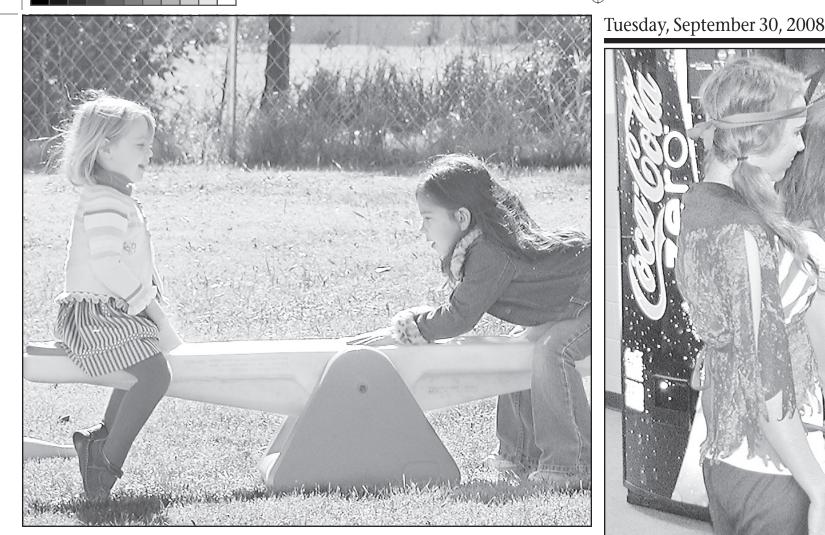
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Olivia Miller and Libbi Puga played outside at Holly's Clubhouse Monday afternoon. Holly Puga, owner of Holly's Clubhouse, has the children go outside everyday if the weather is nice enough.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

New day care center opens in Norton

By BRANDY LEROUX

bleroux@nwkansas.com Holly Puga has opened a new day care center in Norton called Holly's Clubhouse.

Mrs. Puga has worked as a day care provider for several years, first while attending Norton Community High School, working at Sunshine Learning Center for all four years of high school, then providing day care out of her home for six years.

In August, Mrs. Puga and her husband, Cory, bought a building close to Eisenhower Elementary for her day care center. It was remodeled within a month, and opened shortly after that.

There are three age groups in the day care, the Buttercups, ages 2 months to 2 1/2 years, the Fireflies, 21/2 to 6 years, and the Dragonflies, ages 6 and up.

There are two staff members in the Buttercups' room at all

"There are age-appropriate toys, they have separate areas both inside and out, they do singing, have three stories a day

Wednesday, Oct. 1 — Life-

touch school pictures, starts in

Long Island at 8:00 a.m.; Title

I learning meeting at Salina,

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; "Trust

Me" Assembly for jr. and sr. high

in the big gym at Almena, 1:00

p.m.; "Charting Your Course"

Assembly for grade schoolers in

the big gym, 2:45 p.m.; College

Planning Conference at Norton

Thursday, Oct. 2 — JH Vol-

leyball at Osborne, 4:00 p.m.; JH

Football at Osborne, 6:00 p.m.;

HS dance team practice; Struc-

turing meeting at Hays; College

Planning Conference at Colby,

Friday, Oct. 3 — Structuring

meeting at Hays; JH marching

band rehearse with HS band in

Almena from 11:30 a.m. to 12:05

p.m.; NO PRESCHOOL, ECD meeting at Glade; HS Football

vs. Cheylin at Almena, 7:00 p.m.,

High School, 7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

read to them, they listen to music while they play and they also do coloring and painting, and they get at least one hour outside each day, if the weather is nice enough," said Mrs. Puga.

The Fireflies go through preschool teachings, to include letters, counting, shapes, colors, numbers, songs, and stories, and have "centers" — play cooking, a play cash register and shopping cart, a washer and dryer, music with a keyboard and guitar, trucks and legos — to play

"We pick one letter, one shape and one number a week. Last week was the letter D, the shape diamond, and the number 3. We made up a silly sentence that had as many words start with D as possible, like 'Debbie the dog walked with the duck down to the dock.' We cut out diamond shapes and put tails on them, making kites," said Mrs. Puga.

For the Fireflies, there is a staff to child ratio of 1 to 10.

The Dragonflies are at school during the day. Mrs. Puga walks

HS Dance team will perform at

Saturday, Oct. 4 — HS Vol-

leyball Ellis Tournament at Ellis,

8:30 a.m.; FFA District Green-

hand Conference/Fall Area Meet-

Monday, Oct. 6 — HS Dance

Tuesday, Oct. 7 — Jostens rep

to meet with sophomores and

seniors, 11:00 a.m.; Colby Col-

lege rep visit in the conference

room, 1:00 p.m.; HS Volleyball

vs. Golden Plains/Triplains at

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - K-4

Senior Citizen Program at the

Senior Center in Almena, 1:30

p.m.; K-State College rep visit in

the conference room, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 — JH Volley-

ball vs. Thunder Ridge in Long

Island, 4:00 p.m.; JH Football

vs. Thunder Ridge in Long Is-

team practice; HS JV Football at

ing at Norton, 9:00 a.m.

Cheylin, 5:00 p.m.

Almena, 4:00 p.m.

half-time.

the block to Eisenhower to pick up children in her day care from school. When they get back to the Clubhouse, the children get snacks and weather permitting, go outside to play, or do arts and

Mrs. Puga has four staff members working for her right now. She requires at least a high school diploma, a 10-hour class on child care, 12 1/2 hours observation at Sunshine Learning Center or Head Start.

"I would like to give a special thanks to my husband Cory for always believing in me, my mom and dad for all their support and wisdom, Jason and Samantha Bowen for the countless hours of help in making my Clubhouse a dream come true," said Mrs.

Holly's Clubhouse is a statelicensed day care facility. Her hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., though she will open at 6:00 a.m. if there is enough need.

towards the end of October.

practice; Hearing and Vision

screening starting in Long Island,

8:15 am.; PowerSchool User's

Group Training in Hays, 9:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; JH marching

band rehearse with high school

band in Almena from 11:30 a.m.

to 12:05 p.m.; HS Cross Country

meet at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.;

Yearbook meeting and supper at

Wilsons' house in Almena, 6:15

Friday, Oct. 10 — Homecom-

ing parade downtown, 2:45 p.m.;

HS Football vs. Weskan at Al-

mena, 7:00 p.m., homecoming

game, HS dance team will per-

Saturday, Oct. 11 — HS Vol-

leyball Hill City tournament at

Hill City, 8:30 a.m.; FFA Fall

leadership training at Salina,

10:00 a.m.; Homecoming Dance

in the lunchroom at Almena, 8:00

form at half-time.

p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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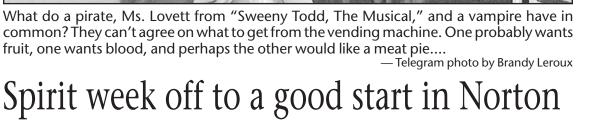
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By BRANDY LEROUX

bleroux@nwkansas.com Not only has football season returned, but it's also the time of year for high school homecom-

Norton Community High School will be having their annual "Spirit Week" leading up to homecoming.

Monday was "Costume Day," Tuesday was "Sports Team Day," Wednesday will be "Tacky Day," Thursday will be "Twin Day," and Friday is "Blue Jay Pride Day."

Students and faculty will dress up this week, every day getting more excited about homecoming. The Student Advisory Council has already chosen secret judges, usually faculty, to pick winners from each day's theme. There are also contests with first, sec-

downtown posters and the floats in the parade. The secret judges pick one girl

and one boy — except on twin day, when it's two boys and two girls — and announce the winners from all categories during the pep rally at the courthouse. The Homecoming King and

Queen are elected on Wednesday, and the results are a closelyguarded secret.

"Only two people know the results, and it is kept top-secret until the coronation," said high school principal Rudy Perez.

Friday's homecoming festivities will kick off with a parade at 2:45. The junior and senior high students will be let out early from school to attend the parade, and parents of students at Eisenhower

ond and third place prizes for the Elementary can request to pick their kids up to take them to the parade.

The parade will end at the county courthouse, where the pep rally will be held. Fidelis Millan is the speaker at the pep rally this year. His son, Senior Nish Millan, is a starting lineman for Norton and freshman son Trey is also on the team..

The coronation of King and Queen will take place at Travis Field, right before the football game against St. Francis.

The homecoming dance will end the week's festivities, starting at 10:00 in the 4-H building.

LODGE NOTICES



Second and Fourth Monday Gil Otter, Commander



Eagles Lodge FOE 3288 Second and Fourth

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Marvin Matchett, President

John Walsh, Secretary Sons of the



Doyle Brooks, Adjutant



Veterans of Foreign Wars Reg. 7:00 p.m.

Curt Archibald, Commander Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster



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Meet at Eagles Club First and Third Thursday Each Month at 7:30 p.m. Horace Collins, Noble Grand Randy Knoll, Secretary

Wheat blends offer stability to farmers

Blends of two to three wheat va- other fields in the area." rieties have become increasingly popular over the past 10 years in Kansas, according to recent wheat variety acreage reports from Kan-

sas Agricultural Statistics. That's not surprising to Kansas State University agronomist Jim Shroyer. Blends have some advantages in many situations,

"Blends can offer producers some yield stability in most cases," said Shroyer, who is a crop production specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "While any one variety may do much better or worse than other varieties in the same vicinity, having a blend of two or three varieties can usually even out those ups and downs. This reduces the chances of having a landlord upset because the variety planted on his or her land yielded considerably less than

Blends have some disadvantages, as well, he said.

"Blends are unlikely to result in the highest yields possible in any given year," Shroyer said. "And blends do not provide the same level of management flexibility as a pure variety."

The K-State 2007-08 Wheat Variety Performance Test included several blends. In most cases, the yield of the blend was close to the average yield of the components in the blend. The interesting factor to look at is the range of yields among the components, he said.

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High School Sports This Week





Northern Valley



FOOTBALL:

Norton Blue Jays vs. St. Francis in Homecoming Game. 7 p.m. Friday in Norton Norton Junior Varsity vs. St. Francis...... 6 p.m. Monday in St. Francis Northern Valley Junior Varsity vs. Cheylin 5 p.m. Monday in Cheylin

VOLLEYBALL:

Norton Lady Jays vs. Smith Center/Trego (V, JV) 5 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Center Norton Lady Jays C-team vs. St. Francis 5 p.m. Monday in St. Francis Northern Valley Lady Huskies vs. Golden Plains/Triplains 4 p.m. Tuesday in Almena Logan Lady Trojans vs. Palco/Western Plains. 4 p.m. Today in Palco Logan Lady Trojans vs. Palco/Thunder Ridge..... 4 p.m. Tuesday in Logan

CROSS COUNTRY:

Norton Lady Jays in MCL Tournament 9 a.m. Saturday in Phillipsburg

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