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Briefly

Popular columnist sidelined by fall

Popular Norton Telegram columnist, Liza Deines, has been sidelined for a while and explains her situation in the following note:

Dear Norton Friends,

Just a few lines to let you all know that I am in a rehab facility nursing a broken knee. I don't know how many weeks I will be here but I would appreciate it if you would hold all email messages until further notice. I fell out of the shower stall and went boom -- don't do it, it hurts!

I am at Villages of Jackson Creek, Building B, Room 329, 3980 South Jackson Drive, Independence Mo. 64057. I am planning to return to The Carlyle when I can walk again.

Keep me in your prayers, please as I keep all you in mine.

Liza Deines, the Child of the 40's.

Almena Pride to host fund raiser

The Almena Community PRIDE and Junior PRIDE are serving a pancake/sausage supper Saturday, Oct. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Almena Community Center. Free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for cupboards in the new community building.

Cancer Survivors Group to meet

The October meeting of the Cancer Survivors Support Group will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in the board room of the Norton County Hospital. The meeting's theme will be a "Remembrance Service" for those who have passed on this year. The public is invited. October is Breast Cancer Month. If you are a breast cancer survivor, please wear your pink and the pink ribbon. Even cowboys wear pink!

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 42. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south. **Saturday** — Sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 46. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 72. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 43. **Monday** — A 20 percent chance of rain. **Tuesday** — A 20 percent chance of rain.

Kingham report:

Oct. 14 Low 36, High 48, .80 Precip.
Oct. 15 Low 40, High 56
Oct. 16 Low 34, High 62
Total precipitation: .80 inches
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for loving and caring for us, and for all the help you bring us. **Amen**



Bill Manning, right, handed out miniature pumpkins to students at Eisenhower Elementary Monday afternoon. Mr. Manning grew the pumpkins in his garden, enough for every student.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

They're little but they're pumpkins

By BRANDY LEROUX
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In a world where bad news seems to dominate the airwaves, it's refreshing to find those people who do good deeds for no reason other than they're good people.

Bill Manning, one of the owners of The End Zone in Norton, and Corey Roy, Eisenhower Elementary Principal, got together last fall and decided they would like to grow miniature pumpkins — enough to give to every student at Eisenhower.

And it worked. A little more than 400 pumpkins were delivered to Eisenhower Monday morning, and each student was allowed to pick one.

According to Mr. Roy, Mr. Manning

did all the planning, planting, growing and care-taking and harvesting of the pumpkins, and he deserves all the credit for the success. Mr. Manning credits Mr. Roy for the idea, and Mother Nature for a good growing season this summer.

Mr. Manning planted 5 rows of miniature pumpkins, each row 40 feet long.

"We both have gardens, but mine is bigger, so I went ahead and bought all the seeds from the Norton Greenhouse and planted them in my garden," said Mr. Manning. "I didn't know until just a couple of weeks ago if we'd have enough to give to every student."

Mr. Manning had two young "helpers" with the harvesting — his grandsons, Matthew, 5, and Logan, 2. His wife, Janet, was also on hand to help the "helpers."

"We had a lot of fun getting the pumpkins," said Mr. Manning. "The boys just had a blast playing in the dirt, and my wife and I enjoyed the time with them."

Mr. Manning had never grown miniature pumpkins before, and wasn't sure how it would turn out.

"At the end of it, I think we had picked about 500 pumpkins, and there's still some left in the garden.

"I was asked by someone what 400 pumpkins look like, and I told him it's not what you'd imagine because they're miniature, not the regular-sized pumpkins," said Mr. Manning. "It was just a wheelbarrow-full."

Mr. Manning said he might do it again next year, maybe throw in a little variety in the pumpkins.

Haunted house sparks caution

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Doctor John Leipold, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer at Valley Hope, held a haunted house in his basement last Halloween. It went so well, he decided to go bigger this year.

"On the professional side, I wanted to have a community service event for Norton, to provide an opportunity for something other than drinking and driving or mischief and also to raise money for our patient care fund. On the personal side, my wife loves this holiday, and we wanted to do something fun," said Dr. Leipold.

The planning for the haunted house started in July, though it will take only about a week to set up.

"Everything is being built in pieces in John's basement, and then being brought over to the National Guard Armory," said Megan O'Connor, Executive Producer for the haunted house and Director of Development at Valley Hope. "We're a little more than half way done."

The fire department was brought in to do safety inspections, and the police department was taken on a tour through the armory to show them where the scare stations will be, and how to get around in case of an emergency. Norton County Emergency Medical Services volunteers will be at the armory every night.

The haunted house will include eight "scare stations," and each scare station has its own group of volunteers and actors.

Curt Krebsbach, Director of Training at Valley Hope, will be playing "The Butcher" in the haunted house.

"The haunted house is for adults and older teenagers only. It's very intense, and we strongly recommend that young children not be allowed to go through it," said Amy Daniels, Director of the haunted house and Client Relations Specialist at Valley Hope.

"Up to eight people in a group will be led through the haunted house by a guide. There are several escape doors. If it becomes too intense for anyone, just ask the guide to be let you out," she said.

It takes about 15 minutes to go through the haunted house.

The actors are not allowed to touch the people going through the haunted house, and the people going through the haunted house are not allowed to touch the actors or the props.

There are warnings and precautions to going into the haunted house. The first one is that the haunted house was built with adults in mind, and is not appropriate for small children. It uses special

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Enrollment numbers up

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Norton School District Superintendent Greg Mann gave a report on the enrollment numbers at Monday night's board of education meeting.

The Norton School District has 743 students. Eisenhower Elementary has a head count of 353 students, the junior high has 128 students, the high school has 226, and the learning center has 36 students. The total number of students in October 2007 was 723.

Joan Bolt, physical education teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, gave a presentation to the board of the GeoFitness program that she has been able to implement since she received a grant and was awarded \$2800 worth of equipment.

Eisenhower Elementary is one of only

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By DICK BOYD
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Five fans missed just two games in a week of upsets in the *Norton Telegram's* sixth week of the Pigskin Pick-Em Contest, all five missed the tiebreaker game winner and Brody McDowell, Hill City, emerged as the winner of the \$15 scrip money first prize by being closest to the scores of the two tiebreaker teams.

Texas upset Oklahoma 45-35 in the tiebreaker game. Brody, who missed the Oklahoma State upset of Missouri and Kansas State win over Texas A&M, chose Oklahoma to win 41-35 or 16 total points off the teams' actual scores.

Jennifer Wahlmeier, Norton, won second place scrip money of \$10 by missing the Oklahoma State win and Ellis upset of Norton. She chose Oklahoma over Texas by 31-28 or 21 points off.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to Randy Springer, Hoisington, who also missed the Oklahoma State and Ellis wins

and chose Oklahoma by 35-21 in the tiebreaker game, or 24 total points off.

Also missing two games and points off on the tiebreaker game were Doug Ray, Norton, 32; Kenney Leiker, Hays, 35.

Correct on all but three contests were: Jim Springer, Hank Kaiser, both of Long Island; Donna Nelson, Lenora; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Tim Moore, Evelyn Springer, both of Hoisington; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Sandy Husted, Virginia Carlton, Rosalie Schulze, Kollean McMullen, Kathleen McConney, Ryan Blecha, Craig Foley, all of Norton.

Missing four games were: Ann Becker, Lenora; Christal Rose, Arapahoe, Neb.; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Andy Moore, Nancy Moore, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Tom Baumann, Janiece Walter, Fig Millan, David Riemann, Jacob Green, Dennis Maybon, Lacy Keilig, Eric Farber, Renee Farber, Tami Antrim, Dustan Daniels, all of Norton.

Miscuing on five contests were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Sandi Winchell, Almena; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Bob Moore, Hoisington; Rick Green, Luke Keilig, Sady Keilig, Charlotte Stephenson, Mary Ann Hager, Dillon McConney, Tiffney Yeager, LeRoy Newell, Tina Tanner, Shirley Kelley, Lawrence Wiseman, Anastasia Foley, Mark Keilig, Lynn Nelson, Douglas Daniels, Naedean Whitney, Megan O'Connor, Regina Beikman, all of Norton; one no name entry.

Getting all but six games correct were: Carol Voss, Almena; Jared Foley, Wichita; Jeris Norman, Georgie Rorabaugh, Gary Matson, Spencer Shirk, Tom Davis, Robert Blecha, Kristy Keilig, Baylee Miller, Dalton Miller, Patty Gall, Jeff Elliott, Nathan Morse, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Seven misses were recorded by: HiPlains Co-op, Lenora; Dorothy Shearer, (Continued on Page 5)