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Northern Valley and Logan basketball action from Tuesday, Norton boys beat Hill City in close game.

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Briefly

Deadline near for candidates

Those who want to run for city council in Norton and Lenora need to file soon.

The filing deadline for the April elections is noon on Tuesday. Candidates in Norton can file at the Norton City Office, while Lenora's potential can file at the Lenora City Office.

Annual Derby slated Saturday

Norton County Boy Scouts will be competing in the annual Pinewood Derby at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton United Methodist Church. The Norton Lions sponsor the event and will provide trophies to the winners.

This job involves highs and lows

For 10 years, Paul and Pat Howell recorded the daily temperature highs and lows for *The Norton Telegram*. Following Mr. Howell's death in November, Mrs. Howell has continued the daily reports. However, she feels it is time for someone else to take over.

If you are an interested weather watcher and would enjoy keeping those records, please call *The Telegram* at 877-3361.

No wake-up call necessary Feb. 7

Norton students will be able to sleep in on Tuesday, Feb. 7, as there is no school.

The day has been designated as a special day of in-service for the teachers and staff, who will receive training in the second phase of Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Dealing with Poverty."

School will start late on Monday, April 24, as scheduled, but will start as usual on Monday, Feb. 27.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Colder with lows around 16. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 40s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 20. West winds around 10 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 40s. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 18. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 40s.

Prayer

O God, thank you for making each of us your unique creation. Help us to work together for your kingdom. Amen

Norton losing principal and coach

Stull retiring after 28 years

By DICK BOYD

Lary Stull, principal at Norton Community High School for the past 28 years, has announced his retirement effective at the end of this school year.

Mr. Stull is completing his 34th year in education, 32 of which he was an educator in Norton Unified School District 211.

Prior to becoming principal at Norton, he was a teacher and coach for two years at Northern Valley and junior high instructor and coach in Norton before serving one year as junior high principal in Norton.

Mr. Stull's administrative tenure in

Norton is second only to that of the legendary Gerald Travis.

"Mr. Stull has become the 'face' of USD 211," said Superintendent Greg Mann.

"Without a doubt, when many people think of the Norton schools, they think of Lary Stull. This is true of people in Norton and those who do not live in Norton.

"Mr. Stull has a gift for understanding people and knowing how to help them with their problems and concerns.

"Whether they are students, teachers or parents, he is totally unselfish with his

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Graber going to El Dorado

By DICK BOYD

Bruce Graber, Norton Community High School head football and track coach the past 11 years, has resigned to accept a head football coach and teaching position at El Dorado High School, a Class 4A school east of Wichita.

Coach Graber's resignation will be effective at the end of the 2005-'06 school year.

During Mr. Graber's tenure in Norton, his football teams have compiled a record of 88 wins and 23 losses for a 79 percent winning record. Graber-coached Blue Jay football teams were Mid-Continent

League champions six times and qualified for state playoffs six times, reaching the sectional championship game twice.

Four Blue Jay gridders were selected to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game during Coach Graber's time at Norton and 22 Norton football players coached by him have attended college on football scholarships.

Mr. Graber's Norton Community High School track teams have won four league championships. In the state track meet, his athletes have earned state championships in ten events and his track athletes have

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A steady line of people (above) waited to donate blood during Wednesday's Red Cross Blood Drive. First time donor, Andrew Ables (below) gave "thumbs up" before the nurse began to draw blood.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier and Carolyn Plotts

Blood drive goal exceeded once again

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Once again, the Norton community exceeded the Red Cross blood drive goal. Blood drive organizer, Laura Gilhousen, said the goal was 125 units. She said 142 units were donated and nine units came from first-time donors.

Andrew Ables, first-time donor, a senior at Norton Community High School, jokingly said it was a good excuse to get out of class. But the real reason was to help.

Mrs. Gilhousen apologized for the long wait some donors experienced. She said one of the Red Cross nurses was ill and that reduced the number of donor beds by three. She said about 10 donors had to leave before they were able to donate.

"Recent tragedies in the community brought a heightened awareness to people of the real need for blood," said Mrs. Gilhousen.

"These are people we know — people we sit next to in church. It's the least we can do.

"Norton is the most fantastic community for being there when there is a need. I am so proud of this town," she said.



Economic development seeks spot on website

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board decided it wants to be a part of discoverNorton.com.

Chamber Director Karla Reed told the development board at its last meeting that the Chamber board was willing to work with economic development.

She said the Chamber board didn't say that it wouldn't consider adding county to

the website name and that the board wasn't asked to do so. It was set up without county in the name because that's the way all of the discover websites were set up.

"We're not against changing it," she said. "That's just the way it was set up."

However, she said, if it was to be changed, the Chamber board would have to vote on it.

But, she said, there is an economic development tab on the website and it can be developed.

"We want to help you," Ms. Reed said. "We want you to help us and we're willing to work with you."

Board chairman John Miller said that's what they were all about.

"I think the website would be good and we're open for discussion about it," he

said. "It's something that benefits all of Norton County. I think we're just in the discovery process here."

Mr. Miller said he thought the website didn't need to say county.

"I think when you say Norton, it covers all of the county," he said.

Ms. Reed said discoverNorton.com is linked to several other websites, including (Continued on Page 5)

Development seeks spot on website

(Continued from Page 1) ing US36.net, which has a lot of history.

She said the Chamber is going to have to start paying to have the website maintained. If the development board wanted to split the cost with the Chamber and Travel and Tourism, then it could have access to put what it wanted on the site, she said.

"We want to do this together," she said.

Board vice-chairman Curtis Eveleigh said he would like economic development to be able to put things on the discoverNorton.com site.

"I don't think it would be in our best interest to start our own website," he said.

Mr. Miller said he didn't want to change anything without talking to the Chamber first.

Mr. Eveleigh said if they decided to pay for a third of the cost of maintaining the website, then Economic Development Director Marlene Henderson would be able to access it and put what was needed on it.

"I would really rather do that than set up our own website," he said. "DiscoverNorton.com is a nice looking site and has a lot of good information on it already."

The board directed Ms. Henderson and board members Donna Foley and Gayle James to work with the Chamber and Travel

and Tourism on the website. They also decided to pay for a third of the cost of maintaining the website, which is about \$30 a month. The total cost is \$89 a month, which is split with the Chamber and Travel and Tourism.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted a bid from Sander Furniture of Norton for \$427.50 for a board room table. Other bids were turned in from Office Works in Colby and TriCentral in Hays.

- Heard a presentation on discoverNorton.com from Scott Sproul of Rural Telephone. Mr. Sproul showed the board what the website had on it, how it was set up, how it could be changed, and links to other websites in the county.

- Held two 15-minute closed sessions to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Heard from Ms. Henderson that she is still working with the City of Almena to get a Business Enterprise Grant.

- Learned that Shawn Mortensen of Mortensen's Computer Service had planned a presentation, but was unable to be present.

- Discussed the Blue Skyways website. Ms. James said it has a lot of good information on it, but it needs to be updated because some is time sensitive. She said it's one that, if it isn't, it should be linked to the discoverNorton.com website.



Weldon "Willie" Carlin cuts his retirement/birthday cake during a reception at New Look Body Shop to celebrate his last day on the job. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton man retires from body shop on birthday after 45 years on the job

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Memories of the people he worked with are what one Norton retiree will take with him after 45 years on the job.

Weldon "Willie" Carlin retired from New Look Body Shop Wednesday on his 65th birthday.

He started working for J.D. Gall in 1961, when the business was known as Gall Motor. He began his career as a body man but, dur-

ing the 1970s, he moved up to the position of manager.

Mr. Carlin said Jim Goins was the shop manager and Ted Lemon was the other body man when he first started.

Quick to give credit, he said, "Without their help, I wouldn't have learned everything I needed for the job."

"Technology has changed our business over the years" he said.

"We used to paint a car for \$125 — and that included the materials. Now, it (\$125) only pays for a portion of the materials."

Mr. Carlin did a head-count of all the people he has worked with. He said he may have missed a few, but he counted at least 110.

He laughed and said, "Some of 'em may have only worked a day, but they were here."

He said he has looked back on

all those people and remembers how much he has enjoyed his work.

He said he was very proud of his staff and thankful for all the support he has received from Brad Harding and all his customers.

Mr. Carlin has planned ahead for his retirement. A camping enthusiast and wood carver, he said, "Now, the fun starts."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Scholars Bowl, here, 4 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Junior Varsity, Varsity Basketball at Goodland, 6:30 p.m.; Scholar's Bowl at Phillipsburg, 4 p.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling vs Hays and Kearney, here, Senior Night, 4 p.m.

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

Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; FFA Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday — Jazz, a.p.; FFA Ag Ed Symposium at Garden City

Saturday — FFA Ag Ed Symposium at Garden City; Forensics at Oberlin, 7:30 a.m.; ACT Test Date; Mid-Continent League Wrestling at Ellis, 10 a.m.

Sunday — Winter Band Concert, Memorial Gym, 2:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.

Junior High:

Wednesday — Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Scholar's Bowl at Smith Center, 4 p.m.

Eisenhower:

Wednesday — SIT, 7:30 a.m.

All Schools:

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

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: French toast stix with syrup, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken enchilada, lettuce and chopped tomato, hot roll, fruit cocktail or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Cheddar chowder with crackers, carrots, celery, hot roll, fruit salad, Snickerdoodles or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: macaroni and cheese, green beans,

garden salad, pineapple chunks or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bubble, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, peas, chocolate pudding or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Cherry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, vegetable salad, hot roll, peaches or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Strawberries, bagel with cream cheese, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple chunks, dinner roll, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Apple wedge, banana spears, oatmeal muffin square, toast with peanut butter, milk; Lunch: Lasagna tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage pancake stick, syrup, strawberry fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Shipwreck, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Ike burger, bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, peaches,

apple juice, milk; Lunch: Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High School Band Clinic at Logan, 1 p.m. Practice, 4:30 p.m. League Meeting, 7 p.m. Concert

Tuesday — High School Dance Team Practice at Almena; Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — League Scholars Bowl at Almena, 1 p.m.; Grades 4-8 Northern Valley Spelling Bee at Long Island Gym, 1:40-3:10 p.m.

Thursday — High School Dance Team Practice in Almena; Ag Ed Symposium at Manhattan, 8 p.m.

Friday — Ag Ed Symposium at Manhattan; High School Cheerleading Practice in Almena, 7:15 a.m.; Breakfast and Lunch Payment Due; High School Dance Team will Perform at Half Time of A-Team Boys Game; High School Pep Rally in Almena, Big Gym, 3:10 p.m.; High School Basketball vs Kensington at Almena, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday — Ag Ed Symposium at Manhattan; Grade School Dance Camp at Northern Valley High School Cafeteria, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Northern Valley Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Donuts,

ham slice, fruit cup, cereal assortment; Lunch: Ham patty on a bun, dill spear, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, brownies

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cherry muffin, scrambled egg, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Mexi-tot supreme, tossed salad with dressing, spinach, French bread, chocolate bread

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage links, hashbrowns, cereal; Lunch: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, cherry crisp

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage/cheese biscuit, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Cheese chowder, hot roll, relish plate, pear

Friday — Breakfast: Crumb top muffin, scrambled eggs, strawberries, cereal; Lunch: Bierocks, French fries, peas, strawberry shortcake



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High school principal gets set to retire soon

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"His driving desire has been to make Norton Community High School and the Norton schools the best they can possibly be.

"Mr. Stull has set and maintained high expectations for the performance of his students, teachers, coaches and all Norton Community High School activities, but none higher than he has set for himself.

"He will be greatly missed as

a true professional.

"But also, as importantly, as a friend to so many with whom he worked."

Mr. Stull's wife, Peggy, is a retired art teacher.

"She retired after 26 years of service to the Norton School District at the end of the 2003-'04 school year," Mr. Mann said.

"A search to find the first new Norton Community High School principal since 1978 has begun," the superintendent said.

Football, track coach is going elsewhere

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earned 45 additional medals at state track. As a team, Norton has finished in the top five in the state track meet on two different occasions under Coach Graber's tenure.

"We certainly wish Bruce the best," said Norton Community High School Athletic Director Larry Mills. "Coach Graber has been very successful in Norton but, more importantly, he has been an excellent role model for our athletes.

"Coach Graber has always been a gentleman in victory or defeat and is a true sportsman in every sense of the word.

"He works hard, always has his athletes well prepared and makes sure they play hard but play fair. His athletes can always be counted on to represent the community of Norton in only the best possible manner."

Coach Graber's wife, Mary, is a first grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton.



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