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Norton, Kansas

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Briefly

Pancakes will be served in Almena

The Almena Community PRIDE committee is sponsoring a free-will donation sausage and pancake supper from 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the Almena Community Center. Proceeds from the supper will go toward wiring Almena's historic jail.

Volunteers needed for meals

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels Feb. 28 through March 6. If you can help carry food to shut-ins in Norton, please call the dietary department at Norton County Hospital, 877-3351.

Soup, pie supper set for next Friday

The Norcatat Senior Citizens group will be having a soup and pie supper next Friday, March 4. The supper will start at 6 p.m. at the Norcatat Educational Building. Cards will be played at 7 p.m.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Increasing clouds with lows in the upper 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Increasing clouds. Highs in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the south 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered sprinkles or flurries. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. **Sunday** — Breezy and mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 49, Low 33
Wednesday High 51, Low 26
Thursday High 52, Low 29
Week ago High 48, Low 39
Month ago High 69, Low 37
Year ago High 39, Low 26
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

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. We bring before you our individual and collective needs as we pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." Amen



Piano teacher, Donna Severns, (above) Norton, checks out the results of her students at Wednesday's Mid-Continent Elementary League Music Festival held at Norton Junior High. A flutist and a clarinetist (below) found a practice room for rehearsal before their appearance in the competition. Even the hallways were used as this trumpet player (left) tried a few notes.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Committee gets crash course in development

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City/County Economic Development Committee got a crash course on Wednesday in what to do to make itself effective.

Project Manager Don Ballek with the Department of Commerce Business Development Division said he and his colleagues were there to give everyone on the committee a starting point for economic development.

He said economic development is the process of creating jobs and increasing capital investments to broaden the tax base.

"It's basically a way of creating a positive way of life," he said. "Economic development is a way to make things better and increase quality of life."

"With economic development, changing attitudes lets you be part of the solution, instead of being part of the problem."

Mr. Ballek said nationally, 80 percent of new jobs are created by existing businesses, which is why people needed to focus on the businesses already in town as well as bringing in new businesses.

"Your biggest industry is your competitor's best prospect," he said. "You want to keep your existing businesses."

He said start-up or homegrown businesses, also known as basement businesses, are important. Cabella's and Microsoft were both basement businesses. He said it was important to pay attention to these people because they make opportunities.

Mr. Ballek said the committee also needed to decide what kind of businesses it wanted to bring in.

"Will they be competing with your existing businesses," he asked. "Or will they complement them? You also need to see what kind of incentives you're willing to offer them."

He said business recruitment was expensive and the committee needed to decide how much of its budget was going to go toward it and how much would be spent on improving the businesses already in the county.

Rod Weinmeister, a field representative from the Business Development Division, said he was happy to see the county and its communities taking the initiative (Continued on Page 5)

Chamber's annual banquet set for Monday

Tickets are still available to the annual Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, scheduled for Monday evening at the Norton American Legion.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and can be reserved by calling Karla Reed, executive director, at the Chamber office, 877-2501.

The keynote speaker will be Ed Hearn, major league baseball player, formerly of the world champion New York Mets. Mr. Hearn will share his story of how in 1987, when he was playing for the Kansas City Royals, a seri-

ous shoulder injury brought a premature end to his promising career.

He made a successful transition from the world of sports into the "real world" of corporate America. But, less than six months after his baseball career ended, he was diagnosed with three potentially life threatening health conditions. He hung on, though, and used these physical challenges to make the most incredible comeback of his life.



Ed Hearn

Now, after three life-saving kidney transplants, a successful bout with cancer, the aid of a breathing machine each night, a costly intravenous treatment once a month and up to 50 pills a day, Mr. Hearn has come back to live an inspirational life.

Three years ago he was awarded the Certified Speaking Profession designation from the National Speakers Association, an award reserved to less than eight percent of speakers throughout the world.

Chamber President Carol Erlensch will welcome those attending the banquet and introduce Mr. Hearn.

County may need new insurance

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County may lose its insurance policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Charles Krull told the Norton County Commissioners Tuesday that the Kansas Bankers Association might possibly drop the same plan the county has. Because the insurance company has to have a minimum number of participants in each plan, if the association drops the plan, there won't be enough participants to continue it.

"This concerns me," said Commissioner John Miller. "It has never been such an issue before."

Mr. Krull said he wouldn't know for a couple of months if the plan was going to be dropped.

Mr. Miller said the county needed to know by May so the commission could plan the budget.

Mr. Krull also gave a report on the actual cost of services used by the county, along with the anticipated and savings costs generated by the group for 2003 and 2004.

He said for the first time in several years, the county has a positive "group reserve" because of a couple of good years.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Spoke with Norton County Road and Bridge Secretary Kathy Hardy about the solid waste accounting and vouchers. She said she thinks the landfill needs a different accounting program and that the solid waste employees should start handling their own accounting and vouchers.

Ms. Hardy has resigned her position and thinks that the landfill's accounting program is too complicated to train her replacement sufficiently. The program that the landfill is using now was designed for a much bigger landfill.

She said the landfill could use the program that road and bridge has, which is much simpler.

The commission asked that Ms. Hardy get some information on the program she thinks would work better and present it to them at Monday's meeting.

- Heard from Harry L. Hunsley with Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers. Mr. Hunsley said he was once the county (Continued on Page 5)



Specialist James Horesky

Almena graduate stationed in Iraq with army

Specialist James Horesky graduated from Northern Valley High School in 2002.

He attended Fort Hays State University, studying for a degree in music.

Spec. Horesky was called for active duty in August and is now stationed in Iraq.

He is the son of Sandy Horesky and James Horesky, Sr., both of Norton.

Mail will reach him at: Spc. Horesky, James 3385, 50th MSB C Company 42nd ID, OIF III FOB Speicher, APO AE 09393.

Husky boys end season

The Northern Valley Huskies' season ended Tuesday when they were defeated by Logan 65-49 in the first round of the 1A Regional Basketball Tournament.

"Losing by two and winning by one in the first two meetings, we thought it would come down to the last possession," said Coach Jason Dibble. "Unfortunately things did not work out in our favor.

"After a tremendous first half of basketball in terms of the score, being tied at the end of the first quarter and again at half, it looked like the game was playing out just like we expected.

"The third quarter was our black eye and they got things going on offense. Being outscored 20-8 was a combination of them attacking our zone and us not being able to attack their zone.

"We had talked about getting the ball in the free-throw line area and getting to the free-throw line, which we did in spurts but just not as often as we needed to.

"When the fourth quarter started I thought we had a run in us, but it just never happened. We gave up some easy baskets taking some chances on defense and we just could not get any threes to go down late in the game to mount a comeback."

Avery Thalheim and Joey Coper led scoring for Northern Valley with 14 points apiece. They were followed by Jesse Hilburn, 10 points; Henry Griffiths, 8; and Cole Kinderknecht, 3.

Scoring for Logan were Kyle Burge, 19, Bryant Reese, 12; Tim McElroy, Kyle Brobst, and Troy Babcock, 10 apiece; Kevin Burge and Lee Van Loenen, 2 each.

"I definitely felt better for the most part of the year in the success our team had in reaching nine wins this year," said Coach Dibble. "I



Northern Valley's Jesse Hilburn heads down court after a rebound in the contest between the Huskies and Trojans Tuesday in Almena. Hilburn was the only senior playing for the Huskies this season.

truly believe we won most of the games that we should have won and played tough in some other games and just came up a little short.

"We met a lot of the goals we set out for this year including finishing tied for second in league, shooting over 40 percent of our two point field goals, 65 percent from the free-throw line and keeping our turnovers around 15 per game.

"We fell short on a few of our goals, but I know we moved the program in the right direction after only having four wins each of

the last two years.

"With the combination of four returning starters and a wealth of experience for next year, I definitely am upbeat on our opportunities for next season. We just need to make sure and put some time in during the off season and continue to improve to make ourselves better.

"Thanks for all the hard work and effort from the players and the support from the administration, Coach Fessenden and fans who contributed to making this a successful season."

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Logan 65, Northern Valley

Score by quarters:

N. Valley	16	11	9	13	— 49
Logan	16	11	20	18	— 65

Northern Valley

Thalheim	2	3	2-1	14	Copper	7
Hilburn	2	1	8-3	10	Griffiths	4
Griffiths	4	0	0-8	Kinderknecht	1	0
Totals	16	4	12-5	49		

Logan

Burge	9	0	2-1	19	Reese	4
McElroy	5	0	1-0	10	Brobst	5
Babcock	5	0	0-0	10	Babcock	5
Burge	1	0	2-0	2	Van Loenen	1
Totals	30	0	15-5	65		

Committee learns about what to do

(Continued from Page 1) to put something together and that he was glad to see the cooperation that was going into the committee. Cooperation is very important, he said.

Mr. Weinmeister recommended that the committee do a survey of its businesses and residents to see what people wanted. It is important to determine what kind of attitude people have toward economic development, he said.

Also, he said the committee needed to figure out what made Norton County different from other counties to attract new business. He suggested the committee put together a folder with all of the things the county has to offer.

Susan NeuPoth Cadoret, a project manager for the Department of Commerce Business De-

velopment Division, said the committee needed to keep in mind that although it was a public entity, funded by public dollars, the businesses it would be dealing with aren't public and confidentiality is important.

She said a good way to keep confidentiality was to identify businesses by their industry, but keep their names quiet.

She said the committee needed to divide up its responsibilities, so that everybody wasn't trying to do everything at once.

"Let people do what they are best at," she said.

A major thing, she said, was to remember to keep the lines of communication open.

"Let people and businesses know what you're doing," she said. "The more they know, the more comfortable they will be."

County commissioners hear report on insurance

(Continued from Page 1) engineer and now works for the consulting firm. He said he knows the county has an engineer company that it uses, but would like it if the county would let his firm make a proposal next time it needed an engineer.

The commissioners said they would do so.

• Met with Norton County Rural Fire Board President Phil Loughry, who told the commissioners that John Becker and Darrel West have resigned from the board. Replacing them will be David Maddy and Brandon Schulze. He said both Mr. Becker

and Mr. West have done an excellent job and deserve a big thanks for their service.

Mr. Loughry said the fire board is still applying for grants to get some new trucks.

• Gave permission to Social and Rehabilitative Services to park their vehicles in the north parking lot. Commissioner Leroy Lang said one of the stipulations would have to be that social services move the vehicles for snow removal.

• Paid dues in the amount of \$3,906 for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission.



Kenny Leiker, a proud Norton Blue Jay Booster, shakes the hand of heavyweight wrestler, Michael Sprigg, during the send-off Thursday evening before the team headed to Hays for the State Wrestling Tournament. Behind Mr. Leiker stands Luke Keilig who waits his turn to shake Michael's hand, and Lance Roe is at left.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Wrestling team photos, 4:30 p.m.; Spring sports practice begins

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; FCCLA, 7 p.m.; Sub-State Girls Basketball vs Hoisington, Here, 5:30 p.m.; Sub-State Boys Basketball vs. Hoisington, Here, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SAC, a.p.

Thursday — Kays, a.p.; FCCLA Bingo at Manor, 7 p.m.; Sub-State Basketball Tourney at Cimarron

Friday — Jazz, a.p.; Sub-State Basketball Tourney at Cimarron

Saturday — Forensics at Ellis, 7:30 a.m.; FFA District Selection at Downs, 9 a.m.; Sub-State Basketball Tourney at Cimarron

Next Monday — Mid-Continent League Forensics at Hill City, 7:30 a.m.; Jay Singers, a.p.; 11th Grade State Science Assessments; Kay Board, 7:30 p.m.

Junior High:

Monday — Wrestling and Cheer team photos, 3 p.m.

Wednesday — Team, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday — Mid Continent Elementary Wrestling at Osborne,

9:30 a.m.

Next Monday — Stuco, a.p.

Eisenhower:

Monday — 5th Grade Writing Assessments; Site Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — 5th Grade Writing Assessments; AR meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Wednesday — 5th Grade Writing Assessments; Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss Day

Thursday — 5th Grade Writing Assessments; Early Childhood-Grade 2 Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Next Monday — 4th Grade Math Assessments; 5th Grade Reading Assessments; 6th Grade Social Studies Assessments; Kindergarten Roundup, 7 p.m.

JR-SR High Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Chocolate muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, peaches, cinnamon bubble or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cherry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, cheese, lettuce, chopped tomato, hot roll, pumpkin custard or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Long John, fruit or juice or cereal, toast,

milk; Lunch: Pizza, garden salad, pears, no bake cookie or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Hot cereal with toppings, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pigs in blanket, baked beans, coleslaw, cinnamon/applesauce jello, or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: English muffin pizza, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, combo salad, mixed fruit, or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, pineapple chunks, dinner roll, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Rolled-up sausage link, tater tots, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

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

Thursday — Breakfast: Home-

milk; Lunch: Ike burger, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot French toast, syrup, pears, milk; Lunch: Fish portions, potato salad, rosy applesauce, whole wheat roll, milk

JENNINGS

Tuesday — Sub-State Basketball games

Thursday — Sub-State Basketball games

Friday — Sub-State Basketball games; Junior High Dance, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday — Sub-State Basketball games; Jr. High Math Counts Competition in Salina

Breakfast/Lunch Menus: Tuesday — Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, salad bar, pears

Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, tater tots, green beans, salad bar, rolls, fruit cocktail

Thursday — Super nachos, refried beans, salad bar, mandarin oranges, cookies

Friday — Potato/tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, salad bar, peaches

Daily Breakfast Menu: Toast, cereal, milk, juice

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Almena Water Supply

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The City of Almena Public Water Supply System failed the monitoring/reporting requirements of Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-15-14 and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for the month of September 2004 by not collecting the required number of water samples for Bacteriological analysis by the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratory or a state-certified laboratory or by failing to report results of analysis performed in a state-certified laboratory. Two routine samples were required; none were submitted for analysis. Therefore, the safety of the drinking water may not have been assured during that time period.

This notification to the public is required by the federal regulation 40CFR 141.32 and K.A.R. 28-15-15a whenever a monitoring or reporting

violation has occurred. Since it is our desire to provide the safest water possible to our consumers, we have begun a closer surveillance of our sampling program to prevent future violations. For information regarding this notice, please Contact the City of Almena at 669-2425.

This was a mistake on the part of Division of Health & Environment Laboratories, Topeka, KS as they did not send the sample bottles out to us and we did not catch the fact that they had not sent them. Nitrates, and fecal coli form samples have been running under the numbers they allow. Therefore we see no reason to worry about any of the above. The one sample we had they rejected was too long in transit so it was sent back as positive. The following three we sent back all came back as negative.

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