

**Tuesday**  
February 13, 2007

# A rite of passage

**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Norm Walter

*Briefly*

## School out early for wrestling

Norton junior and senior high school students will be dismissed from school early on Friday.

The Norton Community High School is the 2007 host of the 3-2-1A Western Regional Wrestling Tournament, which is, other than the state tournaments, the most competitive and best attended wrestling tournament in the state.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Breakfast will be served, but not lunch.

Buses will run at the normal school dismissal time of 3:30 p.m. Bus students in seventh through twelfth grade who need to ride the bus home will need to be at the junior/senior high bus pick-up location no later than 3:35 p.m.

On Friday, wrestling will begin at 2 p.m. with the championship quarter-finals around 5 p.m. The first round consolation matches will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the championship semi-finals will start at 11 a.m., followed by the consolation quarter-finals around 1 p.m., consolation semi-finals around 3 p.m., consolation finals about 5 p.m. and championship finals at 6:30 p.m.

Admission on Friday will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Saturday's admission will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission on Saturday evening only will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.



Boy Scout Justin Chandler (left) lit a candle during the passage ceremony at Sunday's Blue and Gold Banquet. The candles represented the qualities found in a Boy Scout. Scout Leader George Boutwell (above) painted the faces of Cub Scouts entering the Bear Ranks. The ceremony was held at the Norton First United Methodist Church.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Marketing classes start on Feb. 17

The Entrepreneurial Center in Phillipsburg will be holding classes on marketing, sales and negotiating from Feb. 17 to March 24.

Topics of discussion will include the basic principles of marketing, how to sell your product or service, the steps in personal selling, the basic principals of negotiating and selling, the mental and attitudinal side of selling, learning how to make an effective sales or other presentation.

Dr. Don Hackett, Wichita State University, will be the instructor. The registration fee is \$10.

For more information or a class schedule, contact Juanita Brown at the Entrepreneurial Center, 205 F. Street, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661; phone: (785) 540-4110; or email: svrec@ruraltel.net.

# Scouts ascend the ranks at annual banquet

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

About 80 family, friends and scouts attended the annual Blue and Gold Banquet held Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton First United Methodist Church. The banquet recognized Scout Week and the passage of the highest ranking Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts.

Al Ebke, a spokesman for the organization, Friends of Scouting, told the gathering that it costs \$195 a year, per scout, to sponsor their activities. He invited everyone to help support scouting. He thanked the volunteer leaders for their time and recognized the scouts for all their hard work.

Following the potluck lunch, Scout Leader Kevin Baughman recognized the Cub Scouts and presented them their awards. Following a face-painting ceremony, the Cub Scouts joined the Bear Rank.

Scouts receiving achievement awards were: Leif Carlson, Gabriel Bird, Zachary Bird, Christopher Chambers, James Berry, Chris Richards, Cameron Heikes, Nicholas Kohn, Derek Rowh, Adam Baughman, Phillip Boutwell, Luke Keilig, Trenton Sprague, Andrew Bashford and unable to attend, Korey Horacek.

Their awards were:

- **Leif Carlson**, Archery Belt Loop, BB Gun Belt Loop, Communications Belt Loop, Community Living Belt Loop, Environment Belt Loop, Family Living Belt Loop, Language and Culture Belt Loop, Map and Compass Belt Loop, Marbles Belt Loop (2nd time), Physical Fitness Belt Loop, Table Tennis Belt Loop, Marbles Pin, Map and Compass Pin, Table Tennis Pin, Naturalist Webelos Badge, Readyman Webelos Badge, Travelers Webelos Badge, Compass Point,

Leave No Trace Award, Cub Scout World Conservation Award, Fifth Year Service Star Pin, Fifth Year Attendance Bar, Arrow of Light.

- **Gabriel Bird**, Archery Belt Loop, BB Gun Belt Loop, Communications Belt Loop, Community Living Belt Loop, Environment Belt Loop, Family Living Belt Loop, Language and Culture Belt Loop, Map and Compass Belt Loop, Marbles Belt Loop, Physical Fitness Belt Loop, Table Tennis Belt Loop, Map and Compass Pin, Marbles Pin, Table Tennis Pin, Family Activity Webelos Badge, Naturalist Webelos Badge, Travelers Webelos Badge, Aquanaut Webelos Badge, Handyman Webelos Badge, Readyman Webelos Badge, 2nd and 3rd Compass Points, Leave No Trace Award, Cub Scout World Conservation Award, 2nd Year Service Star Pin, 2nd Year Attendance Bar, Arrow of Light;

- **Zachary Bird**, Archery Belt Loop, BB Gun Belt Loop, Communications Belt Loop, Community Living Belt Loop, Environment Belt Loop, Family Living Belt Loop, Language and Culture Belt Loop, Map and Compass Belt Loop, Marbles Belt Loop, Physical Fitness Belt Loop, Table Tennis Belt Loop, Map and Compass Pin, Marbles Pin, Table Tennis Pin, Aquanaut Webelos Badge, Family Activity Webelos Badge, Handyman Webelos Badge, Naturalist Webelos Badge, Readyman Webelos Badge, Travelers Webelos Badge, 2nd and 3rd Compass Points, Leave No Trace Award, Cub Scout World Conservation Award, 2nd Year Service Star Pin, 2nd Year Attendance Bar, Arrow of Light;
- **Christopher Chambers**, Archery Belt Loop (2nd Time), BB Gun Belt Loop (2nd Time), Communications Belt Loop, (Continued on Page 5)

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Cloudy with lows near zero. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with highs around 10. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy with lows around 2 below. **Thursday** — Not as cold.

### Kingham report:

Friday ..... Low 21, High 23  
Saturday ..... Low 21, High 33  
Sunday ..... Low 28, High 39  
Monday ..... Low 32, High 36, 8" Snow  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Gracious God, help us always to remember, with grateful hearts, your presence in our lives. **Amen**

# County helping fire district to get grant

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commission is doing what it can to help the rural fire district get a new truck.

Commissioner John Miller said the district found a used truck in Ohio that was in good condition for \$30,000 and wanted to know about the possibility of the county buying it and giving it to the rural fire district, since the county needed it for fire protection.

"With the increase in housing and businesses in the county, we don't really have an adequate fire truck for fire protection," he said.

Phillip Loughry, chairman of Rural Fire District No. 2, agreed, saying the district didn't have a truck that covers its needs. And, he said, in order for property owners to receive an insurance discount, the district needed to have a 1,000 gallons per minute pump on their truck. At the moment, the district's pump only pumps 300

gallons per minute.

County Counselor Doug Sebelius, after consulting with statute books, said it wasn't really legal for the county to buy a fire truck and then give it to the district.

Mr. Loughry said he talked to Blue Sky Ink, a grant writing company, who said they would be happy to try and get grants for the fire department. He said Blue Sky Ink told him that the chances of them getting a grant for a new truck were very good because a huge need was there.

He said the people giving the grant would know who they were giving it to by mid-April and then those receiving the grant would find out a couple of months later. After that, it takes a year to build a new truck.

But, he said, if they buy a used truck, it diminished their chances for getting a grant. Blue Sky Ink, he said, recommended that they not buy anything until after May.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said it would be legal to pay the \$1,000 fee to Blue Sky Ink.

Mr. Loughry said the match money needed for a grant would be pretty low, and that the district could afford that. After talking to Blue Sky Ink, the Rural Fire board, he said, thinks that they should give it one more shot and try to get a grant for a new truck.

"Now that we have a building we could put it in, we're in better shape," he said. "Before, that was half the problem. The trucks we have now had problems fitting into our old building."

"A new truck would be good for the entire area, not just the district. We could help out other fire departments more with a new truck."

The commission decided to obtain the services of Blue Sky Ink on behalf of Rural Fire District No. 2 to write a grant (Continued on Page 5)

## Auction brings in cash for child advocate program

By VERONICA MONIER

The third annual Chocolate Auction, definitely a chocolate lover's dream, was bigger than ever this year.

The auction, which was held last Saturday in Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd Center, was a benefit for the court appointed special advocate (CASA) program in the 17th Judicial District, which covers Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Graham, Smith and Osborne counties.

The program was started in the district in 1992 with the help of Judge (Continued on Page 5)