



Norton Community High School head football coach Lucas Melvin gave instructions to his players between plays during the towel scrimmage Saturday morning on the practice field. Fans attending donated a large number of towels to the team to be used this season.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## God's Pantry to benefit from high school scrimmages

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The fall 2009 sports season at Norton Community High School will officially begin with food drive scrimmages Friday and Saturday.

Admission to tennis, cross country, volleyball and football activities is a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for the non-profit God's Pantry in Norton.

"We do ask that people make sure donated food items have not expired, otherwise we just have to throw them away," said God's Pantry Treasurer Connie Johnson.

"The Pantry is utilized by the entire county and supported generously by the area churches, schools, other organizations and citizens.

"Some people give very generously on a regular basis but we need everything at this time. We had 29 families come to us in 22 days recently. We've had slightly more requests for food and necessary items this year but we are spending more than last year.

"This is a welcome time for donations. We have a deep freezer and refrigerator so people can give frozen or refrigerated items."

The God's Pantry, which adjoins the Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton, is open each Sunday at 3 p.m. and remains open as long as needed. It can also be opened by appointment in emergencies by calling Elaine Mann, chairman, at 877-2019 or Connie Johnson at 877-2039.

Michael Woodyard is also instrumental in the operation of God's Pantry.

"Michael is my right hand man," said Connie. "I couldn't get along without him doing all the heavy lifting.

"We also couldn't get along without the community support. I'm constantly amazed by the generosity of the people in Norton County. We are doing the dispersal but it's the people of the county who should be thanked. So, thanks to the people of the county on behalf of those who receive help.

"We receive checks in the mail, donations from churches or even anonymous bags of groceries left on our doorstep. It warms your

heart to see everyone giving so generously. It is people taking care of people and Norton County people have really stepped up to meet the need of those less fortunate."

Elaine or Connie are available to show groups the pantry in the evening. They also welcome clubs considering the pantry as a program and a tour of the facility could be part of the program.

Boxes for donated items will be placed at entrances for the scrimmages on Friday and Saturday.

"Many thanks to everyone for supporting our teams and also for your support of God's Pantry," said Norton Community High School Activities Director Jeff Wallingford.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Fans will get their first look at Norton's high school cross country team at 3:30 p.m. on Friday at the Swimming Pool Park.

You are invited to meet the team members and take photos.

### TENNIS

Everyone is invited to meet the Norton high school tennis team at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the tennis courts in the Swimming Pool Park.

After fans have taken pictures, everyone is invited to stay for team matches.

### VOLLEYBALL

See and meet members of the Lady Jay high school volleyball team on Friday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

You may take pictures of your favorite players, beginning at 4 p.m.

The scrimmage will begin at 6 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

Fans may take photos of the Blue Jay high school football team, beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at Travis Field.

The scrimmage will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Fans of the Norton Junior High football team will want to be present at 8 a.m. at Travis Field for a scrimmage while pictures are being taken of the high school players.

In addition to the seventh and eighth-grade scrimmage, an eighth and ninth grade scrimmage is scheduled for later in the morning.



~ Dana Paxton ~



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