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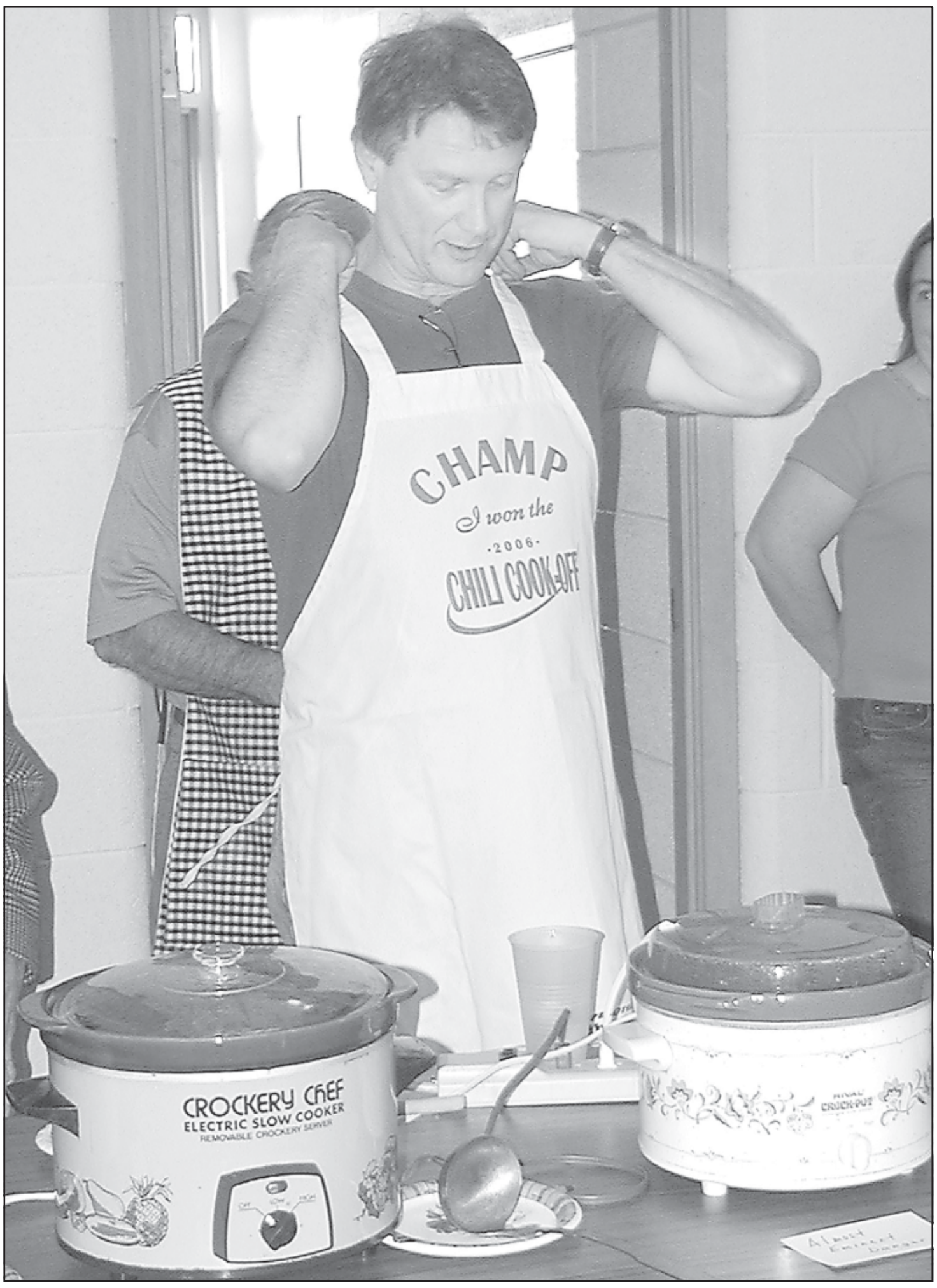
Norton, Kansas
Home of Don Mordecai

Holy jalapeño



Sunday afternoon, in the fellowship hall of the Norton United Methodist Church, Chef Doug Sebelius donned the official Chili Cook-Off championship apron after winning the heated competition with a sizzling entry.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton Cook-off gives taste of heat

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

For the fourth year in a row, the men of the Norton United Methodist Church have sponsored a Chili Cook-Off.

This year 11 cooks competed for the coveted distinction of being crowned Champion Chili Cook. Some entries were considered very mild, while others practically smoked.

The 2006 honor went to Doug Sebelius whose scorching entry was laden with peppers. Mr. Sebelius said, "There's no big secret, really. What makes the difference is the two cups of chopped, home-grown jalapeños."

For his efforts, he was awarded a chef's apron by Jake Durham.

It was estimated that over 100 attended the fund raiser that brought in more than $600. The funds go to support world service projects, Africa University and the Mexican/American Health

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Briefly

Wish granters need volunteers

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas needs volunteers in northwest Kansas.

The foundation is a non-profit organization that grants the single favorite wish of Kansas children ages 2 1/2 to 18 who suffer from a life-threatening illness or medical condition.

Wishgranting volunteers work directly with the wish child to make his or her fondest wish come true. Special training is required to become a wishgranter. A special training day is planned during the month of November in northwest Kansas. If you are interested, call Ashley Scheideman, Director of Program Services at 1-800-566-9474. To learn more, go to their website at *kansas@kansas.wish.org*.

Lecture lets in Japanese culture

A free lecture on Japanese culture will be presented at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church. The program will be presented by George Young, a missionary to Japan. The church's address is 946 W. 1100 Road, better known as the Long Island road.

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin, head volleyball coach Chuck Zimmerman and head cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on their team's latest competition and preview upcoming contests.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of thunderstorms in the evening with rain likely after midnight. **Thursday** — Much colder and very windy.

Kingham report:

Friday ..... Low 46, High 68
Saturday ..... Low 34, High 44
.20 Prec.; Trace of Snow
Sunday ..... Low 26, High 48
Monday ..... Low 23, High 56

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Help us, Lord, when we struggle with decisions. May we be open to seeking your will in everything we do. **Amen**

Sebelius slips behind Barnett in straw poll

By TOM DREILING

Four votes were received since last Friday in *The Telegram's* straw poll and all four went to Republican challenger Jim Barnett.

Mr. Barnett now has 45 and Gov. Sebelius remains unchanged at 42. A total of 88 votes have been mailed, telephoned, e-mailed or dropped off at the office since the straw poll started several weeks ago. One respondent decided not to vote for either one, but was counted for taking part in the poll.

The poll concludes Oct. 31.

To take part, simply e-mail tomd@nwkansas.com, call 877-6908 or 877-3361, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or drop by the office. You may attach a comment if you wish, but it is not required.

The latest comments include:

"Gov. Sebelius is using her office as a stepping stone for higher positions."

"I vote for Jim Barnett. What has Gov. Sebelius done for the farmer? Schools? Counties?"

"I wasn't sure until I was at the meeting Mr. Barnett held at the courthouse late last week. I am sure now. I'll go with Barnett!"

Colorado man wins pick-em

By DICK BOYD

Three football fans turned in perfect entries for last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo., was closest on the tiebreaker game score and will receive the $15 scrip money first prize.

Clemson defeated Georgia Tech 31-7 in the tiebreaker game. Vallin picked it 30-21 or a total of 15 points off the scores of each team.

Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif., chose Clemson to win 26-19, or 17 points off, and will receive the $10 scrip money second prize.

The other fan with a perfect entry was Rod Maddy, Norton. He incorrectly chose Georgia Tech to win the tiebreaker game so he will receive the $5 scrip money for third place.

Missing just one game were: Chris Pinzenscham, Almena; Mike Hammond, Long Island; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Tom Davis, Doug Ray, Charles Ankenman, Craig Foley, Kerri Ray, Mary Ann Hager, Sandy Husted, all of Norton.

Correct on all but two games were: Brody McDowell, Hill City; Jared Foley, Wichita; Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Craig Hammond, Emily Vallin, both of Long Island; Kristen Brands, Glenn Brands, Foster Brands, Sydney Brands, Carol Voss, Linda Covington, Bob Covington, Chaylee Lowry, Cindy Lowry, Curtis Lowry, Brian Thompson, Clint Lowry, all of Almena; Virginia Carlton, Misty Nuzum, Regina Beikman, Marj Allen, David Riemann, Kristy Keilig, Lacy Keilig, Scott Sproul, Debora Heskett, Amanda Ray, Lawrence Wiseman, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three contests were: Denise Bailey, Norcatur; Jim Springer, Roger Shearer, both of Long Island; Colton Lowry, Marilyn Lowry, both of Almena; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Evelyn Springer, Andy Moore, both of Hoisington; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Ashton Draper, Craig Heskett, Tammy Maddy, Douglas Daniels, Nathan Morse, Gavin Sproul, Gentry Sproul, Travis Ray, Kelly Hill,

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Newspaper owner elected to national office

Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers and co-owner of *The Norton Telegram*, was elected vice president of the National Newspaper Association at the group's annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Steve Haynes

Mr. Haynes, who has served as treasurer for the past year and as a district director for five, will be president of the group in 2007-'08. Jerry Tidwell of Granbury, Texas, is president this year.

The association, with nearly 3,000 member papers, is the largest newspaper group in the nation. It serves community newspapers, mostly weeklies and smaller dailies in rural America, but members range in size from the *Bird City Times* in Kansas to *The Washington Post*.

"NNA represents community newspapers on the national stage," Mr Haynes said. "We focus on federal legislation affecting newspapers, on postal issues and on First Amendment and open government freedoms, which are important to all Americans."

The group has offices in Columbia, at the University of Missouri, and in suburban Washington.

"It's a great honor to be chosen to represent fellow publishers across the country," said Mr. Haynes. "It's already been a great opportunity for Cynthia and me to meet people and see places we'd other-

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