

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Pep Rally:

Blue Jay fans are invited to the pep rally for the high school football team at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the high school gymnasium. Norton will play at South-east of Saline at 5 p.m. on Saturday for the Class 3A Regional championship. The team will leave Norton at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Friday  
November 5, 2004

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ron Briery

## Briefly Help needed to aid military

Volunteers from Norton Christian Church want to send "care" packages to Norton County military personnel stationed overseas. Since they want the packages to be there by Christmas, they need to be mailed before Nov. 19.

If you want your military serviceman or woman to be included in this mailing, send their address to Rt. 3, Box 77, Norton, Kan. 67654, or leave a message for Melba Witt at the church, 877-2871.

## Time to order monthly SHARE

The deadline for ordering the November Heartland SHARE food package is noon, Wednesday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at the center. The November Heartland SHARE food package contains an 8-10 pound turkey, stuffing mix, potatoes, carrots, onions, gravy mix, egg noodles, apples, oranges, and thaw 'n' serve pumpkin pie.

For \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive all of the "SHARE" listed. You can order as many shares as you want.

The "meat only" package this month contains ground beef, Jennie-O julienne turkey, mesquite chicken breast fillets, chicken drums and smoked sausage. This month the cost of the meat only share is \$10.50 plus one additional volunteer hour.

After you purchase a SHARE, you can order as many November Specials as you want for one additional volunteer hour and \$18. November's special is a 7-pound Hormel Cured 81, bone-in spiral sliced ham packed in netting with a honey glaze packet included.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Clear with lows in the mid 30s. **Saturday** — Sunny with highs in the mid 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Clear with lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s. North winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 30s.

## Howell report:

Thursday ..... High 57, Low 32  
Month ago ..... High 69, Low 45  
Year ago ..... High 46, Low 24  
November precipitation ..... 0.00 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 22.40 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, help us to love others as you love us. Amen

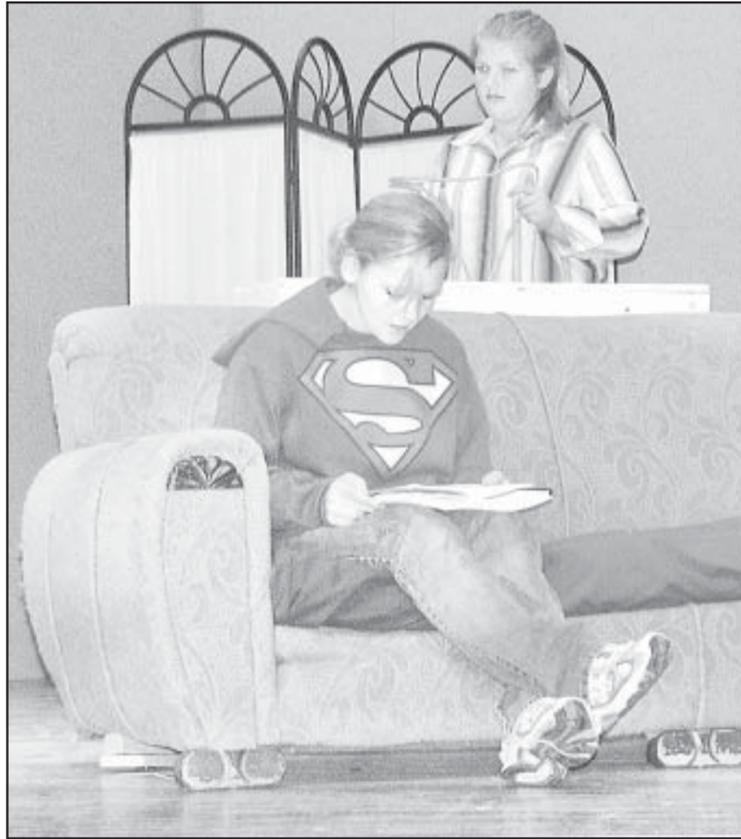
## Students prepare mystery

Norton students are taking people to the swamplands of Louisiana — in their school play, that is.

'The Butler Did It Again' is a two act, four scene "who done it" with a cast of characters including Jessica Sprigg as Jane Doe, Brett Wyatt as Chips, Darci Darling as Miss Maple, Cherean Kendell as Linda Hayes, Jared Cox as Chandler Marlowe, Dane Krizek as Rick Carlyle, Michael Sprigg as Tony Tall Chief, Keesha Holste as Laura Carlyle, Nick Evans as Louie Fan, Aaron VanDerWege as Father White, Cydnie Milnes as Ruth Dice, Valerie Wagoner as Mrs. Danvers/Eunice, and a whole lot of high school crew members.

The fall play is tentatively set for next Saturday and Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium. Director Joan Hall said they will know after Saturday's football game. Marilyn Donahey is assistant director.

Price of admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.



Students at Norton Community High School work to learn their lines for the fall play 'The Butler Did It Again', which is set for next Saturday and Sunday. Jessica Sprigg (above) sneaks up on Cydnie Milnes so she can strangle her with a rope while Ms. Milnes reads aloud. Michael Sprigg and Dane Krizek (below) chat about an alligator in the beginning of Act II, Scene II. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Vet parade set for next week

By VERONICA MONIER

If the weather agrees, the annual Veteran's Day parade, sponsored by the Norton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, should once again be a spectacular event.

Many people, businesses and clubs, as well as the veterans themselves, will march in the parade honoring all veterans, said Chamber Ambassador and Legionnaire Jake Durham.

"We hope to have over 100 entries this year, including classic cars, race cars, and tractors in the parade," he said. "The Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, the Norton Rotary, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Norton County's 4-H clubs, Norton Corrections, the Andbe Home, Northwest Kansas Library systems, FFA, and many more will be marching."

Mr. Durham said that entertaining the crowds will be the Norton Community High School Dance Team and cheerleaders, the Norton Community High School Band, the Norton Junior High School Band, the Northern Valley High School Band, and the Logan High School Band.

Norton Homecoming royalty Derek Volgamore and Amber Engelbert, and Northern Valley Homecoming Queen Kristin Hardy and Princess Lindsey Jessup will also be in the parade.

The National Guard will be joining the veterans, who will be both walking and riding in cars or on tractors, said Mr. Durham.

He said he also hopes to have a recognition of the veterans who have died over the past year. Plans, he said, are to have a riderless horse and an announcement of their names at the intersection of State and Main streets.

The parade is set to begin at 2 p.m. with registration from noon to 1:45 p.m. near the East Campus wrestling room on State and Woodfield. Norton Chamber Ambassadors will be the welcoming committee for those who need to register.

"We do ask that people who are registering come earlier rather than later," he said. "It makes things a lot easier for everyone involved."

Mr. Durham and Richard and Marcia Wiltfong are the organizers for the parade.

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## Commissioners agree to help with coloring book

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Christmas is coming and the Norton County commissioners are getting into the spirit.

Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Reed showed the Norton County commissioners the annual Christmas coloring book and asked if they would purchase a \$35 ad to help pay for the project.

The books are given out by Santa Claus

during the Christmas season from his house on the courthouse lawn.

The county has done an ad each year for county economic development and the commissioners said they would do so again.

Ms. Reed said she has had several calls on the State Street Saloon when the commissioners asked her about economic development. She also mentioned that she

was to hold a ribbon cutting for Quizno's on Tuesday.

She said that when she gets economic questions or calls, she sends it on to whomever she thinks will best be able to help the caller.

In other business, the commissioners: • Told Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen that the county would pay for a last chance continuing education

class in Hays. Mr. Nielsen said that he has 10 to 12 emergency medical technicians who still need hours. The class will cost \$25 per student plus one night's lodging for those who would stay. The cost will be between \$450 and \$500, Mr. Nielsen said.

Commissioner John Miller said, although this might be unfair to those who (Continued on Page 5)

## Road to Hill City opens; work on U.S. 36 continues

After months of finding another route, people can now get to Hill City from Norton on U.S. 283.

Now, however, travelers will have to leave a few minutes earlier if they are traveling west on U.S. 36, because traffic will be slowed, although not stopped altogether, by bridge work.

The Kansas Department of Transportation's Public Affairs Manager Gina Mastin said U.S. 283 was opened last Monday, which was two days ahead of schedule. The project, which began last year in July and cost just over \$21 million, included improved sight distance and shoulders for safety.

Detour and closed-road signs should be removed soon. On U.S. 36, traffic was slowed considerably last Friday when the highway was reduced to one lane because of bridge work. Ms. Mastin said traffic over the Robinson Creek Bridge, which is on the west edge of Norton near Westridge Ave., will be directed by a stop light until the end of December so the bridge can be rebuilt.

The highway will be open to two-lane traffic until mid-March, when the Prairie Dog Drainage Bridge, which was about one and a half miles west of Norton, will be under construction. She said any work that can be done this winter will be, but most of it will wait until spring.

## Grader takes unexpected trip

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

While Decatur County had two vehicles go off a broken bridge in the dark a week ago, Norton County also lost a bridge.

A county road grader, driven by Darrell Preuss, went across a bridge one-fourth mile east of county roads Y and E12, and broke through the bridge the same day, Oct. 21, that the Decatur County bridge collapsed.

"Luckily it was our road grader," County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told the county commissioners at their meeting last week.

"He was traveling slowly over the bridge and it just sort of settled under him. It just eased him down," he said.

Mr. Brannan said that the bridge is on a one-half mile road that serves three farmers.

"It was due for replacement," he said. "We just didn't get around to it in time."

Mr. Brannan said the bridge was a double stringer wooden structure with a lot of dirt on top of it. A lot of the problems for all county bridges are overloaded farm trucks, Mr. Brannan said.

"How many more of these bridges are we going to have just drop out from underneath people because of the semis?" Commissioner John Miller asked.

Mr. Brannan said that the bridges are built to standards that don't include the weight of modern semis and tractors.

"Those bridges aren't made for 800 bushel (trucks)," Mr. Brannan said. "They're not substandard but they're substandard for the traffic they're going to carry," he said.

"Vehicles just keep getting bigger and bigger and we can't keep up."

However, he said, the state has let the contract for OS240. The state estimated it would cost \$298,000 to replace the bridge, Mr. Brannan said, but the bid came in at \$238,000.

Mr. Brannan said that he is happy with the contractor, King, which is out of south-central Kansas.

"They're a very good contractor," he told the county commissioners. "They've been around a long time."

# Huskies end season with 72-70 loss to Brewster

It was a close game between Northern Valley and Brewster Tuesday night as first one team took the lead and then the other gained it. But in the end, a last minute touchdown from the Huskies wasn't enough to get back on top of the bi-district game as the Bulldogs won 72-70, ending Northern Valley's season.

Joey Copper scored in the first two minutes of the first quarter on a two-yard scramble to give the Huskies a 6 point lead as no conversion was made. Less than two minutes later, Brewster made its first touchdown on a two-yard run from Jake Long. Branson Gilley ran in the extra points for a Bulldog lead.

It didn't last long though as Clarke Nelson found himself in the end zone after a four-yard run with 6:18 showing. He carried in the points after for a 14-8 tally. Seventeen seconds later, the Bulldogs took a two-point lead when Gilley passed the ball 51 yards to Kyle O'Connor. Gilley passed to Long for the conversion.

Jesse Hilburn rushed five with 3:26 on the clock for 6 more. The run for the conversion failed. Long then scored for Brewster with 1:06 showing. Gilley ran in the points after. With just 17 seconds left in the quarter, Copper scrambled 50 yards for a Husky touchdown. Nelson ran in the extra points, making the first quarter tally 28-24 in Northern Valley's favor.

At 8:30 in the second quarter, the Bulldogs took back the lead when Heath Baird caught a 24-yard pass from Gilley. The run for

points after failed. Just 28 seconds later, Nelson ran 33 yards to score for the Huskies. Then with 4:59 showing, Hilburn widened the gap a little more with an 11-yard run. Both attempts for extra points failed.

With 4:04 left in the quarter, Brewster got within two points on a 15 yard pass from Gilley to Baird. Gilley passed to O'Connor for the points after, making the halftime score 40-38 in the Huskies' favor.

Early in the third, the Bulldogs regained the lead when Gilley passed 45 yards to Baird. Then with 6:03 on the clock, they scored again on another pass from Gilley to Baird. It was 13 yards this time. The first attempt for the conversion failed, but the second went through on a pass from Gilley to Baird, making the score 52-40 in Brewster's favor.

With 11:36 on the clock in the fourth quarter, Hilburn brought the Huskies closer with a seven-yard scramble and a good conversion run. But then, about two minutes later, Gilley passed 29 yards to Baird for another Bulldog touchdown. The points after pass fell short.

A minute after the Bulldogs' score, Hilburn made it into the end zone on a 20-yard run. The attempt for extra points fell short. Brewster was quick to retaliate as, 18 seconds later, Gilley scored again. This time on a 12-yard run. He passed to Baird for the extra points, gaining a lead of 66-54.

With 5:30 showing, the Huskies got close again when Copper made



Northern Valley's Joey Copper, No. 13, attempts to get the extra points after a touchdown in the game Tuesday night against the Brewster Bulldogs. Copper had 186 yards rushing in the game. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

a 17-yard touchdown run and then ran in the conversion. But Brewster wasn't finished as they made one last touchdown on a three-yard run from Long. The points after attempt failed.

Then, with 55 seconds left in the game, Copper passed the ball 18 yards to Thomas Ostmeyer for one last Husky touchdown. Hilburn ran in the extra points, but it wasn't enough as Brewster led 72-70.

"It was another wild Northern Valley-Brewster football game," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "The difference was one two-

point conversion. We also missed a couple of scoring opportunities in the first half that would have made a big difference.

"I am proud of the way our players battled to the end. We will really miss our three seniors Chris Lee, Jesse Hilburn and Thomas Ostmeyer."

Rushing for the Huskies were Copper with 186 yards on 22 carries; Nelson, 164 yards on 22 carries; Hilburn, 164 yards on 25 carries; and Avery Thalheim, 2 yards on 1 carry.

Copper completed 5 of 8 passes

for 95 yards. Receiving were Ostmeyer, 2 for 51 yards; Hilburn, 2 for 33 yards; and Nelson, 1 for 11 yards. Copper made 2 interceptions for 5 yards.

Copper made 1 punt for 36 yards and 11 kick-offs for 308 yards. Making kick-off returns were Ostmeyer, 8 for 161 yards; and Thalheim, 1 for 10 yards.

Making tackles were Copper, 9 solos, 2 assists; Andrew Sheley, 8 solos, 5 assists; Hilburn, 7 solos, 1 assist; Cole Kinderknecht, 6 solos, 3 assists; Ostmeyer, 5 solos, 1 assist; Thalheim, 4 solos;

Cameron Duede, 2 solos; Nelson, 1 solo, 5 assists; and Cody Lowry, 1 solo.

Northern Valley ended its season with a 7-2 record.

GAME STATISTICS		N. Valley	Brewster
20	First Downs	16	
516	Yards Rushing	219	
95	Yards Passing	421	
611	Total Yards	640	
5-8	Passes Completed	25-37	
0-0	Fumbles	2-0	
6-42	Penalties	4-28	
1-36	Punts	1 blocked	

## Seventh graders have 8-2 volleyball season

The Norton Junior High School seventh grade volleyball team ended its season with an 8-2 record after losing to Osborne 25-7, 16-25, 11-15 on Oct. 7.

"We started with some of the best volleyball we've played all season," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "Our serving was excellent, our passing was crisp and to the target, our sets were to the spot and our hitters were doing well as we breezed to a 25-7 win.

"Then the Osborne coach put in a whole new team and we committed the cardinal sin of volleyball by relaxing and thinking we were going to walk through this team also. It didn't happen that way. Osborne played well. We didn't do anything well and as a result the Pups won the second game 16-25.

"We could never get the momentum back on our side of the net in the third game and Osborne went on to win 11-15."

The junior varsity learned from the varsity and did not take the Bullpups lightly and used their

power and serves to defeat their opponent 25-17.

"With this being our final match of the season, the varsity ended with a very good 8-2 record," he said. "Learning to play against other teams and becoming a team were the main goals of their first season. Now they will go on to improve on what they have learned so they may continue the great junior high tradition — this year's eighth grade team became the fourth in a row to win the league championship — being established here in Norton.

"Our junior varsity went through the season undefeated. This is a very good indication that these girls are fundamentally sound and, with more experience, could very well move up and challenge for varsity spots next year and the years to come.

"We thank our fans and parents. We hope you enjoyed the season and started to learn that the game of volleyball is a different sport to play and watch."

## Veterans plan parade

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Following the parade, an open house will be held at the Norton American Legion with a pot luck supper beginning at 6 p.m., said Mr. Durham.

The public is invited to join Legionnaires and Legion Auxiliary members at the dinner. Anyone who attends is asked to bring two dishes and table service.

He said that drinks, rolls and ham will be provided by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

The Norton Community High School Jay Singers and a barber-shop quartet, all under the direction of high school music teacher Valerie Lee, will provide the dinner crowd with entertainment.

## Commissioners OK classes

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have gotten their hours on their own, the county cannot afford to lose any certified medical technicians and the county was not able to provide enough hours for its people this year.

However, he said, the policy for 2005 will be simple — get your hours at home. The county will not pay for a last chance seminar since there will be enough hours offered in Norton County to certify everyone.

• Were told that Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald could not keep an appointment with them today because the landfill was busy with the annual Norton city cleanup.

• Were told by County Clerk Robert Wyatt that Ron Thornburgh, Kansas Secretary of State,

sent him four write-in candidates for president and four for vice president.

Running a write-in campaign were John Joseph Kennedy, Atlanta, for president, and Daniel R. Rezac, Fisco, Texas, for vice president; Walt Brown, Lake Oswego, Ore. for president and Mary Alice Herbert, Putney, Vt., for vice president; David Keith Cobb, Eureka, Calif., for president, and Patricia H. Lamarche, Yarmouth, Maine, for vice president; and Bill Van Auken, Queens, N.Y., for president and Jim Lawrence, Dayton, Ohio, for vice president.

• Heard that the county has received the final accounting of the airport apron project. Mr. Wyatt said that he would talk with City Administrator Rob Lawson about the final bill.

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