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Tuesday
February 15, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Tim Graham

Briefly
Cubs to hold
annual banquet

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet is the next big event for Norton Cub Scout Pack 181. The banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Norton Christian Church.

During this special banquet, awards are given out and the second year Webelos advance into Boy Scouts. This year, three of the Cubs will be getting their Arrows of Light, becoming Boy Scouts.

Schools to hold
vocal conference

Northern Valley schools will host the Greater Northern Elementary Conference Vocal Clinic on Thursday in the Alma High School gymnasium.

Rehearsal begins at 1 p.m. with Dale Ritter, Alma, as the clinician and Sara Nelson and Stanton Nelson as the accompanists.

The clinic will conclude with a 7 p.m. concert in the gymnasium.

Other participating schools are Damar, Eastern Heights, Jennings, Kensington and Logan.

The public is invited to attend the free concert.

Teachers offer
scholarship

The Norton Teachers' Association will be giving a \$250 scholarship to a Norton Community High School graduate who is a college junior, senior or graduate student in education.

Applications are available from Pam Menagh, 877-5113 or at Eisenhower Elementary, 877-3672.

Applications are due by Thursday, March 31.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with lows in the lower 20s. North winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy with lows around 20. Thursday — Highs in 40s.

Howell report:

Friday High 57, Low 33
Saturday High 46, Low 36
.....30 of an inch of precipitation
Sunday High 60, Low 35
Monday High 67, Low 30
Week ago High 30, Low 14
Month ago High 15, Low 5
Year ago High 30, Low 9
February precipitation90 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 1.40 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the hope you offer for the future. Help us to accept change without fear and to be confident that you will lead us. Amen



Students
dig into
sweet treats

Valentine's Day is a great day for treats of all kinds as Terry Hillman's kindergarten class at Eisenhower Elementary found out yesterday when they decorated and ate heart-shaped cookies. Mrs. Hillman helped Tyson Gill (below) top off his cookie with some miniature M&Ms. After finishing her decorations, Kira Robertson (left) started to chow down on her colorful creation.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



District
focuses
on roofs

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board is moving toward getting solid roofs on the district's buildings.

Roofing consultant Joe Baker said at Monday's meeting, that over the past three months, he's had some bad news and some good news.

The bad news, he said, was that there was a shortage in the roofing insulation most commonly used, causing prices to go up. Some of the manufacturers are putting 30-day limits on their bids. But, he said, the good news was that he has heard from the labor side and thinks the district will get some good bids.

"Hopefully, it will all balance out," he said.

Mr. Baker said he could change the type of insulation used, but it would cause some problems because some of the district's roofs required the type which is hard to get. One way to solve the problem, he said, is to have the contractors buy the insulation and store it until it was needed.

Another good thing, he said, is the district is getting its bids out early, so the qualified contractors should be available.

Change orders that have to be done immediately and not wait until the board's next meeting might be a problem, he said.

"There aren't any original diagrams of East Campus," he said. "We've taken core samples, but we won't really know what's up there until the roof comes off."

He suggested that the board give Superintendent Greg Mann the authorization to approve change orders with the help of Maintenance Director Ray Hillebrand.

"You have a very good maintenance supervisor," he said. "He knows what he's doing and he'll help."

Mr. Baker talked about the types of roofing that would be used on the different buildings. He said the district needs to look at the fire ratings for roof materials.

There will be five roofing bids — Eisenhower Elementary, the junior high, the Memorial Gym, East Campus, and the wrestling room.

The board set the bid opening for April 6, with approval at its April 11 meeting. Mr. Baker said he would be meeting with contractors to go over the specifications and will take them to view the roofs.

The board approved the specifications and authorized Mr. Baker to send out bids.

Championship team plans reunion here

By DICK BOYD

Members of the Norton Community High School 1951 boys state championship basketball team will hold a reunion in Norton this Friday and Saturday and be introduced to the crowd and honored at halftime of the Norton-Ellis boys basketball game on Friday evening in the high school Memorial Gym.

On Saturday, team members and their families will eat at 1 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on east U.S. 36 Highway in Norton. An open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. for those who wish to visit with them about their historic run to the state title.

The 1951 team, which compiled a 22-1 season record, was the last Norton quintet to win the state championship until the 2003 team reached the same lofty goal 52 years later with a 22-5 record.

Members of the 2003 team have also been invited to attend the Norton-Ellis game on Friday evening and will also be introduced to the crowd and honored for their basketball achievement.

1951 state champions

Members of the 1951 Norton state championship varsity boys basketball team who played in the Class A state tournament in Salina and their current addresses are: John Hutcherson, Monterey, Calif.; Ray Bower, Newark, Ohio; Ron Allen, Green Valley, Ariz.; David Schneider, Hays; Glenn Bremenkamp, Biloxi, Miss.; Donald Glenn, Northglenn, Colo.; Darrell Webber, Arvada, Colo.;

Former players have been busy

JOHN HUTCHERSON

John Hutcherson considers himself lucky to have been a member of the team and lucky to have been associated with a group of good athletes and great people.

He remembers wandering the streets of Norton together looking for driveways with basketball goals; if there was too much snow or the weather was bad, they would sneak into the high school gym and spend hours playing ball on the weekends.

Warren Bullock, Norton; Rex Davis, Norton; Walter Wolf, Atlanta, Ga. and LeRoy Ciboski, Mountain Home, Ark.

Two other members of the team were Lee Peterson and Gene Lane. Peterson's address is not known. Lane is no longer living.

Oran Burns was the head coach. He is no longer living. Assistant coach was Lefty Van Pelt. His address is not known.

The Blue Jays entered the state tournament with an 18-1 record but were not one of the favorites to challenge for the state title. Norton's only loss had been to Osborne and the Bulldogs were also in the tournament.

Leading scorers for Norton coming into the tournament were Walter Wolf, 6-foot-

When he left Norton, he attended the University of Kansas and then went to medical school. He married Cindy Melvin of Gulfport, Miss., after graduation and did his internship at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

He then spent two years in the Navy.

After the military he accepted a pediatric residency in New Orleans at Tulane University. He practiced pediatrics in Monterey, Calif., for six years, then he took an anesthesia residency at (Continued on Page 5)

6-inch senior center, with a 15.6 point average; junior Warren Bullock, averaging 9.7 points per contest and junior Donald Glenn, also averaging 9.7 points per game.

The Blue Jays were averaging 52.2 points per game while holding opponents to 31.5 points per contest and had won the Northwest Kansas League championship for the third straight season.

Teams competing in the tournament, in addition to Norton and Osborne, were Turner, Augusta, Russell, Hiawatha, Kingman, Nickerson, Eureka, Abilene, Galena, Hayden, Iola, Anthony, Hays and Hugoton.

Among the favorites were Hayden of Topeka, who came in with a 17-3 record;

Hays, one of the invited teams, who was 17-4 and Kingman, who brought a 17-6 record into the tournament. Nickerson and Abilene were also considered to be championship contenders.

Norton played Kingman in the first round. The Jays led 30-19 at halftime but Kingman rallied in the second half and cut the Norton lead to 45-43 with three minutes left in the game. The Blue Jays held the Eagles scoreless the rest of the way to win 53-43 and advance to the quarter-finals.

Norton's leading scorers were Wolf with 16 points, Bullock with 15 and Glenn with 12. Bruce Cheatum, Kingman's leading scorer for the season, was held scoreless by Norton's Ray Bower.

Hays was defeated in the first round but Hayden, Nickerson and Abilene won and advanced

Norton faced Nickerson in the quarter-finals. With Bullock and Wolf each hitting 19 points, Norton defeated Nickerson 52-40.

Norton held a 25-19 halftime advantage but Nickerson scored the first seven points of the second half to take a 26-25 lead. The Blue Jays rallied and led 42-32 at the end of the third quarter and maintained their momentum in the fourth quarter to win the game and advance to the championship semi-finals.

In other quarter-final games, Russell defeated Augusta 58-46, Abilene outscored Hayden 52-34 and Hugoton (Continued on Page 5)

Former basketball players live all over the country

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the University of Colorado.

He practiced anesthesiology in Grand Junction, Colo., then moved back to Monterey where he practiced medicine until retirement.



Hutcherson

He has made 15 medical and Rotary trips to Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico. Along the way he and his wife had four children.

RAY BOWER

Ray Bower attended the University of Kansas on a football scholarship. He earned two letters in football and graduated with a degree in business.



Ray Bower

He married Jean Langrell of Lawrence in 1959. They have a daughter, Cynthia, a son, David, and four grandchildren.

After college, he spent three months as a ranger in Yellowstone National Park.

He served with the Air Force in Texas, Arizona, Florida, Germany, California, Vietnam, Panama, South Dakota and Ohio. While in Vietnam he flew 484 combat missions in the U-10. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal.

While still in the Air Force, he earned a master's degree from Golden Gate University in 1966.

He retired from the military as a major and spent six years in sales. In 1982 he began working in the

chemical dependency treatment field. In 1985 he became certified as a chemical dependency counselor. He retired again in 1997.

He continues to work part-time as a counselor, plays golf, does landscape oil painting and travels to visit his daughter in Alaska and his son in Texas.

He and his wife live in Newark, Ohio.

RON ALLEN

While Ron Allen attended Norton Community High School he participated in music, football, track and played guard on the basketball team.



Ron Allen

He attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in business. He married Eloise Sparks in 1955 in Prairie Village.

Mr. Allen served in the Air Force from 1956-'59, where he trained to be a B-47 navigator. He was stationed at Schilling Air Force Base in Salina.

He attended college in Kansas City and graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. He practiced in Norton until his retirement in 1995.

He and his wife traveled in their motor home and are now managers of Green Valley RV Resort and Estates in Green Valley, Ariz.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen have three children and three grandchildren.

DAVID SCHNEIDER

David Schneider graduated from Kansas State University in 1955 and completed his graduate studies at the University of California at Los Angeles.

He spent 13 years in the broadcast industry working in radio and television in Kansas, Nevada and California. He spent 35 years

working in travel agencies in California, Florida and Kansas.

He is retired, living in Hays, where he does substitute teaching.



Schneider

GLENN BREMENKAMP

Glenn Bremenkamp worked at the Coca-Cola plant, then enlisted in the Air Force in May of 1952.

He went to aviation cadet training and was commissioned in 1953, receiving his wings in 1954.

He married in 1954 and he and his wife had three children.



Bremenkamp

He completed pilot training in 1958 and was checked out on the B-37 and the B-52. In 1966 he went to Vietnam as a forward air controller in the O-1 Birdog, flying 48 combat missions in South Vietnam, 210 in Laos over the Ho Chi Minh Trail and 34 over North Vietnam.

He and his wife have lived in Biloxi, Miss., for the last 38 years. He was an elementary teacher for three years. He entered civil service and became a contracting officer for the Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration until he retired again.

He is active in volunteer work, military organizations, the Senior Olympics.

DONALD GLENN

After graduating, Donald Glenn attended Dodge City Junior College on a basketball scholarship. He was asked to play football, too, and that is where he tore up a knee. He left college for a year and was drafted. He spent four years in the

Air Force.

He owned a service station in Norton, then moved to Northglenn, Colo., where he now lives.

He was an office manager for an insurance company, then became the treasurer. He grew discontented with a desk job, he said, so he purchased a Conoco station. He became interested in dirt track racing where his youngest son raced. After retirement he has done the track preparation for Denver's dirt track.



D. Glenn

Since moving to Colorado, he and his wife have owned recreational vehicles and have gone camping, boating and fishing. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June. They have three children and four grandchildren.

DARRELL WEBBER

Following graduation, Darrell Webber attended the University of Kansas, graduating in 1957 with a degree in civil engineering.



D. Webber

He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. He was a pioneer in the computer department and worked with building dams and power plants. He has traveled extensively. Most of his consulting jobs were in southeast Asia (India, Thailand, Malaysia, China and Japan). He helped the Chinese with the construction of the largest dam in the world on the Yangtze River.

Mr. Webber was a Boy Scout leader, a Little League coach, a

member of his church's board of directors and several engineering organizations, one of which was the International Committee of Large Dams.

He is married to the former Louise Smith of Almena. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

He has retired from federal service with the title of chief engineer of research and development. He and his wife have lived in Arvada, Colo., since 1960.

WARREN BULLOCK

Warren Bullock graduated from Norton Community High School in 1952. He attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1956 with a degree in business.



W. Bullock

He has been in the oil business in Norton since 1957.

He has four children and nine grandchildren.

REX DAVIS

One of the younger members of the championship team, Rex Davis graduated in 1953. He worked for two years before starting college at Dodge City in 1955 on a basketball scholarship. He also attended Fort Hays State College.



Rex Davis

He married classmate, Ann Browne. They bought a farmstead east of Norton. He worked at selling cars, agricultural products and insurance.

He also worked on construction projects, including the Norton Dam. He worked for the state from 1975 to 1990. He still farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis had three daughters and two sons and nine grandchildren.

WALTER WOLF

Walter Wolf went on to the University of Denver where he earned a degree in business.

He played basketball for a year for Continental Air Lines, then received a commission in the Army.

He married Mary Dean Ohmes. They have four daughters and three grandchildren.

He has worked in corporate sales and marketing. He established a private sales agency for gifts and home decor in 1978. It is now called The Wolf Company Southeast, and has offices and showrooms in America's Mart, Atlanta, Ga. His company represents 40 manufacturers and conducts sales in the southeastern states along with accounts throughout the U.S.

LEROY CIBOSKI

LeRoy Ciboski has been retired for 10 years and lives in Mountain Home, Ark.

"We live on beautiful Norfolk Lake, where I spend most of my time," he says.

"I've switched my sports from basketball and football to fishing and gardening. It is a lot less strenuous.

"I enjoyed playing on the winning team back in 1951 and I'd like to say hello to all my former teammates. Have a good time and think of me when you're reminiscing."



W. Wolf



L. Ciboski

Championships were 52 years apart

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edged Osborne 46-44.

Norton played Russell in the semi-finals. Russell led 13-10 after one quarter but the Blue Jays were ahead 20-19 at halftime. Norton was also on top 26-24 after a low scoring third quarter. Russell took a 29-28 lead in the fourth quarter but Norton regained the lead with two minutes left and was on top 30-29.

The score was tied 32-all in the final minute of play when Bullock was fouled and stepped to the free throw line with 15 seconds remaining. He missed the first charity but hit the second to give Norton a 33-32 win and a berth in the championship finals.

Wolf led scoring for Norton in the game with 13 points. Glenn hit 11.

Abilene defeated Hugoton 54-45 in the other semi-final game to set up the championship contest between Norton and Abilene.

The Blue Jays got off to a good start in the championship finals, scoring the first 12 points of the game and taking a 28-18 lead by halftime. Early in the third period, Abilene cut the Norton advantage to 32-24 but Wolf hit three straight field goals and a free throw to propel the Jays to a 39-24 advantage.

With Norton on top 41-26, Abilene made a final bid to catch the flying Jays and cut Norton's advantage to 41-34 by the end of the third quarter. Norton scored the first eight points of the final stanza to take a 49-34 lead with five minutes left and was on top 53-36 with four minutes remaining on the clock. Abilene hit four straight baskets to close out the scoring but it was too little, too late as the Blue Jays won 53-44 and captured the state basketball championship for the first time in school history. The Blue Jays' season record was a sterling 22-1.

Wolf had a stellar night for the Blue Jays as he poured in 27 points. Abilene's center Howard Wilkins, who had scored 26 points in their win over Hugoton, was held to just nine against Norton.

It was Coach Burns' seventh year as head Norton basketball coach and he had successfully guided the Blue Jays into five state tournaments. Norton's previous best finish in the state tournament was third in 1941, Burns' first year at Norton. After the 1942 season,

military duty interrupted Burns' coaching at Norton but he returned in 1947.

Wolf and Bullock were named to the All-Tournament Team along with Don Mitchell, Russell; Howard Wilkins, Abilene and Dick Kramer, Hugoton.

Needless to say, the Norton team and coaches received a tremendous reception when they arrived back in Norton on Sunday afternoon.

It was noted in the press that other schools in the Northwest Kansas League had wired messages of support to the Blue Jays while they were in Salina, urging them to uphold the prestige of Northwest Kansas basketball. Colby fans chartered a bus to attend the championship game against Abilene on Saturday evening.

2003 state champions

Members of Norton's 2003 state championship varsity boys basketball team were seniors Marc Thiele, Marc Brooks, Andrew Walter, Terry Petrie, Michael Newell; juniors Jered Sloan, Dan Roeder, Charlie Foley, Jared Foley, Brian Luft and sophomores Ryan Maddy, Kyle Kats and Aaron Overlease.

Norton coaches were the same as they are currently. Head coach is Doug Reusink and assistant coaches are David Stover and Todd Fulton.

The Blue Jays got the season off to a slow start, losing two games in the tough Hays Shoot-Out and to Colby but won 15 of their next 17 games prior to the Sub-State Tournament. Their wins earned them Norton's fifth straight Mid-Continent League Tournament championship and a second place in the league race.

In sub-state competition, Norton defeated Phillipsburg 58-44 in the first round, then outscored state-ranked Belleville 58-49 in the semi-finals and state-ranked Minneapolis 65-58 in the championship finals to earn a berth in the Class 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson.

No. 5 seeded Norton played Cherokee-Southeast in the first round of the state tournament. Walter buried a three-point basket with 3:48 remaining in the game to break a 45-all tie and propel the Blue Jays to a 62-53 win.

Norton had four players in

double figures. Thiele led with 15 points. Walter added 12, which included three of six from beyond the arc. Sloan and Maddy came off the bench to score 10 points each.

In the semi-finals, Norton played No. 1 state ranked and previously unbeaten Riley County. After a 9-9 first quarter, Norton outscored the Falcons 16-3 in the second quarter to take a commanding 25-12 halftime lead.

The Jays led 31-18 midway through the third but Riley County cut into the lead and Norton was on top by just 38-32 by the start of the fourth quarter. Riley County took a 41-40 lead in the final stanza and the two teams traded the advantage until the clock ran out with the score tied at 44-all.

The first overtime ended in a 52-all tie. Norton held leads of 56-52 and 62-56 in the second overtime. Riley County narrowed the Jay advantage to 62-61 with 33 seconds left. The Falcons had the ball and a chance to win but Walter grabbed the ball after a Falcon missed shot and was fouled. He hit both free throws to give Norton a 64-61 win and berth in the championship game.

Medicine Lodge upset No. 2 seed Hillsboro 63-55 in overtime in the other semi-final game to setup the contest with Norton.

Norton jumped out to a 14-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and led 31-25 at halftime. The Indians used a 21-12 advantage in the third quarter to take a 46-43 lead entering the final eight minutes of play.

Walter tied the game at 48-all with a three-point play with 5:54 remaining. Neither team led by more than three points the rest of the way until Walter swished a pair of free throws to give Norton a 60-55 lead with just over three seconds left.

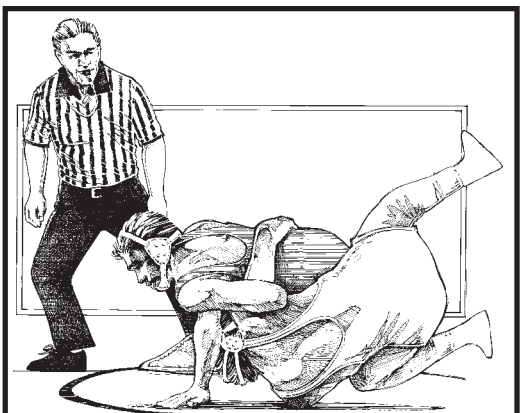
Walter's charities proved to be the winning margin as Medicine Lodge hit a three-point basket at the buzzer to make the final score 60-58.

Thiele finished the game and his Norton career with 20 points. Walter added 18 points in his Blue Jay finale.

Norton completed the season with a 22-5 record.

Again, Norton fans welcomed their state champions home with a midnight-celebration on Saturday.

Go, Norton Blue Jays!



Wrestling
Class 3-2-1A
Regional
Tournament
Fri., Feb. 18
Beginning 2 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 19
Beginning 11 A.M.
Trego Community High School
WaKeeney, KS



Basketball
Tues., Feb. 15
Norton Blue Jays
VERSUS
Hoxie Indians
Beginning 4:45 P.M.
At Hoxie High School
Thursday, February 17
Norton at Oberlin
6:30 p.m.-Oberlin High School
Friday, February 18
Norton versus Ellis
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