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Norton, Kansas
Home of Chad Manning

Briefly

Pancake supper will help family

A benefit pancake supper will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Educational Building in Norcatur for Gail Bailey and for the family of Larry Lyon.

Mr. Bailey was injured in a four-wheeler accident and Mr. Lyon died Nov. 10 after suffering a heart attack. Free will donations will be accepted to help both families defray medical expenses.

Scouts collecting nonperishables

The Norton Boy Scouts Troop 181 will be holding their annual food drive next week.

The Scouts will be picking up food on Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning at 9 a.m.

They ask that people please leave donated food items in a plastic bag on the porch in plain sight.

The food will be delivered to God's Pantry.

High school holds blood drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The drive is being hosted by Norton Community High School and will be held in the junior high gym.

For an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or 800-448-3543. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Colder with lows in the lower 20s.

North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of rain showers or snow showers in the morning, then a chance of sprinkles in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s with light winds and a 20% chance of precipitation. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers or snow showers in the evening. Lows around 20 with light winds. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 50s. Light winds. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 20s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 32, High 52
Wednesday Low 29, High 45. Prec. .10
Thursday Low 19, High 54
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to trust you and to look for your hand at work, no matter what life brings. **Amen**

A little bit of history



She lead Lewis and Clark on their expedition of western America. Sacajawea, left, portrayed by Kylie Kinderknecht, with Carson Wallace, center, as Clark and Damian Wellman as Lewis, were part of the play presented by Julie Thompson's second grade class at Northern Valley

Grade School. The class has been studying about Native American Indians. Other members of the class are Trace Claflin, Johnathon Towery, Kade Unterseher, Paul Wittenburg, Joe Heskett and Drake Shearer. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Director fills in development board

By DEENA WENTE,
KQNK Radio

The director's report was the highlight of the meeting of the Norton County Economic Development board Tuesday night.

Director Wade Carter reported on the meetings he has gone to and the contacts made from those meetings. He said he was approached by the City of Edmond for help with getting a rural water district in that area. He said he will also be helping the city with a business plan.

Mr. Carter told the board that he has met with the Almena City Council on the different activities that they want to accomplish and will be researching grants to help pay for some of the projects.

He said pictures have been taken of sev-
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School district keeps up technology

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District is trying to keep its technology up to date.

Superintendent Greg Mann said at Monday's school board meeting that, as part of a set rotation, the district replaces the computers in one of its labs. The computers being replaced are then distributed around the district, so that the oldest 10 to 15 computers are retired.

This year, he said, the 25 computers in the fifth and sixth grade lab at Eisenhower are set to be replaced. The lab will be reconfigured to be wireless, but to do so, it needs a new wireless hub that comes with a modem and an antenna port. The lab used to be wireless, but the equipment making it so is now out-dated and won't work as well.

He said a new wireless hub is needed

at the high school, which will have an Ethernet power source. The accelerated reading server at the high school also needs to be replaced.

Mr. Mann said it is time to replace the superintendent's computer, which is also on the rotation plan. He requested that it be wireless as well.

The total cost, he said, is \$26,546, with the money coming out of the Lenora contract fund.

The board approved the purchases.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Mr. Mann that both the fall play and the high school vocal concert went very well.

- "The kids did a really nice job," he said.
- Learned that Nelson Brothers Construction had the low bid to remodel the in-school suspension room for just over \$5,000.

- Heard that the Blue Cross Blue Shield refund was approximately \$66,000. The board's portion will be distributed with the November payroll to district staff as was agreed upon in the Master Contract negotiations.

- Signed a new contract with Lenora. The Lenora School District signed the agreement earlier in the month at its board meeting.

- Heard a wellness curriculum report from School Nurse Vicki Enfield. She presented information on wellness terms, immunization requirements and school nurse duties.

- Heard a report from Frank Otter, the board's representative on the Board of Control for the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He said they are still working on an endow-
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With the clock ticking, Tommy Hanes, a third grade student from Northern Valley, placed name tags on bushel baskets full of wheat, corn, milo and sunflower seeds. Kristin Goin, representing Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom helped him identify the grains. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Students leave the classroom to learn about ag

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Norton, Lenora and Northern Valley elementary school children learned more about Kansas agriculture this week.

During a hands-on school program presented by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, the students learned about farm animals, grains and natural resources. The students were split into three segments, kindergarten, first and second learned about farm animals; third and fourth graders heard about grains and oils; the fifth and sixth graders studied natural resources.

A grant awarded to Norton County Conservation District funded the program. Kristin Goin, a graduate of Kansas State University, involved the students in the program encouraging them to identify grains, understand different food sources and learn about advances in scientific
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