

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

October 4, 2013

Briefly

Norton to celebrate homecoming

The Norton Community High School will be celebrating Homecoming tonight. The coronation will be held on the football field at 6:30 p.m. and then the game against Ellis will start at 7 p.m.

Illusionist to perform on Saturday

The Norton County Arts Council is hosting Reza this Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the East Campus in Norton. Come buy a membership and let the illusions play with your mind. A great night of family fun.

Fall festival will offer family fun

The Church of God Fall Festival will be held Sunday with the games starting at 3 p.m. followed by the supper at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment at 6:30 p.m. It will be held across the highway from Norton Sports Center at the Kindall home.

Walk to school day set for Wednesday

Wednesday, Oct. 9 is International Walk to School Day. Walkers from the U.S.D. office will depart at 7:45 a.m.

Fire department to visit Norton library

In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, the Norton City Fire Department will be bringing a video and one of the city fire trucks to the Norton Public Library for preschoolers story time on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Come join the fun.



Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 54. Saturday Night - Clear in the evening with a low of 36. Sunday - Clear with a high of 66. Sunday Night - Clear with a low of 43. Monday - Clear with a high of 77. Monday Night - Clear with a low of 46. Tuesday - Clear with a high of 82. Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 52. Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a high of 77.

Markets

Thursday, October 4, 2013

Wheat	\$7.49
Milo	\$4.02
Soybeans	\$12.20
Corn	\$4.35

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to trust that whatever the outcome, you are with us through every one of life's challenges. Amen.



The Norton Blue Jays have been celebrating Homecoming week and one event involved six of the Norton football players visiting the residents at the Andbe Home for breakfast Thursday morning. They ate

with the residents and then told a little about themselves. Speaking above is James Berry as Darlene McEwen and residents listen.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Morning visitors at the Andbe Home

Residents and members of the NCHS football team enjoyed breakfast together on Thursday morning this week. There are six to eight players and one coach that come each week. The team members eat breakfast with the residents at their table and visit. Just before they leave, the players talk into the microphone so everyone can hear. They introduce themselves, tell their parents and grandparents name, share their position and some of their stats!

A display of footballs decorate the activity room wall and act as a reminder of those who have come. Several have been grandsons of Andbe Home employees or residents. A few have been sons of employees and all have become friends and acquaintances of the residents. The players and coaches last breakfast will be October 10th. The impact this time has on the lives of residents has been seen in the inter-

est to listen or watch the Blue Jay's as they participate in the games and the wonderful experience of meeting them. For some residents, there has been a renewed acquaintance of children they once knew or knew their parents. What residents and staff have seen in these young players and coaches has been so much more. It is recognized that football players like to hit and smash the other team during the game but in this time with residents these

young men proved they have the ability to be tender and interested in a population of people in a nursing home. Go Blue Jays, the greatest pleasure in life is to do a good turn and have it discovered by accident! The Andbe Home staff and residents greatly appreciate USD 211 for allowing the ball players to come and spend time with the residents.

Group assists Norton county in many ways

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

cynthia.haynes@nwkansas.com Representatives from the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas visited with the Norton County commissioners to show them how the service is helping county residents.

They gave the commissioners a packet showing the number of people served in Norton County and the cost of those services.

In 2012, the service assisted 23 county residents for everything from supervised living to work services and job placement. The total cost of those services was almost \$1.2 million. Of that almost \$1.1 came from the federal and state governments. That left almost \$93,000 to be paid locally for the services.

A county mill levy brought in \$49,700 in 2012 and is expected to bring in just \$45,000 this year.

Norton County's economic benefit from the services provided by the Developmental Services is \$5.6 million over the past five years, according to their figures. This includes \$3.2 million in direct impact, almost \$500,000 in indirect impact and \$1.9 million in induced impact.

The direct impact expenditures by the group in 2012 were \$669,317 which included \$581,196 in salaries, \$26,280 in utilities, \$21,738 in food, and the rest in repair, maintenance, vehicle upkeep, travel, resident recreation and legal and accounting.

In the second quarter of 2013, which ended in June, the service helped two adults and three children in Norton County and 274 adults and 104 children in the 18 counties it serves from Cheyenne to Ellis with 144 adults and 32 children in Ellis County, which includes Hays.

The service covers about 16,000 square miles in northwest Kansas and has 47 staff vehicles and 58 vehicles to transport those it serves

The staff is mainly located in Hays with 304 people but there are also 29 in Norton, 54 in Hill City, 38 in Russell, 31 in Atwood, seven in Stockton, five

in Hoxie, and four in Oakley for 472 people.

Norton has two group homes for 11 disabled adults which are staffed 24/7. There are also several people in the county who get help with daily living including three children with disabilities.

Northern Valley to celebrate Homecoming next week

The theme for this year's Homecoming Week at Northern Valley High School is "Hunt the Tiger."

Spirit week kicks off on Sunday with a drive-in movie and a scavenger hunt at the high school. On Monday, the cheerleaders will host a banana split party at the cafeteria, starting at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, the girls varsity volleyball team will host Golden Plains and Triplains/Brewster, beginning at 4 p.m. There are no events on Wednesday, but on Thursday there will be a cheer bonfire at the Almena baseball field. Friday will be a busy day, at 2:45 p.m. the parade will travel down Main Street, culminating in a pep rally at the high school. Friday night is the big football game. The Huskies will have the Natio-

ma Tigers in their sights with a 7 p.m. kickoff time at Huskies Field.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen are Brooke Hammond and Beatriz De La Fuente, and candidates for Homecoming King are Jordan Baird and Hunter Chandler. Coronation for the King and Queen will be at halftime during the football game.

The festivities will conclude with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, at the high school cafeteria, at 8 p.m.

Spirit Week:
Monday - Hat, Tie and Sign Day
Tuesday - Twins Day
Wednesday - Color Day
Thursday - Ducks' Dynasty Day
Friday - Green and White Day

Posting school pride...



The hanging of the posters on storefront windows in downtown Norton is all part of Homecoming week. The posters are designed and made by the high school art students and compete against each other for being voted the best. Marisa Maddy, Jared Shelton, Vicki Robinson and Brandy Davis are seen hanging them in preparation for game day.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

