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Norton, Kansas
Home of Kyle Jones

Briefly

Farm/City Week begins Friday

Farm/City Week kicks off today. Next week during partyline on KQNK, Norton County Farm Bureau will ask ag trivia questions. Listeners have the opportunity to win prizes. Coupon books are now available to Farm Bureau members at the office.

Dinner, dance this Saturday

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County annual Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction will be held this Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Norton American Legion.

The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour, followed by dinner catered by Phat Boy BBQ at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. with Jam Session. Tickets to this event are \$25. For more information, contact Mary Kay at (785) 874-4200.

Tickets for the dinner dance and prize tickets on the smoker can be purchased at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce at 104 South State Street.

Calendars show historic Almena

"Remembering the Historic City of Almema" calendars are on sale now for \$10 each. Each month features a historic picture from around the city. All proceeds will benefit the Community Improvement Plan of Almema.

A great gift idea! Purchase yours today at the following locations: Almema State Bank in Almema or Norton: Rita's Beauty Salon; Body Essentials Beauty Salon; and the Almema Senior Citizens Center.

You may also have your calendar shipped or mailed for the cost of the postage. For more information, call (785) 669-2846.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 34. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. **Saturday** — Partly sunny with a high near 63. North wind around 5 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 33. East wind around 5 mph becoming south. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 37.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 32, High 73
Wednesday Low 36, High 50
Thursday Low 19, High 56
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Help us to realize that all we have is a gift from you, O God. Encourage us to give more freely to others and to you. **Amen**



Northern Valley honors veterans with program

By LARYL ROUS

The Northern Valley School District honored the area veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country on Monday, Nov. 12.

Monica Wilson and the members of KAYS, Pat David and her music classes, and the year-book students all put in a lot of hard work and planning for this year's activities.

Special guest speaker Mark Johnson spoke of how fortunate we are to be able to get a drink of water from the fountain, something that some parts of the world are not able to do. He gave examples of people from our great state who went on to be president of the United States,

serving in the Congress, pioneers in computers, aviation, or whatever paths they wanted to take because of the sacrifices made by former military personnel. He advised the district students to set high goals, surround yourselves with good quality personnel, and work to encourage those around you to work together as a team.

Members of the community, as well as some of the school students from Alma, attended the program honoring veterans. After the program, the honored guests were invited to eat at our school.

The day concluded with the marching band making the trek to Norton to march in their parade.

Amanda Turman and Amy Shearer (below) lit candles during the Northern Valley Veterans Day program Monday. Each tapered candle represented a Norton County veteran who died in war. The large candle represented the unknown soldier. Bob Dole, (top left) a retired farmer from rural Almema and a veteran, attended the program. Guest speaker Mark "The Spark" Johnson, (bottom left) a motivational speaker and former green beret, signed a special copy of his book for fellow green beret Abner Williams.

— Photos by Laryl Rous



School puts anti-bullying plan in motion

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton School District is making sure bullying stays out of its schools.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the district has met two of the three mandated components in the state's anti-bullying legislation: the first was a board anti-bullying policy and the second was anti-bullying training for students and staff. The third and final part that will put the district in compliance is an anti-bullying plan.

Mr. Mann said the plan they've come up with is simple and straight-forward, and uses some of what the training

speaker said.

The plan said that "all students and staff while in our schools, at our school activities and in our school vehicles have the right to expect to be treated with respect and to not be bullied.

"If bullying is witnessed by students and/or staff taking place in our schools, at our school activities or in our school vehicles, they have a responsibility to intervene on behalf of the victim; and report the bullying behavior to a teacher, staff member or principal."

If the plan passed, he said it would be printed on card stock, laminated and put in each class room. It will also be a part

of the student handbook next year.

Mr. Mann said the district will determine the disciplinary action against bullies based on the type and level of bullying.

The board liked the plan and approved it.

In other business, the board:

- Learned from Mr. Mann that the new laptops and equipment have arrived. They will begin distributing them after the Thanksgiving break. He said they expect it to take two or three days to get everything switched out.

- Heard that the district will not receive a Blue Cross Blue Shield refund

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Development works to support businesses

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Norton County Economic Development wants the community to support its local businesses.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker said they are trying to promote Buy Local Day, which will be on Thursday, Nov. 29. She said they are encouraging local businesses to have promotions on that day to attract people.

While visiting with the local businesses about Buy Local Day, she said she is having them fill out a one page survey that includes their business information and what kind of educational programs they would like to see come to the area.

With the information she gets from the survey, Ms. Becker said she will be putting together a business directory.

Also, they are going to measure the outcome of Buy Local Day, having the

store owners compare sales on Nov. 29 to those of Nov. 15. That way, she said, they will know if the promotion did anything positive.

In other business, the board:

- Heard reports on the Rural Retail Summit from the business owners/representatives who attended.

- Discussed the possibility of a business tour, so that people will know what is available in Norton County.

- Heard an update from Janis Monier, doctoral candidate with Kansas State University, on the survey she is planning to do.

- Learned that the Norton County Commission signed the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Ms. Becker said the plan is retroactive to Nov. 13, but applications need to be approved by the core committee, which includes the county clerk, treasurer, appraiser and economic

development. Ms. Becker said she will now be talking to the other taxing entities in the county.

- Heard an update on the RTS call center website from Chairwoman Deena Wente. Mrs. Wente said she will be working to get a community profile together for the site.

- Was asked to consider an internship for a Fort Hays State University student. The intern would put together a separate website for economic development and area businesses, which would be linked to www.discoverNorton.com. Ms. Becker said the internship would be for the spring semester, and would require about 10 to 15 hours of work a week for five months. She asked the board, if they approved the internship, if they wanted to look at a paying internship or a free internship. If paying, it would probably cost about \$250 a month.

Norton man wins pick-em contest

By DICK BOYD

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Dennis Maybon, Norton, survived a tough 11th week of the Norton Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest to win the \$15 scrip money first prize with just one miss.

Dennis was one of just three fans to miss as few as one game. He missed the Kansas win over Oklahoma State and correctly picked the winner of the tiebreaker game. Northwestern edged Indiana 31-28 in the tiebreaker and Dennis picked it 30-17.

Judges didn't need the tiebreaker score to decide first place, however, since Evelyn Springer, Hoisington, and Dustan Daniels, Norton, both of whom missed just one game, were incorrect on the tiebreaker winner. Evelyn picked Indiana to win 31-27 or 7 points off on the actual scores of the two teams and will receive the \$10 scrip money second prize. Evelyn also placed second in the fourth week of the contest.

Dustan chose Indiana by 33-28 or a total of 8 points off and will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize. Evelyn also missed the Wisconsin win over Michigan and Dustan also missed the Nebraska win over

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