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Norton Blue Jay boys basketball team defeats Hoxie, girls lose heartbreaker.

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Norton, Kansas Home of Gene Reedy

Briefly

Basketball team to hold reunion

The Norton 1951 state championship basketball team team will hold a reunion this weekend. Members of the 1951 and 2003 state championship basketball teams will be honored during half time ceremonies at tonight's home game against Ellis. Members of the 1951 team invited old friends to visit with them from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Town and Country Restaurant.

Deadline nears for vehicle tags

Heavy truck and trailer tag renewals, along with those vehicle owners with last names beginning with "A" have until Monday, Feb. 28, to renew their vehicle tags without paying a penalty.

The heavy truck tags are for vehicles of 16,000 pounds or more. Remember to bring your proof of insurance on each vehicle. For trailers, the insurance on the vehicle that pulls it most often

Tag renewal can be done at the Norton County Treasurer's office from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Driver's license renewals can be done 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The treasurer's office is a limited service driver's license station. They do renewals on regular driver's licenses and commercial licenses.

The treasurer's office will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day.

If you have questions, call 877-5795.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Patchy fog in the evening. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday — Cloudy with areas of fog in the morning. Chance of rain showers in the morning, then chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph and gusts to 30 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. **Saturday Night** — Cloudy with chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Patchy fog after midnight.

Howell report:

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Tuesday	High 42, Low 23
Wednesday	High 44, Low 25
Thursday	High 53, Low 25
Week ago	. High 54, Low 23
Month ago	High 30, Low 21
Year ago	. High 57, Low 34
February precipitation	90 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	n 1.40 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)



God of forgiveness and understanding, thank you for forgiveness. Help us to forgive those who have wronged us, just as we have been forgiven by you.

Few attend meeting on office closing

By VERONICA MONIER

Only a few people attended a meeting held by the Social and Rehabilitation Services to talk about the access points that will be replacing the Norton office.

Marilyn Braun, the assistant regional director for community capacity services, said she and her staff are responsible for setting up the access points.

one full-service area at the Norton Senior

brochures, a telephone, a fax, computer money and social services had to make access, a copier and meeting space.

Most of the other places will have applications and brochures, she said. Those will be at the Norton County courthouse, the Norton city building, the Almena Senior Center and the Lenora Grade School.

Regional Director Robena Farrell said it is important to have these places, since She said Norton County would have there will no longer be a county office.

She said it was decided to close the of-Center, which will include applications, fice in Norton when the state needed fices were very sparse in population and

some hard decisions.

She said social services tried to reduce services where the least amount of people would be hurt and then reduce services that could be brought back at a later time.

Ms. Farrell said they were at the point where they couldn't cut staff anymore and had to look at ways to cut costs without reducing staff or services.

"Locations of some of the county of-

some offices were only open for a half a day once a week," she said. "Those were closed first. Then, the offices with the smallest number of people using social services were closed."

She said Phillipsburg was chosen as the regional center because more people were being served there and it was more centrally located.

"We had some very hard decisions to make," she said. "We would have pre-(Continued on Page 5)

Long Island youngster wins again

By VERONICA MONIER

For the third consecutive year, Stanton Nelson, an eighth grader from Northern Valley Junior High, was the champion at the Norton County Spelling Bee.

On Tuesday afternoon, 15 students – three each from Lenora Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Northern Valley Elementary, Norton Junior High and Northern Valley Junior High — met at East Campus Auditorium in Norton for the annual county spelling bee, sponsored by the schools and The Norton Telegram.

After nine rounds, Stanton went headto-head with Bethany Winkel, the seventh-grade alternate from Norton Junior High, to see who was the best speller in the county. Bethany forgot a letter in "dissatisfaction", giving Stanton the opportunity he needed. He spelled the word correctly and then spelled "tenacious". Stanton is the son of Terry and Sara Nelson of Long Island and Bethany is the daughter of Darin and Joanie Winkel of

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Specialist Jim Briery

Former Norton graduate serves in Iraq

Specialist First Class Jim Briery is stationed in southern Iraq in Talill.

He is responsible for telephone and Internet communications. He expects to be stationed in Iraq for 12-18 months. He was activated in September and was stationed at Ft. Lawton, Okla., until his de-

ployment in January. He joined the Kansas National Guard in 1986, and is part of the Iola Unit. His basic training took place at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He has worked full time for the guard in Topeka since 1989. Other duty stations have included Belize, Honduras, and Panama.

Specialist Briery, the son of Ron and Georgia Briery, Norton, is a graduate of Norton Community High School and the University of Kansas. He and his wife, the former Heide Otter, make their home in Eudora. They have two children Samantha, 17, and Andrew, 9. He is the grandson of Bill and Iveda Hoffedita and Harm and Cleo Briery, Hoxie.

Mail will reach him at: HSC/891st EN BN, APO AE 09331.

Patrol keeps kids safe in car seats

By VERONICA MONIER

Child safety is important to the Kansas Highway Patrol, which is why it has car seats available for families in need.

When Trooper Tod Hileman heard about the Russells in Norton, he knew the family could probably use the patrol's

All four of Mindy and Blair Russell's children—the triplets Sasha, Kiowa and Bryn, and the soon-to-be 3-year-old Chakota — got new child safety seats Wednesday morning.

The 1-year-old triplets were fitted with convertible seats that will last until they weigh 40 pounds, which probably won't happen until they are 4 or 5 years old.

Chakota, who will turn 3 in May, got a seat that he'll use until he weighs 80 pounds, which is generally around 8 years old. His seat will become a booster seat when he gets heavy enough.

The triplets' convertible seats will face booster seats. the rear of the car until they weigh 20 pounds and over 1 year old. They are alcriteria are met, their seats can be turned around to face the front of the car.

Trooper Hileman said he has about 30 seats left. He started with 46, but has alpatrol has several models of child safety

The seats, he said, were donated by the Kansas Department of Transportation ready the right age and, as soon as both and the Kansas Motor Carriers Associa-

He said another thing they can help with is getting the seats installed properly.

"There is almost a 100 percent misuse ready given several away. He said the rate with installation," he said. "Sometimes it's something minor like the seat

something major like the harness is in the wrong spot, which could bring serious harm to a child, even in a minor crash. "It may seem small, but it could turn

into something real serious, real fast in a

Trooper Hileman said if you are or know of a family in need of a child safety seat, call him at the Hays patrol office at (785) 625-3518 or Michelle Bohl, who is seats, including the convertibles and isn't tight enough. But other times it is with the local SAFE Kids at 877-2477.

Social Service people explain new system (Continued from Page 1)

ferred to leave offices open in every county, but we couldn't." Ms. Farrell said the access

points will give people the opportunity to get applications and information on services.

toll free phone number, (888) 369-4777, and a toll free fax number, (888) 317-4279, for people to use to send in their applications. People can also mail applications.

She said the office in Norton will be closing Friday, Feb. 25, and the Norton staff will be moving to Phillipsburg on Monday, Feb. 28.

stop people from getting services,"

"Just because the office is closing here doesn't mean we want to

she said. "We still care about the people in Norton. We want to be available to families and we don't want services to decrease. We're hoping to see them increase. We want people who need services to contact us, because getting services She said they have developed a improves the quality of life for people who have limited income." She said if anyone had any idea

for improvement, she asked them to call her or Ms. Braun. They can be reached at (785) 628-1066. Ms. Farrell's extension is 227 and Ms. Braun's is 205.

Ms. Braun said they will be sending out letters to everyone who is getting social service help telling them what is going on and where the access points are.



the youngest speller at the Norton County Spelling Bee. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Spellers compete in bee

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Stanton will represent Norton County at the All-Kansas Spelling ern Valley Elementary — Daniel Bee on Saturday, March 26, at the Field, fifth grade; Erika Chandler, Garvey Fine Arts Center at fourth grade; and Tyler Montgom-Washburn University in Topeka. ery, fifth grade; Northern Valley Last year at state, he took 6th place Junior High — Alison Cole, and the year before he won 18th place out of 105 counties.

High seventh grader, came in fifth grade; Sophie Mills, sixth third. He is the son of John and Ann Becker. Some of the words spelled this

year were plot, never, vaccinate, tangerine, nomadic, admonitory, smorgasbord, sensationalism, circumference, appendectomy and

Others competing in the spelling bee were Lenora Elementary

—Clinton York, fifth grade; Luke Ninemire, sixth grade; and Kristine Georgeson, first grade; Northeighth grade; and Amber Sheley, seventh grade; Eisenhower El-Phillip Becker, a Norton Junior ementary — Jordan Wahlmeier, grade; and Katie Gross, sixth grade; and Norton Junior High — Kyle Mindrup, eighth grade.

Judges for this year's contest were Mike Korte of Lenora, Jim Springer of Northern Valley, and Mirla Coleman and Jennifer Hauser, Norton. Bruce Poage was the contest coordinator and pronouncer.

<u>SCHOOL CALENDAR</u>

NORTON Senior High:

Feb. 20-26 FFA Week

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Ninth-grade girls basketball versus Oberlin, here, Memorial Gym,

a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Junior varsity and varsity basketball at Colby, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Cheer parent meeting, Memorial Gym, 6:30

Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; Junior varsity and varsity basketball at Stockton, 5

Friday — FFA Equine Judging at Wichita; State wrestling at Fort Hays State University in Hays, 10

Saturday — FFA Equine Judging at Wichita; State wrestling at Fort Hays State University in Hays, 10 a.m.

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Wrestling team photos, 4:30 p.m.; Spring sports practice begins; Sub-state girls basketball tourney

Junior High:

Wednesday — Mid Continent Elementary League Music Festival, 8 a.m.; Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Wrestling versus Phillipsburg and Ellis, here, East Campus Gym, 4:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Wrestling and Cheer Team photos, 3 p.m.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Fifth and sixthgrade program practice, auditorium, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Fifth and sixth-grade vocal concert, audito- milk rium, 7 p.m.

Conferences

Next Monday — Site Council, roll, peaches or chef salad, milk

All Schools:

Wednesday — No school

Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

bread, grape juice, milk; Lunch: basketball Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Break-Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 fast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Wednesday — No school Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese biscuit, apple

juice, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin

bread, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Tuna noodles, green beans, mandarin oranges, French bread, pepper strips, milk

Norton Junior/Senior **High Menus**

Monday — Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Birthday meal - Beef nachos, carrots, green beans, hot roll, birthday cake or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit or cheerleading practice, 7 a.m.; Post juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Prom meeting, Almena, lunch-Chicken fry patty, whipped pota-room, 7 p.m.; Sub-State baskettoes with country gravy, hot roll, ball; Breakfast and lunch paypasta salad, pears or chef salad, ments due

Wednesday — No School

Thursday — Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, sausage link, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Mr. rib sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato salad, jello with frosted pear whipped topping or chef salad,

Wednesday — Early Childhood ket upset, fruit or juice or cereal, das, tossed salad, broccoli, rosey through Grade 6 Parent Teacher toast, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and applesauce cheese, green beans, carrots, hot

> **NORTHERN VALLEY National FFA Week**

Monday — No school, Presi-

dents Day; Post Prom meeting, Almena, lunchroom, 7 p.m.; Monday—Breakfast: Monkey Dance team practice; Regional

Tuesday — Regional basketball; QPA in-service, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Phillipsburg

Wednesday — Greater Northern Elementary Conference scholarship contest at Kensington, 10

Thursday — Behavior Disorders Symposium 2005 at Kansas City; Eighth-grade National Assessment of Education Progress Test (NAEP) at Long Island; Regional basketball; Dance Team

Friday — Behavior Disorders Symposium 2005 at Kansas City; Regional basketball; Kansas Music Educators Association convention at Wichita

Saturday—Behavior Disorders Symposium 2005 at Kansas City; Regional basketball, TBA, Dance Team performs; Kansas Music Educators Association convention at Wichita

Next Monday — High School

Breakfast/Lunch Menus: Monday — No school

Tuesday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, hashbrowns, apple juice, cereal; Lunch: Ham/cheese pockets, mashed potatoes, carrots,

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cherry muffin, scrambled eggs, Friday — Breakfast: Fruit bas- peaches, cereal: Lunch: Enchila-

> Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, strawberries, cereal: Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, corn, vanilla pudding

Friday — Breakfast: French

juice, cereal; Lunch: Fish fillet, mashed potatoes, green beans, lemon pie

JENNINGS

toast stix, hashbrowns, grape

Monday — Teacher in-service, No School; Junior High girls basketball Northwest Kansas League Tournament

Tuesday — Junior High wrestling Northwest Kansas League Tournament at Colby

Wednesday — Greater Northern Elementary Conference Scholarship contest Kensington, 10 a.m.

Thursday — Junior High girls basketball Northwest Kansas League Tournament - seventh grade at Atwood, eighth grade at

Jennings Menus

Monday — No School

Tuesday — Hamburgers, tater tots, baked beans, salad bar, pears, cupcakes, milk

Wednesday — Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad bar, peaches, milk

Thursday — Ham, au gratin potatoes, peas, salad bar, strawberries, milk

Friday — Pizza, green beans, breadsticks, salad bar, applesauce, Daily Breakfast Menu: Toast,

cereal, milk or juice

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