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Norton wrestlers win Newton Invitational Tournament. Eighth-grade girls are league basketball champions

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Home of Elton Bryant

Briefly

Pinewood Derby set for Saturday

Norton County Cub Scouts will be competing in the annual Pinewood Derby at 4 p.m. Saturday, at Eisenhower School cafeteria.

The Norton Lions sponsor the event and will provide trophies to the winners.

Municipal court to change days

The Norton Municipal Court is changing its hours, as well as the day it meets.

Starting next week, court will be in session from 4-6 p.m. every Thursday. To help with the change, court will be held on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Anyone with questions about the change should call Municipal Court Clerk Julie Neff at 877-5143 or, on Thursdays after 4 p.m., call the court directly at 877-5005.

Indian group to give program

"The Fast Horses" will present a program at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Logan Grade School auditorium on the history of the American Indian. The Fast Horses are a group, which use stories, songs and dances to relate their history. The program is free and open to the public.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Windy and mostly cloudy until early morning then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the north 20 to 30 mph in the late evening and early morning, then decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. **Saturday** — Windy and partly cloudy with highs in the lower 20s. North winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph early in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 9. East winds 5 to 10 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 49, Low 36
Wednesday High 57, Low 38
Thursday High 67, Low 35
Week ago High 25, Low 1
Month ago High 60, Low 28
Year ago High 46, Low 27
January precipitation50 inch
Year-to-date precipitation50 inch
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, help us to recognize the gifts you have given us, and guide us in using them that we may bring glory to you. Amen

Park equipment ready to install

By VERONICA MONIER

Elmwood Park is getting new playground equipment.

City Administrator Rob Lawson told the Norton City Council Wednesday night that the new equipment has been delivered and is being stored until it can be put up.

He said First State Bank was the successful bidder for a lease-purchase agreement at 5.25 percent interest for nine

years. Payments will be \$9,495 per year with the first payment due April 1.

Mr. Lawson said the Lions Club is still willing to buy a small piece of equipment, but the \$7,900, that would be used, was just invested and the club has to wait until March when the certificate of deposit comes up for renewal.

Councilman Ron Briery asked if the city was going to hire a consultant to help put the equipment up.

Mr. Lawson said he thought it would be a good idea. The equipment has to be put together in a certain order and things could get complicated if it wasn't done right.

Mr. Briery asked Mr. Lawson to get in touch with the company and find out how long it would take to put the equipment up.

Mr. Lawson said he's guessing it will take about three days to put the equipment up. He said the consultant is going to cost \$800 a day and said he would find out how

many hours he'd be working in a day.

In other business, the council:

• Heard that the airport board talked about future improvements and possible hangar locations. Mr. Lawson said he has contacted BG Consultants, the city's engineers, to get a cost estimate for designing future expansion at the airport, including any easements that might be needed and a fair price range for services at the airport. (Continued on Page 5)

Fire causes damage to Norcatur home

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Norcatur city firemen were roused from their beds Tuesday but it only took them five minutes to get to the blaze. The home of Randall and Kim Mayo was on fire.

Mr. Mayo said he had just stepped into the kitchen of his home at 503 East Opelisk when he heard a "pop" and a "crack". He spotted fire in the ceiling of the house he and his wife have been remodeling.

The Mayos heat with two wood stoves, and the stove on the south end of the house was later determined to be the cause of the blaze.

Since the Mayos do not have a telephone, Mrs. Mayo ran the three blocks to her mother-in-law's home to get help. Mr. Mayo's mother, Jeannie Pelkey, dialed 911. The call came into Decatur County dispatch at 11:03 and firemen arrived on the scene at 11:08.

"Our response time was really good, considering almost everybody was in bed," Norcatur Fire Chief C. W. Lyon

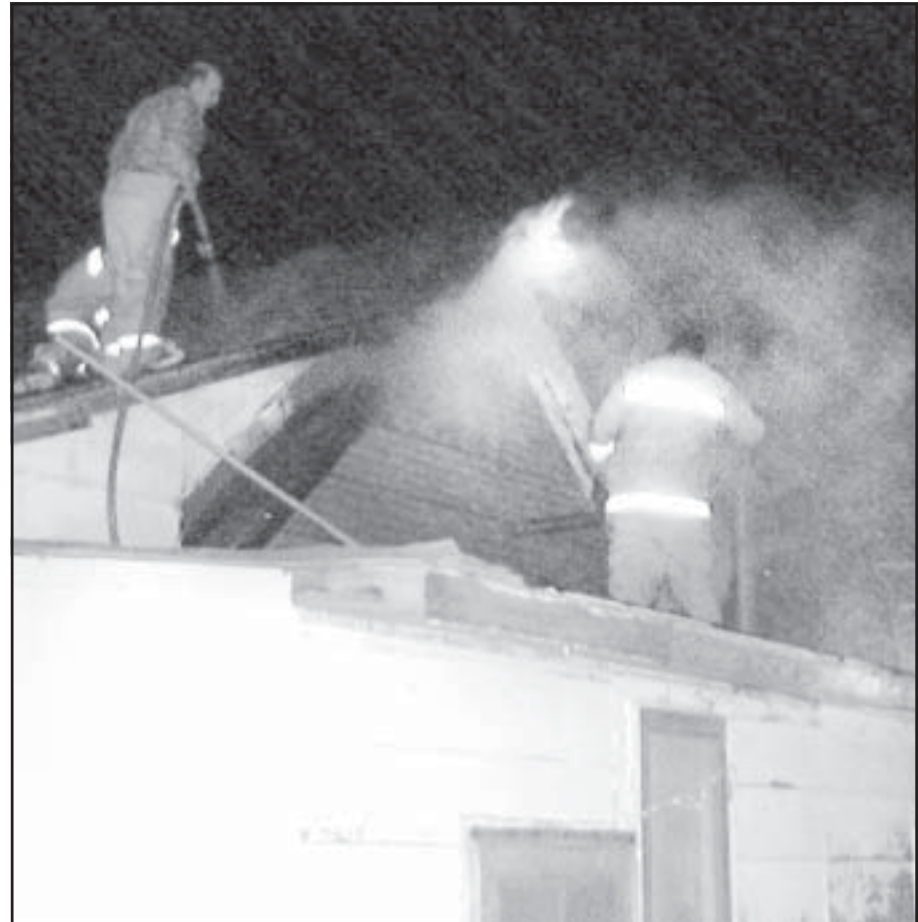
said. "We had about 10 volunteers respond with trucks from both the rural and city fire departments. We had to cut a hole in the roof to ventilate it and to get to the fire. It's just one of those things we have to do."

Mr. Lyon estimated several thousand dollars worth of damage was done by the fire that took his department about 45 minutes to extinguish.

On Wednesday Mrs. Pelkey said the entire family had been at the house doing clean-up work. She said she was surprised there was no more smoke damage. Most of the mess was water damage.

"They are going to need a new roof on at least half of it," she said. "But, they didn't have any insurance so we'll just have to see."

For right now, they are going to block off the kitchen and just live in the rest of the house. We're thankful there weren't any injuries. Randy and Kim think they are lucky not to have lost more than they did."



Flames licked through the roof of a house in Norcatur Tuesday as volunteer firemen cut through to get at the blaze. The home (below) of Randall and Kim Mayo suffered smoke and water damage, but the couple said they will rebuild. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



There's still time to file for city, school positions

By VERONICA MONIER

The cities and school districts in Norton County need a few good people to step forward and put their names on the ballot for councils and boards.

There are still several positions that no one has filed for the election this spring. The filing deadline is noon Tuesday.

Norton

Up for election in the City of Norton are Mayor David Corns, Ward I Councilman George Jones, Ward II Councilwoman Elaine Mann and Ward III Councilman Ron Briery.

All four have two-year terms.

Norton residents who wish to run need to file at the city clerk's office. There is a

\$5 filing fee.

Mr. Corns and Mr. Briery have already filed for re-election. Mrs. Mann said she is planning to do so and Mr. Jones wouldn't comment on whether he would or not.

The Norton School District also has several positions up for election.

Four-year terms are position four, held by Anna Foley; position five, held by Pam Shelton; and position six, held by Elaine Lofgreen.

Both Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Shelton have said they do not plan to run again.

Mrs. Foley represents Ward III and school district residents outside the city (Continued on Page 5)

Lenora Community Center approved for development loan

By VERONICA MONIER

Lenora is getting something it needs — a community center.

After years of trying to get a grant to pay for the center, the Norton County community was approved for a U.S. Small Cities Community Development Block grant.

City Clerk Gayle James said the city is getting \$391,740 in grant money with the Lenora PRIDE committee paying \$7,435 in match money. She said the city has been trying to get a grant since 2000.

She said the community center will be 4,000 square feet. Just over half will be a community room with the rest of

the space going toward a new library. The center will also have a kitchen and bathrooms.

Mrs. James said there is a great need in Lenora for the center.

"There is no place in Lenora where we can have a community meeting of any size," she said. "The church basement isn't big enough, neither is the cafe. The senior center has limitations on when and who can use the kitchen. "We've never had a place to do things without having to make special arrangements."

She said people have to go elsewhere when they want to have something like

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Lenora to get library

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a wedding or community dance.
"The Lenora Fire Department has a sweetheart dance every year, but they always have to have it in New Almelo," she said.
Not only does the city need a community room, she said, but it also needs a new library.
"Our library is overcrowded," she said. "And it's hard for older people and people with disabilities to use."
Mrs. James said people have to go up stairs to get to the adult section and so it isn't used as much as it should be. She said there aren't a lot of stairs, but enough to be a problem.
She said the kitchen in the new center will also be a nice addition.

Mrs. James said they plan on doing some fundraising so they can get some good tables and folding chairs. She said the community room will be able to be set up for different sized events and should be able to be used for whatever it's needed for.
The center will be built on a vacant lot in the middle of downtown on the corner of Washington and Main. The lot, she said, was donated by Rural Telephone.

Mrs. James didn't know when construction would begin. She said she is planning to attend a meeting for grant recipients on Wednesday and would know more about it then.
After the meeting, she said they have to let bids for construction. "I don't know for sure when it will be done," she said. "But we hope to have it done in a year."



Northern Valley's dance team members held a little girls' dance camp and the young ones performed at the game on Saturday. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Several offices have no one running for election

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limits. Mrs. Shelton represents Ward I and Ward II.

Mrs. Lofgreen has filed for reelection. She represents Ward III and residents outside the city.

A two-year term for position two, Wards I and II, held by Gary Lacy, is also up for election. Mr. Lacy was appointed to replace Darin Schuckman.

Mr. Lacy was unavailable for comment.

For both the city and the school elections, candidates must be at least 18 and live in the area he or she wants to represent. Also, in the city election, those who want to run must be a registered voter in the area.

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 1, if more than two people file for one position.

The registration deadline for

voters is 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, for the primary election.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, with the voter registration deadline at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21.

Almena

The City of Almena and the Northern Valley School District both have positions up for election.

On the city council, Monty Montgomery, Kristi Eggers and Lonnie Shearer are all up for election.

No one has filed for the open city council positions yet. Candidates should file at the Almena City Office.

Up for election on the school board are Blaine Marble, Kim Jessup and Alan Woodside. No one has filed for the open school board positions yet.

Both the city and school board

terms are for four years.

Lenora

The City of Lenora and the Lenora School District have positions up for election.

Up for election for the city are Mayor Raymond Heikes and councilmen Edwin Schoen and Daniel Mannel. All have filed for re-election.

Candidates for the city positions should do so at the Lenora City Office.

On the school board, Sherry Showers, Marty Ross and Jim Ninemire are up for election.

Nicole Rhea has filed for a position on the school board. None of the incumbents have filed for re-election.

Both the city and school district terms are for four years.

Edmond

The City of Edmond has five

positions up for election this year — Mayor Gene Sansom and council members Don Wiseman, Robert Wiltfong, Norma Riley and Carl Conkey.

Robert Richard has filed for a seat on the council but none of the incumbents have filed.

Candidates should file at the Edmond City Office. The positions are four-year terms.

Clayton

The entire Clayton City Council as well as the mayor are up for election.

Incumbents are Mayor Russell Bird and council members Ralph Brooks, Tom Hickert, Ruby Cook, Richard Mather and Carl Joe Robinson.

No one has yet filed. The terms are for four years. Candidates should file at the Clayton City Office.

Elmwood Park to get equipment

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airport.

Mr. Lawson said they were just getting a quote.

• Waived the pole attachment and franchise fees on the old Cebridge Cable television plant as long as Nex-tech removes the plant by May 31. Mr. Lawson said he had spoken with Nex-tech representatives, who asked if the city would forgive the fees. He said Nex-tech bought the Cebridge system in Norton and have converted the customers to Nex-tech.

Mr. Briery said it was Cebridge's bill, not Nex-tech's,

but Nex-tech got billed for it.

• Told Mr. Lawson and Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn to go to Topeka to look at used Kansas Highway Patrol trooper cars to see if they could find a good one for the police department. If they find a good car, they are supposed to buy it at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Mr. Lawson said they had seven cars that have under 50,000 miles.

• Increased the fire department's call-out pay for a fire from \$15 to \$20/fireman, beginning Feb. 1.

• Changed the stand-by fee for the fire department to \$40 for four firemen and one truck. Whenever the fire department is asked to stand-by for safety precautions, such as at the fair, car races and drag races, the city will bill the business and pay each fireman \$10.

• Heard from Fire Chief Mitch Jones that there is a good chance the department will be getting a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$27,400 to buy new rescue equipment. The city will have to pay \$2,740 in match money.

• Directed staff to get bids for a used pickup truck for the Parks Department and bring the quotes to the Parks Committee.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON SENIOR HIGH

Monday — Honor band and choir to the University of Nebraska at Kearney; Jay Singers, a.p.; Federated Fine Arts Tea, music room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Junior boys state assembly, 2:15 p.m.; Wrestling at Hays, 4 p.m.; Scholar Bowl at Phillipsburg, 4 p.m.; Basketball against Goodland, here, 4 p.m.; Post Prom Soup Supper, cafeteria; FCCLA March of Dimes cake sale.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Students Against Drunk Driving, a.p.

Thursday — FFA, FCCLA.

Friday — Jazz, a.p.; FFA Ag Ed Symposium at Manhattan; Basketball at Victoria, 5 p.m.

Saturday — FFA at Manhattan; Forensics at Oberlin, 7:30 a.m.; Wrestling at Trego, 10 a.m.

Sunday — Winter Band Concert, memorial gym, 2:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers

JUNIOR HIGH

Wednesday — Spelling Bee, a.p.; Site Council, 5 p.m.

EISENHOWER

Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

Friday — NCAC Lyceum, Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

ALL SCHOOLS

Next Monday — Professional Development Council, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken/noodles, potatoes, carrots, strawberry cake or chef salad.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, sausage links, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ham sandwich, peas, chocolate chip cookie or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast quesadilla, tater tots, fruit juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Hamburger with fixings, French fries or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Fruit basket upset, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili and crackers, carnival salad, peaches, cinnamon roll, or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Sausage, hash brown, fruit or juice or cereal, toast; Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, green beans, carrots and celery, apple crisp or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, milk

sausage link, tater tots, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Ike burger, French fries, dill spear, pears, cookies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin bread, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High School Band Clinic at Eastern Heights in Agra, 1 p.m. practice, 7 p.m. concert

Tuesday — High School basketball versus Osborne at Almena, 4 p.m.; Dance Team practice

Wednesday — Cheyenne Conference Scholars Bowl meet at Jennings, 1 p.m.

Thursday — Dance Team Practice; Ag Symposium at Manhattan, 8 a.m.

Friday — High School basketball at Logan, 4:30 p.m.; Ag Symposium at Manhattan; Breakfast and Lunch Payment Due

Next Monday — Dance Team practice

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage link, hash browns, cereal; Lunch: Chicken bites, potatoes, spinach, cake.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, ham, apple wedges, cereal; Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, green beans, chocolate pudding

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage/cheese biscuit, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Cheese chowder, carrot/celery sticks, frosted pear

Thursday — Breakfast: Crumb top muffin, scrambled egg, pineapple, cereal; Lunch: Turkey/bun, tater tots, broccoli, fruit cup

Friday — Breakfast: French toast stix, sausage patty, orange juice, cereal; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, French bread, corn, cherry crisp

JENNINGS

Monday — Scholar Bowl at Quinter, 5 p.m.

Tuesday — High School basketball at Hill City, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday — Junior High girls basketball versus Hoxie at Oberlin, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High boys wrestling at Colby, 4:30 p.m.

Friday — High School basketball with Oakley at Hoxie, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday — High School junior varsity basketball tournament at WaKeeney, 9 a.m.

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