

Tuesday

September 21, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Marie Wendel

Briefly

Church to hold supper, bazaar

The Almena United Methodist Church is having its annual supper and bazaar from 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the Almena Community Building.

The menu has changed this year. Jeff Callaway will be preparing roast beef, scalloped potatoes and green beans plus home-made pies.

A quilt, two afghans, home canned foods and home baked goods will be for sale.

Donation will be accepted and everyone is invited.

Rummage sale to aid food pantry

The Trinity Episcopal Church will be holding a rummage sale from 5-7 p.m., Friday and a rummage/bake sale from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday.

All proceeds from this two-day event go to help support God's Pantry.

Blue Jay boosters to hold meeting

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton Community High School football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Bill Johnson and cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on early season competition by their teams.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Occasional thunderstorms. Cooler with lows in the lower 50s. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with showers likely. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of showers 70 percent.

Wednesday Night — Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 70s with west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night — Clear with lows in the upper 40s.

Howell report:

Friday High 92, Low 61
Saturday High 100, Low 69
Sunday High 90, Low 69, Prec. .08
Monday High 88, Low 67
Week ago High 100, Low 61
Month ago High 90, Low 55
Year ago High 76, Low 50
September precipitation 1.26 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 17.84 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

O Lord, fill our mouths with sweet words, and help us trust your ability to resolve differences that occur between others and us. Amen

Anonymous flyer makes accusations

By VERONICA MONIER

A recently mailed flyer has Norton County residents scratching their heads. The flyer is signed Norton County Environmentalists but carries no individual writers names. It makes accusations about confined animal feeding operations and a Norton County commissioner.

"Two of our Norton County commissioners claim to be environmentalists and keepers of our water," the flyer proclaims.

"We are questioning the validity of such comments."

It goes on to say that an unnamed commissioner has chosen not to control the pollution on a small feedlot he owns. It says the commissioner hasn't cleaned the lot for months and has allowed weeds to grow, creating "a direct source for nitrates to go down because of roots breaking the hard pan seal".

Commissioner Leroy Lang, said he is

the owner of the lot in question but added that he wasn't aware that he was looking the other way.

He said he has been working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on building a new lot near the old one. He applied for a permit in 1996 and has been working on getting a new lot built since then. While that is being done, he said state officials told him

to use the lot he's been using.

Mr. Lang said it is used as a wintering lot for about 120 days a year. He said nothing is ever full-fed there.

The flyer said confined animal feeding operation rules apply to "any operation over 300 animal units..."

Mr. Lang said he keeps around 120-130 head of calves at the lot when in use. He said the animals are put in there three or (Continued on Page 5)



Four-year old Wyatt Helland took a long, last look at his mom, Tana Rae Riley-Helland before he got a little teary as she prepared to leave for active duty.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Mother answers call to active duty

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Her flight may have been postponed a day, but E-4 Specialist Tana Rae Riley-Helland caught a plane Saturday morning that took her a world away from her home in Edmond.

Originally scheduled to leave Friday from Hays, the military chose to delay her departure a day and ship her, instead, out of the McCook Airport.

E-4 Riley-Helland had been in the Individual Ready Reserves for more than four years following her change of status from active duty to active reserve during a difficult first pregnancy.

She had already been in the Army more than two years when she opted to take what the military calls "Chapter 7", allowing her to choose the reserves. She always knew, however, that she could be called back to active duty.

That call came a little more than a month ago. She was being reactivated.

But, now her family included not only 4-year old Wyatt, but 3-month old Rhett. (Continued on Page 5)

Quiznos Sub shop ready to serve sandwiches

By DICK BOYD

The Quiznos Sub restaurant which opened Friday on West U.S. 36 in Norton is ready to be the "toast of the town".

Featured in the new Italian-style eatery are sandwiches baked open-face through a conveyor oven. They are warmed just enough to melt the cheese and toast the bread in each of the more than 20 subs on the menu.

In addition to subs, the menu offers soups, salads and desserts. The franchise owners are Larry and Vicki Enfield and Bruce and Beth Reeves, all of Norton.

The new restaurant will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Founded in Denver in 1981, Quiznos Sub has grown to be the second largest sub sandwich chain in America. Quiznos Sub can also be found worldwide.

The Quiznos in Norton is estimated to be about No. 3,500, said Terry Ens, Wichita, area director.

"I don't know the exact number of the Norton franchise because so many Quiznos are being opened," Mr. Ens said. "A total of 7,368 franchises have been sold. A new Quiznos is opened every 18 hours and a franchise is sold every eight hours.

"This is the 27th Quiznos Sub in the state of Kansas, not counting Kansas City.

"They started franchising in bustling suburban areas and are now finding new



Terry Ens, Quiznos Sub area director (left) demonstrated the culinary art of making an Italian-style Quiznos sub sandwich for Norton franchise owners (from left) Larry Enfield, Beth Reeves and Bruce Reeves. Not pictured: Vicki Enfield.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

niches. Bruce and Larry liked the concept and we liked Norton so we are here. This is a family-operated, hands-on type of business. We serve only 100 percent real

meats and cheeses and feature 26 different sauces."

Ambulance service busy answering calls

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Ambulance Service has been busy.

Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen told the Norton County commissioners on Monday that they have had 320 calls this year compared to 291 last year.

Mr. Nielsen said they had a very busy weekend. On Saturday, the service had two serious calls. He said one of the calls shook up two of their new first responders so he was going to visit with them to see if they needed to talk to someone.

He said Sunday was also busy. They had four calls within an hour.

Mr. Nielsen said they had 10 people take the first responders test. Seven have passed and they are still waiting on the results for the other three.

A meeting, the service had on documentation, went well, he said. They are doing what they are supposed to and only had a few things that needed correcting.

He said he would be meeting with the Almena Fire Department and the Almena Emergency Responders to see if they need anything.

Mr. Nielsen said the Unit I ambulance hit a hawk and needs repairs, which will probably be less than the \$500 deductible.

He said they are going to have a picnic Wednesday night for the first responders and their families. If it rains, the picnic will be held at the ambulance barn.

In other business, the commissioners: • Went into a five-minute closed session with Mr. Nielsen and Emergency Medical Technician Ruth Schillig to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Met with Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman about applications turned in for a vacancy in the Noxious Weed Department. He said he received five applicants for the position, which he reviewed with the commissioners.

Man injured in cycle crash

A Norton man was rear ended as he slowed his motorcycle to turn.

Gary Williams, 56, Norton, was riding a 1987 Yamaha motorcycle the evening of Sept. 13 when he was struck from behind by a 2003 Toyota Corolla driven by Evelyn Freeburn, 77, McCook.

Mr. Williams was westbound on U.S. 36 and slowing to make a right- (Continued on Page 5)

Northern Valley takes loss from Kensington

For the first time this season, the Northern Valley football team lost a game. Last Friday, they were defeated by Kensington 66-22 on the Goldbugs' home turf.

Kensington got the first touchdown of the game with 4:50 on the clock in the first quarter when Austin Panter ran the ball 65 yards to score and then ran in the points after touchdown.

Northern Valley was in the end zone just 10 seconds later on a 70-yard kick-off return made by Thomas Ostmeyer. The run for extra points fell short, making the score 8-6.

The Goldbugs made five more touchdowns before the Huskies were able to score again.

Panter scored once more at 2:48 in the first on a 24-yard run. Ethan Kuhlmann passed to Jess Rietzke for the extra points.

In the second quarter, Panter was in the end zone again with 10:28 showing on a one-yard dash. The pass for points after failed. The next second quarter touchdown was on a 21-yard run from Rietzke. Once again, the pass for extra points fell short.

Panter made the first third quarter touchdown with 8:32 on the clock when he ran the ball three yards. The run for extra points failed, making the score 34-6. He was back in the end zone almost two minutes later on a 25-yard scramble. Kuhlmann pass to Grant Levin for the points after touchdown.

At 2:22 in the third, Clarke Nelson rushed 76 yards for a Northern Valley touchdown. Ostmeyer ran in the extra points, making the tally 42-14.

In the fourth quarter, Kensington gained 2 on a safety and then 10 seconds later scored a touchdown on a 53-yard kick-off



Northern Valley's Brynton Anderson, playing for injured quarterback Joey Copper, tries to gain a few yards against Kensington's tough defense.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

return made by Levin. Panter ran in the points after for a score of 52-14.

The Huskies were in the end zone 14 seconds after that when Ostmeyer made another kick-off return, this one 77 yards. Jesse Hilburn ran in the extra points, making the tally 52-22.

Kensington made two more touchdowns before the game ended. The first was made by Panter on a seven-yard scramble and the second made by Rietzke on a 17-yard run. Extra points were made on a run by Buzz Rice and a pass from Levin to Kyle Bienhoff. The final score was 66-22.

"Our kids played hard the whole game, but Kensington was just too much for us," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "Thomas Ostmeyer and our kick return team had a

couple of nice returns.

"It will be nice to get back home this Friday to play Ransom-Bazine for Homecoming."

Nelson led rushing for the Huskies with 11 carries for 95 yards. He was followed by Hilburn, 11 for 53 yards; Avery Thalheim, six for 20 yards; Brynton Anderson, 13 for -10 yards; and Ostmeyer, four for four yards.

Anderson was unsuccessful in his seven pass attempts. Henry Griffiths punted seven times for 239 yards.

Leading tackles was Nelson with 11 solos and five assists, followed by Cole Kinderknecht, nine solos, four assists; Ostmeyer, eight solos, five assists; Hilburn, six solos, five assists; Thalheim, five solos, three assists; Andrew Sheley, two solos, six assists; Zac

Miller, two solos, five assists; Chris Lee, two solos, four assists; Cody Lowry, three solos, two assists; Griffiths, two solos, three assists; Cameron Duede, one solo, one assist; and Chase Miller, one solo.

Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. this Friday in Almena for Northern Valley's Homecoming game against Ransom-Bazine. Homecoming festivities are set for half-time.

GAME STATISTICS

N. Valley	K-town
4	First Downs 12
143-46	Yards Rushing 363-49
0	Yards Passing 120
143	Total Yards 483
0-7	Passes Completed 8-19
4-0	Fumbles 2-0
1-5	Penalties 11-100
7-239-34.1	Punts 4-11-27.8



Deputy Scott Bohl of the Norton County Sheriff's Department, directed traffic following a motorcycle/auto accident.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Man injured in cycle wreck

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hand turn when the accident occurred.

Mr. Williams was transported

by ambulance to Norton County Hospital where he was admitted and kept overnight for observation. He was released the next day.

Mother answers call to return to active duty

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She and her husband were shocked. Their roles were being reversed. She was, potentially, going off to war and he was staying home with the kids.

She said they have been getting their lives organized for the transition. She added that they were lucky to have her parents living right across the street. They will help her husband with the children. She also said that he is a great parent and will do fine with the boys.

She wasn't so sure about herself.

Even though she is proud to serve her country, she said leaving her sons was the hardest thing she has ever done.

On Saturday, she was headed to Fort Jackson, S.C., for a 25-day resoldierization process. She still does not know if she will be going on to Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea or remaining in the states.

Wearing a blue T-shirt with an American flag emblazoned across her chest, she hugged and kissed her family good-bye. Then, all

alone, she went through the security checkpoint and boarded the plane headed for Denver.

Her husband and their sons stood at the fence closest to the runway and watched until her plane took off and disappeared from view. Then they turned and walked to their vehicle to wait for Mom's return.

Commissioner refutes flyer

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four days at a time to eat the weeds, which hold the soil together. Vegetation keeps the nitrates down, he said.

The flyer goes on to say that the lot doesn't have a lagoon and so pollutes water runoff.

"There is a natural spring that starts near here which means the water table is very near the surface," it says. "Ground water and surface water pollution could be considered a very significant potential."

Mr. Lang said that the lot has no lagoon, but filter strips instead. He said the new lot, which the Natural Resources Conservation Service is helping to plan, wouldn't have a lagoon either.

He said there was no natural spring that starts near the lot, but it is on a draw that leads to the creek. He said water is 73 feet below ground and knows this because they just dug a new well.

"There is no water around there," he said. "People need to get the facts right and all of the information before sending something like this out. And then they need to sign it so we know who's telling us these things."

"It's our (the commissioners) job to protect the health and welfare of the people in this county. That's why we have the County Health Department. We wouldn't jeopardize people's health to be selfish to ourselves."

Mr. Lang said the flyer was election propaganda.

"If this is all they can find on you, you're pretty clean," he said.

Mr. Lang, a Republican, is running unopposed in the Tuesday, Nov. 2 general election.

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