

# Happy hunting...



Northern Valley third graders practiced a class play depicting the first Thanksgiving in America. Carson Wallace, center, was Squanto, and Damien Wellman, left, and Paul Wittenburg played the part of trappers. The play will be performed after lunch this Friday, Nov. 16. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Rabid bat gives Colby school a scare

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A scare hit Colby Middle School last week when a live bat was found outside on school grounds.

"Some kids found a bat and put it into a sealed container and took it to the science teacher, who took it to the vet," said Middle School Principal Robb Ross.

As a precaution and for testing, he said, the bat was taken to Dr. Tammy Swartz at Swartz Veterinary Hospital in Colby.

"The vet sent the bat in for testing and it came back positive for rabies." Once confirmed to be rabid, letters were sent home to parents of Colby Middle School students, as well as all schools in the surrounding area.

The idea was to let parents know they should contact the school immediately if they suspect their child came in contact with the infected bat.

"We've met with every kid that possibly could have been involved as a precautionary mea-

sure," Ross said. "The big thing is we want to get the word out to parents. Any time there is a health issue concerning their children we want people to know."

The Colby School District is working with the Thomas County Health Department and the State of Kansas to make sure that any student exposed to the bat gets the proper care needed to prevent rabies.

Thomas County Health Department administrator Lisa Molstad defined "exposure" as, "any child who was close to the bat and could have potentially touched the bat or been exposed to the bat's saliva."

Molstad encouraged anyone with a child who came in close contact with the bat to call the school or Health Department immediately.

"We need to interview anyone potentially exposed to determine if they were in fact exposed and this needs to happen soon," Molstad said.

"People should not wait if they suspect their child came in close contact (being bitten or scratched) with the bat because the incubation period for rabies can be as short as 14 days. We need to institute treatment as soon as possible if they were in fact exposed."

Molstad confirmed today that the bat issue has been investigated and interviews with children potentially exposed have been completed.

"One child has been identified as a high risk exposure and parents of this child referred to their physician for determination if the rabies vaccine series will be administered," she said.

The Thomas County Health Department also wants to get the word out to those living in the vicinity of the middle school who may have had unleashed, domestic animals that could have come in contact with the bat while it was lying on the ground. Animals that came in contact with the bat's saliva could be potentially infected if the animal is not vaccinated.

# KFNF Radio personalities receive award

Two sports announcers with KFNF Radio of Oberlin received the Media of the Year award from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association for their work last year and this.

Adam Kadavy, morning show host, sports director and account executive with KFNF, and Ken Badsky, Decatur County sheriff and part-time sports announcer, heard recently that they won the award for their live broadcasts.

Coaches across the state picked both Mr. Kadavy and Mr. Badsky for the award. This is the first time for either to receive this honor.

Mr. Kadavy, who works full-time at the station west of town, said he has been doing the live broadcasts since he was hired three years ago.

Originally from Belleville, Mr. Kadavy went to Colby Community College, where he received an associate's degree in applied



A. Kadavy



K. Badsky

science. With the job, he said, he travels to broadcast football, volleyball and wrestling. He said he has known about the award since July, adding that he was honored that he was chosen. He said he didn't know they were being considered for the award, so it came as a

surprise.

Mr. Badsky said he has done live sports broadcasts for the last seven years, working with Stan McEvoy, Marvin Matchett, Dustin Armbruster, Chris Almack and now Mr. Kadavy.

Mr. Badsky said he used to coach wrestling and he wanted to stay active in the sport. Announcing it on live radio has helped him do that. He said he didn't know they had been nominated by the wrestling coaches, but was happy when he found out the two had been selected for the award.

The two men each received a plaque. The awards were handed out at the coaches annual convention in Salina.

# Big brothers, sisters hosts dinner, dance

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A night of fun, food and festivities is on deck Saturday night for those attending the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Dinner and Dance at the Norton American Legion.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. catered by Pfat Boy Barbecue. During the evening, party-goers can bid on dozens of items in the silent auction. Another attraction will be a chocolate fountain.

Some of the items up for bids include gift baskets created by several groups, organizations and individuals; a \$400 gift certificate from Nancy Kent of "A Place for

Everything"; a one-week stay at a condo in Colorado from Bob Yeager; a shelving unit donated by New Age; oil changes from Kansas Land Tire; Doug's Alignment has donated a tire rotation; and Engles donated a \$35 winter service.

Tickets are being sold for a drawing to win a Traeger Grill, donated by Garden Gate Florals, Etc.

The theme for the evening will be "White on White". Tickets are \$25 each and available by calling Fonda Lawrence, 877-3145 or Colette Miller, 877-3569.

Photo souvenirs of the evening will be available through Roy Skrdlant who will have an area decorated for photos.

Anyone wishing to be a table sponsor should talk to Mrs. Lawrence or Mrs. Miller. A \$100 donation will buy a round table that will be designated as "your" table at the party. Later Big Brothers Big Sisters will store the table which they will rent to other groups or organizations for functions.

Music for the evening will be provided by Marvin Matchett and Jonathan Fick of Jam Session.

Proceeds from the evening will go to help support the work of matching Big Brothers and Big Sisters with Little Brothers and Little Sisters.

For more information on the organization call Mary Kay Woodyard 877-5519.

# All-terrain vehicles soon to be legal

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Norton residents will soon be able to ride their all-terrain vehicles on city streets.

The Norton City Council is in the process of adopting Ordinance 1570, which allows for the operation of work-site utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on city streets. The council has held two readings of the ordinance so far and will have the third and final reading at the next council meeting on Nov. 21. If there are no objections to the ordinance, the council is expected to pass it after the third reading.

As far as ATVs go, the ordinance requires that they have a permit given by the city. City Administrator Rob Lawson said the

police department will inspect the ATVs to make sure they meet all city road requirements. If everything is as it should be, the police will take a picture of the ATV and the city will issue the permit.

He said the registered ATVs can be driven by any member of the family who is over 18 years old and has a valid driver's license. Also, he said, the ATV has to be insured with at least liability coverage.

The ordinance says that ATVs can be ridden on city streets between sunrise and sunset, but they cannot be ridden down any state highways.

The work-site utility vehicles, which the ordinance also covers, don't have to have a city permit.

Mr. Lawson said the city came

up with the ordinance because the state passed a law saying it was illegal to have the work-site utility vehicles and ATVs on city streets. Because of that, cities are having to pass their own ordinances that counteract that part of the state law. If no ordinance is passed, then it's illegal for the city to operate its work-site utility vehicles on its streets.

"I think it's a good thing," Mr. Lawson said. "I support it and think we should give it a try."

Mr. Lawson said they don't expect a lot of problems with people misusing their ATVs in town.

If people do misuse them, they will be issued a traffic fine and, if the problem persists, then the permit will be revoked.

# Pick-em contest postponed due to holiday

With no mail delivery on the Veterans' Day holiday Monday, all mail entries for the weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest were not received in time for grading prior to the deadline for today's *Telegram*.

The story listing the winners

will be in Friday's *Telegram*.

Turn to the full page Pick-Em contest in today's *Telegram* for the 12th and final week's games.

Only one entry per person on official entry blanks is allowed but extra entry blanks for other

members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money are paid each week.

At the end of the season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

# Disaster assistance deadline is Dec. 1

The application closing date for certain crops under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is Dec. 1.

Crops eligible for the program's benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

The Dec. 1 deadline is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain program coverage for all grasses, including alfalfa, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, caneberrries (blackberries and raspberries), cherries, clover, grapes, lespecheza, honey, mixed forage, nectarines, oats, peaches, plums, strawberries, and vetch. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

This coverage entitles eligible farmers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent produc-

tion loss or greater of an eligible crop.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for three years, not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue

provisions, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.

Those interested need to contact their local Farm Service Agency at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center before the Dec. 1 application closing date to obtain program coverage.

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