iowa State by a 31-10 score. Killian picked it 31-21 or 11 points off the actual scores of the two teams.

Barbara Springer, Hoisington, also missed two games. She miscued on the Oklahoma win and Oklahoma State's victory over Nebraska. Springer chose Kansas State by 24-17 or 14 points off and will receive the \$10 scrip money second prize.

Third prize of \$5 in scrip money will go to Kristy Keilig, Norton, who was incorrect on the Nebraska loss and Indiana's win over Michigan State. She chose Kan-

sas State in the tiebreaker by 28-24 or 17 points off.

Chaylee Lowry, Almena, missed the Oklahoma State and Oklahoma wins and chose Kansas State by 31-28 or 18 points off to just miss the money prizes.

Keegan Smith, Norton, and Cindy Lowry, Almena, were the other two fans who missed just two games but both selected Iowa State as the winner over Kansas State in the tiebreaker.

Correct on all but three contests were: Lexie McDowell, Brody McDowell, Aaron McDowell, all of Hill City; LeeRoy Schukman, Hays; Evelyn Springer, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Brian Thompson, Chris Pinzenscham, both of Almena; Frank Kaiser, Jim Springer, both of Long Island; Mark Keilig, Sady Keilig, Spencer Shirk, Justina (no last name), Deb Thiele, Rosalie Schulze, Marj Allen, Dalton Miller, Patty Gall, Ben Gallegos, Kelly Hill, Dusty Eagleburger, all of Norton. Missing four games were: Aaron

Pinzenscham, Colton Lowry, both of Almena; Mike Hammond, Emily Vallin, both of Long Island; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Andy Moore, Nancy Moore, Randy Springer, all of Hoisington; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Billy Smith, Luke Keilig, Amanda Ray, Nathan Morse, Travis Ray, Jeris Norman, Ann Becker, Brent Carter, Misty Nuzum, Mary Ann Hager, Virginia Carlton, Rick Green, Julia Gallegos, Dalton Smith, Drew Eagleburger, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five games were: Carol Voss, Curtis Lowry, Janette Callaway, Bob Covington, all of Almena; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Don Wiseman, Edmond; Tim Moore, Hoisington; Karen Shearer, Dwight Vallin, Jeremy Laurin, Craig Hammond, all of Long Island; Laura Washburn, David Riemann, Craig Foley, Linda Matson, Kathy Erbert, Jennifer Terrell, Kama Mandl, Sandy Husted, Tom Baumann, Tracy Sproul, Johanna

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