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Norton, Kansas
Home of Dan Bainter

Briefly

Fire Department to hold hog roast

The Norton Rural Fire Department is sponsoring a hog roast from 6:30-8 p.m. on Saturday at the Norton American Legion. The public is invited to attend. A dance with a deejay will follow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Help needed for tsunami relief

Money is being raised in Norton to aid the refugees in Sri Lanka, which was one of 12 countries hit by a tsunami on Dec. 26.

The relief effort is being coordinated through Dinesh Kumara-jeeva, a former Norton foreign exchange student.

He is living in the Boston area but his sister, Dinusha, still lives in Sri Lanka. Donations will be wired to her. She is working with a team of doctors to distribute immediate relief focusing on children in the refugee camps.

Cash donations are being accepted at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union in Norton and should be there by 2 p.m. Friday. Checks should be made out to Sri Lanka Relief Fund.

Memories sought

Memories of Msgr. Armand Girard are being accepted by *The Telegram* until next Tuesday. As many as possible will be printed on Friday, Jan. 21. Send memories to *The Norton Telegram*, 215 South Kansas Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654; e-mail: telegram@nwkans.com; or fax to (785) 877-3742.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow early in the morning. Areas of fog until early morning. Lows around 18 with southeast winds around 5 mph. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Breezy with highs in the lower 20s. North winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy and cooler with lows around 6. North winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. **Thursday** — Mostly cloudy with highs around 13.

Howell report:

Friday High 35, Low 14
Saturday High 33, Low 24
Sunday High 47, Low 17
Monday High 31, Low 17
Week ago High 33, Low 21
Month ago High 50, Low 31
Year ago High 59, Low 35
January precipitation50 inches
Year-to-date precipitation50 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Giver of all good gifts, stir up in us the courage and commitment to use the gifts you have given us, that we may glorify you. Amen

BRRRRRRRRR



Icicles were everywhere this week as snow melted off roofs and signs. While the highways were clear, streets in town were also slick with ice.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Priest wanted to go to war

Not going to war was one of the hardest things Armand Girard ever had to do. When World War II broke out and his twin brothers headed off, the seminarian wanted to join the thousands of young men all over America who were joining up to fight. But he didn't.

After a lot of prayer and discussion with his parents, advisors and family, he stayed in the seminary and completed his education to become a Catholic priest and eventually a monsignor.

On Monday his funeral service was held in St. Mary Queen of the Universe Catholic Church in Salina.

He was 83 and, over his almost 60 years in the priesthood, he touched the lives of people across the state including those in Norton as he served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church from 1975-'85.

His association with Norton was so strong that members of the board of Valley Hope attended the funeral despite a weather forecast for freezing drizzle.

At his 50th anniversary as a priest in 1995, Msgr. Girard spoke of the difficulty he had in both going to the seminary and staying there.

He said he remembered the girls were all so pretty and he knew that as a priest (Continued on Page 5)

Snow plow gets workout during storms

By VERONICA MONIER

The recent ice and snow has kept the Norton County Road and Bridge Department busy.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told the Norton County Commissioners Monday they had the snow plow out for three days straight. Although, he said, it was more ice control and sanding than plowing.

He said the department's plow has been having some problems with the in-cap controls and the hydraulic system. He said it is one of the older ones that "has a mess of wires" in the cab.

Mr. Brannan said the newer plows have manual controls that don't seem to cause as many problems. He said there is nothing wrong with the county's plow, but he might look into getting a manual control to put in it.

"We'll see if we can't find something for around \$1,000 and then change it out to a manual hydraulic system," he said. "The plow is fine otherwise."

Also, with the weather conditions, he said crews have been out burning dead trees. He said with the wet weather, nothing

Two-inch line gets go ahead

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

A two-inch water main is enough to serve one home, the Norton County commissioners decided on Monday.

The commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan had been concerned with the number of water lines that might be put under county roads in an area, which should be developed in a few years.

Doug and Kerri Ray are building a home in the area and had received permission from the City of Norton to put in a two-inch water main. However,

they also needed permission from the Norton County commissioners to go under a county road.

Mr. Brannan had told the commissioners earlier that he was worried about the water line because, although it would be enough for one house, it would not be enough for more development and he knew that a church was being planned for the area in the near future.

The commissioners asked Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Norton City Supervisor Rob (Continued on Page 5)

ing is really burning good, but it's getting done. He said they'll continue burning if the county gets some more snow.

Mr. Brannan said they have been doing maintenance on the department vehicles. He said it is better to fix things now for about \$50 than wait when it could cost a lot more in the future.

"I think things will last longer if we continue to do yearly maintenance," he said.

He said the department's computer has been acting up for the past six months and that they have had it looked at several times. He said the computer technicians who looked at it said there were "blank

spots" on the hard drive and that it would need to be replaced.

But, he said, they might also look into just getting a new computer. He said preliminary bids ranged from \$900 to \$1,200.

Commissioner John Miller said to check with a couple of other vendors and get some competitive bids before making a final decision.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Appointed Donna Henderson and Curtis Eveleigh to fill the county's at large positions on the Economic Development Committee.

Seven people expressed interest in the positions.

"We got a lot of good people who wanted to be on the board," said Commissioner Leroy Lang. "Unfortunately, there were only two seats available."

- Went into a five-minute closed session to discuss real estate acquisition.

- Elected Commissioner Dean Kruse as the chairman and Mr. Miller as the vice-chairman of the commission for 2005.

- Gave the county's full-time employees a 5 percent cost of living increase for 2005.

Couple helps provide care in Thailand

Harlan "Sandy" and Barbara Sandell, daughter of Evlynn Sanborn of Almena, have been missionaries in Chaing Mai, Thailand for 21 years.

Mrs. Sanborn received word from her daughter that she had felt the earthquake that created the tidal wave, which caused wide-spread devastation along the Indian Ocean.

Mr. Sandell, who provides dental care in the remote regions of Thailand, e-mailed his mother-in-law saying he was going to the southern part of Thailand to help authorities with the identification of bodies by DNA and dental records.

Sunday, friends and family had a chance to see him on television when he was interviewed by a FOX news reporter. He spoke of the work he is doing with an Australian forensics team.

Mr. Sandell said in his e-mail the job of cleanup, finding the missing, finding bodies in the rubble and helping the survivors cope with their losses is overwhelming.



Harlan "Sandy" Sandell provides dental care to villagers of Chiang Mai, Thailand. Mr. Sandell went to southern Thailand last week to help with cleanup efforts following the tsunami of Dec. 26.

He added that the population in the southern part of Thailand is almost entirely Muslim. He asked that Christians pray for them to be open to the Christian message and to pray for protection of health for himself and his friends as they work among the bodies.

Norton Christian Church, which helps sponsor the Sandells, is accepting contributions to be sent directly to the agency that supports him. Donations may also be sent to: World Aid, Box 454, Paola, Kan. 66071. Write on the envelope or check, "Disaster Relief."

Sheriff asks departments to prioritize

By VERONICA MONIER

With the new emergency preparedness coordinator comes a new way of handling things.

Norton County Sheriff and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Troy Thomson told the commissioners Monday that he is going to handle the way the 911 grant money is spent differently this year.

He said he gave all of the department heads the web page where items can be looked up so they will know if they are able to get them or not, rather than trying to figure it out after the fact when lists are turned in.

Sheriff Thomson said that it was important that the supplies and equipment requested by the departments be beneficial to the county where emergency preparedness for disaster situations is concerned.

"If someone goes over (their part of the grant money), but really needs something, (Continued on Page 5)

Priest served here from 1975-1985

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he would never get to marry and have a family but he said he had no choice. God did the choosing and he just followed along.

In his Christmas letter to his family this year he said that his doctors had given him very little time.

He wrote: "I'm writing this letter in three phases: in thanksgiving to Almighty God for all of his blessings, to my vocation to the priesthood and to his calling me to serve his people in the likeness of His Son. "His blessings have been very generous and the opportunity to serve others has been wonderful.

"I want to thank all of you for the way God has brought you into my life to grow in love and in His service. It has been one of my greatest blessings. I hope you will continue to pray for me and I will continue to pray for you now and when in heaven.

"I will probably be spending Christmas or the first days of the New Year with my Savior and all the blessed saints and angels.

"The doctors have informed me I have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and that it is terminal. They are the best around and are doing all they can for me.

"I'm not praying for more life here on this earth, but for eternal life with my Lord and Savior."

He died Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan, where he had retired 10 years ago.

At his funeral, Salina Diocese Bishop Paul said that he will be remembered throughout the state as he has worked in parishes from Goodland to Kansas City.

He was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish on June 18, 1975. While in Norton, he worked in both the church and community, establishing several college scholarships for young people of the parish.

He was chaplain for the Catholic residents at Norton State Hospital and established the Resources Education Awareness Concern and Hope program for the residents. He also served on the Norton State Hospital Citizen Advisory Committee during his 10-year stay.

He was a board member of the



Msgr. Armand Girard

Valley Hope Association and was made an Emeritus member. He was also interested in providing railroad facilities to the community. It was in Norton that he celebrated his 40th jubilee.

Following his assignment in Norton, Msgr. Girard went to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Goodland, in 1985, where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

Previous assignments led him to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina from 1947-'54; to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Clay Center from 1954-'59; to St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, Salina from 1959-'67; and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays from 1967-'75.

Msgr. Girard served as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus from 1976-'78. He served on many college and hospital boards and on the Marriage Tribunal within the Diocese of Salina. He was also assigned to the Diocesan Board of Consultors, the Consultative Board of Marymount College, Salina, and on the Priest's Senate and Diocesan Pastoral Council.

On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.yml-funeralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to your church, to Valley Hope or to a religious institution of your choice in his name. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, or the Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. 8th Street, Salina, Kansas 67401-2686.

Sheriff puts priority on emergency needs

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like a generator, then they will probably get it before someone gets something that isn't as important," he said. "If it isn't needed, they probably won't get it."

For example, he said the health department has \$10,000 of vaccine in a freezer that isn't backed up by a generator. The generator, he said, is something that seems to be pretty important.

Sheriff Thomson said if the departments all stay under their budget for the grant money, then everyone will probably get what they want.

"The departments just have to tell me what they want and why they want it," he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Opened three sealed bids with Sheriff Thomson for the 1995 and 1997 Crown Victoria that have been replaced with new 2005 models. The first bid was for the 1997 for \$450 and the second for

the 1995 for \$325. The last bid just said \$25 over the highest bid. The sheriff has to speak with the county attorney on whether the third bid is legal before any of the bids can be accepted.

- Heard from Sheriff Thomson that the Norton County Jail had seven people in it over the weekend and is now down to five people.

He also said there continues to be a problem with small criminal damage. He said that recently a sign on W-5 was knocked down. He said someone had an accident and hit the sign but never reported it. He said they found out who caused the damage and repairs will probably be going through the vehicle owner's insurance.

- Set a meeting with the county's department heads and elected officials on Monday, Feb. 7, at 1:15 p.m. to talk about the employee benefit package, specifically health insurance.

County agrees to allow two-inch water line for now

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Lawson and Pastor Rick Rostek of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, who hopes to build the church, to attend last Monday's meeting to iron out questions and problems.

Mr. Lawson said the city's only concern is safety and the quality of the water. A large line might hold water in it which could stagnate because the house wouldn't need as much water as it could deliver.

However, he said, if the line was properly installed that shouldn't be a big problem.

Mr. Ray said that he and his wife had no problem with a bigger, properly installed line. However, he said, a bigger line would be more costly and he wanted to know who would pay the difference.

After some discussion the commissioners decided to authorize the two-inch line with a tracer wire so that later a larger line or another line of equal size could be installed in the same area.

That way the road would not be crisscrossed with several lines in different places, causing problems in the future.



Vernon Archer, McPherson, left, and Charles Kaus, Manhattan, former Norton Community High School wrestlers who were state tournament medalists, were among those honored at the J.R. Durham Tournament on Saturday. They were escorted by cheerleaders Courtney LeClair, left, and Alyssa Kaus, a niece of Kaus.

Archer placed second at 175 pounds for the 1945 team which placed fifth in the state tournament and Kaus was the state champion at 138 pounds on the 1965 state championship team.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Former wrestlers honored at tournament

During ceremonies at the J.R. Durham Invitational on Saturday in Norton, Norton's former state wrestling medal winners from 1945, 1965, 1975, 1985 and 1995 were honored.

The 1945 team placed fifth in the state tournament and had four state placers. Vernon Archer, McPherson, who placed second at 175 pounds, was the only one present from the team. Also honored from the team were Duane Mulder, second, 133; John Sides, second, 138, deceased and Dean Shaw, second, 165.

The 1965 team was state champion in all classes and 1965 was the last year that all schools competed for one state title. Honored medalists who were present on Saturday were Gary Ulmer, Olathe, second, 103; Jim Rowh,

Norton, third, 120; Charles Kaus, champion, 138, Manhattan.

Ulmer retired recently after teaching and coaching wrestling at both Olathe and Olathe North high schools. Rowh is owner, operator of Pure Prairie Natural Foods.

Two medalists from the 1965 team who were unable to attend are Myron Lowry, second, 95, Florissant, Missouri and Tom Tweed, fourth, 145, who lives in Snow Mass, Colorado.

Other team members present were Larry Sumner, Norton and Mike Ankenman. Team members unable to be present were Darryl Leidig, Gary Lawlis, Ron Tacha, Mike Bennett, Tom Abbey and Bill Hackney.

J.R. "Jake" Durham was the head wrestling coach of the 1965 team and was present for the tour-

namment and ceremonies.

The 1975 team placed fifth in the state tournament in Class 2-1A. Dave Newell, Norton, was the state champion at 98 pounds and was the first ever grand state champion that year. Dave was the only 1975 medal winner present.

Also winning medals from the 1975 team were Kevin Washburn, second, 138, and second in grand state; Frank Horning, third, 119; Duane Eichmann, third, 167.

The 1985 team had two medal winners. Jim Voss, Norton, placed second at 155 pounds and was present on Saturday. J.D. Hand, was third at 138 pounds but was unable to be present. He is currently assistant wrestling coach at Augusta High School.

Jeff Boyle was the only medalist on the 1995 team and was

present on Saturday. He was a sophomore and won the state championship at 185 pounds. He also won state titles his junior and senior seasons.

Each honored wrestler received congratulations and a "Certificate of Wrestling Excellence" from Athletic Director Larry Mills.

This was the 40th annual wrestling tournament held in Norton and the eighth annual Durham Tournament. It was renamed seven years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham, former longtime wrestling coach at Norton.

Durham's honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Kansas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still live in Norton.

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