

Norton forensics team finishes second at Smith Center

By ERIN HILL

The Norton forensics team finished second at the Smith Center meet on March 31. There were 16 teams participating. Nine events qualified for the finals.

Individuals and their placings were: Valerie Wagoner, third, Oratory; Brittany Otter, ninth, Prose; Valerie Wagoner, eighth, Prose; Matt Pollock, fifth, Poetry; Karlynn Kent, second, Poetry; Bethany Wicker, second, Serious Solo; Cyndie Milnes, first, Serious Solo; Bethany Wicker and Steph Shepard, third, Duet Acting; and Karlynn Kent and Cherean Kendel, second, Duet Acting.

Because of their placings and the amount of entries in their events, Karlynn Kent (poetry), Bethany Wicker and Steph Shepard (duet acting) and Karlynn Kent and Cherean Kendell (duet acting) qualified for State.

On April 3, the team competed in the Phillipsburg Tournament.

Norton placed fourth and broke seven events into finals.

Individual placings were: Arlene May, fourth, Informative Speaking; Bethany Wicker, sixth, Humorous Solo; Brittany Otter, fourth, Prose; Karlynn Kent, second, Poetry; Jared Engelbert and Brian Juenemann, sixth, Improvised Duet Acting; Blake VanEaton and Kent Mann, third, Improvised Duet Acting; and Jared Cox and Aaron VanDerWege, first, Improvised Duet Acting.

This tournament qualified two more events for State. They were Brittany Otter (prose) and Blake VanEaton and Kent Mann (improvised duet acting).

As the season is winding down, the team is trying to get more students qualified for State, which is May 5 in Wichita. Students who haven't qualified by April 21 will have one last chance at the Regional Tournament in Oberlin.



Pamida's parking lot was full both Wednesday afternoon and evening as members of the community were present in numbers to help out a local family. Eagles (from left) Mandi Fick, Marvin Matchett, Karla Reed, Jeff "Goof" Urban and Bill

Nelson were among the volunteers who served up pork burgers, polish sausages, chips and pop during a benefit for Don and Karen Peterson. Ms. Reed was also representing the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Northern Valley travels to Phillipsburg for forensics

By KEN THARMAN

The Northern Valley Forensics team traveled to Phillipsburg on April 2 for their last meet of the year. This was the third outing the team had attended in a week's time. Putting it mildly — the kids' energy level had been tapped pretty hard.

Those students attending the Phillipsburg meet were: Hannah Hawks, Amanda Hopkins, Elliot Conard, Travis Redeker, Cody Callaway, Kelli Cole, Jessie Redeker, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Samuel Field, Ashley Kingham,

Melody Miller, Megan Cole, Stanton Nelson, Jordan Herman, Ethan Hays, Jesi Zillinger, Christina Anderson, and Andrea Lowry.

There were ten schools all trying to get students qualified for the State competition in May. Needless to say, the competitive level was quite high. Those making it to the finals and their final placings were: Cody Callaway, Humorous Solo, fifth; Amanda Hopkins and Hannah Hawks, Duet Acting, fifth; Kelsey Kinderknecht, Informative, first; and Jessie Redeker, Informative, third.



Board president Bill Johnson and secretary Julie Douglas check through minutes of meetings and treasurer's reports during the annual meeting of The Rock Christian Youth Center held Monday evening.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Board looks at long-term goals at meeting

After the completion of two years in operation, The Rock Christian Youth Center held its annual meeting Monday night.

Chairman Bill Johnson conducted the meeting with eight board members present. Mr. Johnson led the discussion centering on long range goals for the center including additional decorating, more involvement with the youth board and new events.

The board learned that The Rock had not yet been selected for any grants but they were still hope-

ful. The center has employed J. Pierce a grant writer from Nebraska, to pursue funding possibilities.

A newsletter to better communicate with area youth, churches and the community was discussed along with plans for an end of the school year "bash".

Board chairman Johnson's term expires soon and Trent Richmond is slated to step into the chairman's position.

To learn more about The Rock, to volunteer or make a donation go

to the website: therockyouthcenter@yahoo.com.

Community shows support for family

By VERONICA MONIER

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The community turned up 'en masse' to support a Norton family.

A benefit was held for Don and Karen Peterson Wednesday afternoon and again Wednesday night

to help them pay for the bills that are accumulating while Don is in the hospital.

"It was a group effort," said Karla Reed, Norton Area Chamber director, who helped with the benefit.

Marvin Matchett, another organizer as well as a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Norton Chamber Board, said the benefit did very well.

"It was very well attended," he said. "There were lines from beginning to end."

The benefit was originally organized by the Eagles, who then asked the Chamber to get in-

volved. Mr. Matchett said besides the Eagles and Chamber, Husky Hogs, Pamida, Pepsi and Norton Shop and Save all donated to make the event possible. The community did its part by showing up to eat and making monetary donations.

Mr. Matchett said there were so many people willing to volunteer that even he didn't know all of them.

"There was a lot of family and a lot of Eagles," he said, "and a lot of other people too."

He said the benefit money will help pay for expenses that have occurred over the past couple of

weeks, like medical and travel expenses and just regular bills that have a tendency to pile up.

"While Karen's up with Don, she's not working," he said. "Hopefully, this will help a little with that."

"It certainly far exceeded anything we expected. But, it was much needed too."

Don is said to be conscious and breathing on his own. Letters and well wishes can reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb. 68847. He is in room 6215 at this time.

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Northern Valley celebrates prom
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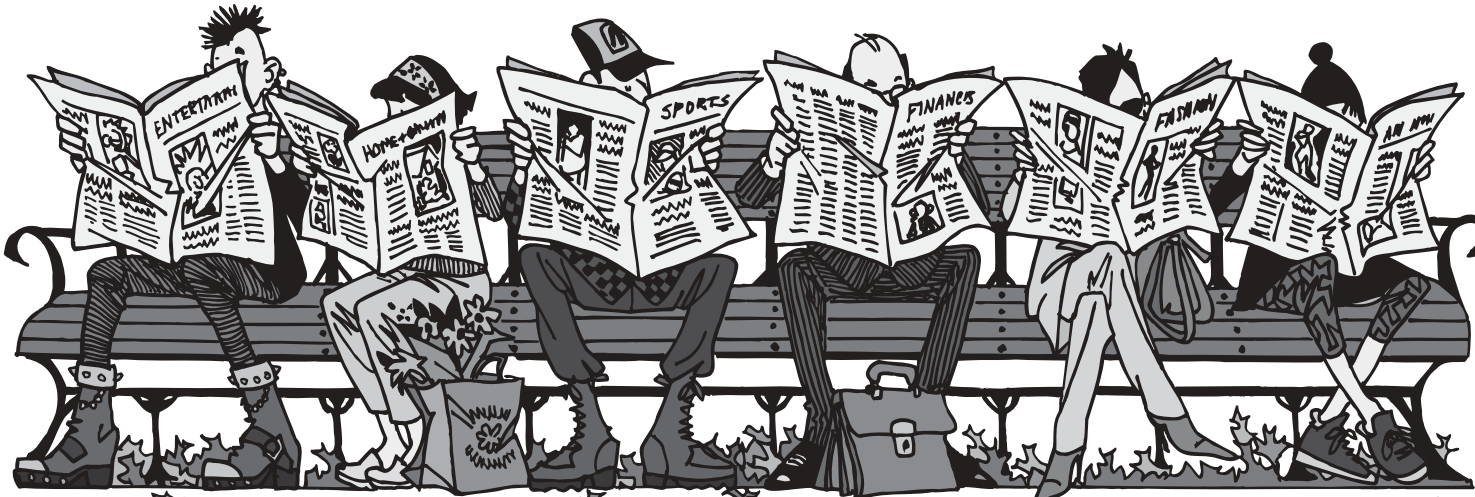
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