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Briefly

Blue Jay Boosters meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Featured speakers will be Norton track coach Jason Jones and golf coach David Stover. They will report on season-opening competitions by both teams and preview upcoming meets and tournaments. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend.

Forensics team set to eat, entertain

The Northern Valley forensics students and coach will put on their Dinner and Show for the public on Monday, April 14. The dinner will start at 6 p.m. with skits to follow around 6:50. The menu consists of homemade breadsticks, spaghetti, salad and desserts. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 12 and younger. Eighth graders will be admitted free. If you want to skip dinner and just attend the show, a free will offering will be accepted. Everything will be held in the high school auditorium.

Importance of voting stressed in page 4 editorial

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a low around 31. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph. **Wednesday** — A chance of rain and snow showers before 10 a.m., then a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 49. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. Little or no snow accumulation expected. **Wednesday Night** — Showers likely. Cloudy with a low around 37. **Thursday** — Showers likely. Cloudy with a high near 45.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 28, High 64
Saturday Low 38, High 71
Sunday Low 41, High 61
Monday Low 31, High 45, .10 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, help us to see beyond the fears that keep us from opening the door to a stranger. Grant us the courage to be intentional in making space for those in need. **Amen**

'Any questions?'



X-ray lab technician, Mitch Bartels, explained the basics of radiology to first graders from Northern Valley Grade School. The students were fascinated by an X-ray of a knee with a nail in it, the product of a misguided nail gun accident.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Big win was just a scam

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. But, slick scam artists can make it sound so true.

One Norton person learned the hard way that there are some unscrupulous people out there who are trying to get rich by preying on the good will of unsuspecting people and the elderly.

Lisa Foster has lived in Norton for five years. She is part of an on-line game league. She remembers registering to win an on-line Shopper's LOTTO. Later she received an official-looking letter from Shopper's LOTTO, Consumers Reward Program. In the same envelope as the letter was also a cashier's check in the amount of \$3,800.

The letter said she was the winner of \$38,000 and several attempts had been made to contact her. She was given a name and phone number to call for "further clarification and instructions on claiming your winnings immediately."

When Ms. Foster called the number she was told to deposit the check in her bank, wait three days for the funds to clear then she was to wire \$3,500 to a location in Los Angeles, Calif. She was told a check for \$34,200 (the difference between \$3,800 and \$38,000) would be sent to her by certified mail.

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Here's your chance to give 'a good thing'

By TOM DREILING
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They say you can't get enough of a good thing.

Paraphrased it could be, "You can't give enough of a good thing."

And in this case the giving is blood.

That said, residents of the Norton area are being encouraged by the American Red Cross Blood Services to make an appointment to donate on Thursday, April 17 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norton Correctional Facility. The blood drive is open to the public and those making appointments are urged to persuade a friend to do likewise.

Statistics indicate a startling fact: very few Americans are eligible to donate blood. In the past it was believed 65 percent of the population of the United States was thought to be eligible to donate; however, recent studies show the figure to be closer to 38 percent.

"Maintaining a stable blood supply for our community means asking regular blood donors to donate and also to recruit new donors as well," Cheryl Buss, drive coordinator said.

"We can't keep counting on the same donors to always be available and able to donate."

Pam Head, American Red Cross Cen-

tral Plains Blood Services CEO, said, "We have a small minority of our fellow citizens who are making sure blood is available for area patients. But with someone needing blood every two seconds, this is a community responsibility we all need to share."

Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your appointment, and don't forget to have a friend, a relative or a family member also call that number to make their appointment.

While walk-in donors are welcome, those with appointments will be given priority.

'O' negative donors are especially

needed and as soon as possible. Reports are that 'O' negative supplies are down throughout Red Cross Blood Services Regions all across the country.

If you are unable to give blood, a suggestion from Central Plains Blood Services is to recruit someone else to donate in your place.

All blood donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be at least 17 years old (16 in Kansas with a completed parental consent form). The consent form is available at www.bloodgiveslife.org.

A donor card or photo ID is also required when giving blood.

Schools to hold proms Saturday

Norton Community High School's Junior-Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday evening. The public is invited to view the junior high gym decorated in the theme of "I Could Not Ask For More" from 1 to 3 p.m. The promenade will begin at 6 p.m. in Stull Gymnasium with the

banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. The coronation of prom King and Queen will be held at 11 p.m.

Prom night for Northern Valley students is set for Saturday. Parents and friends are

invited to view the party decorations in the school from 4 to 5 p.m.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. with the dance lasting from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The Post Prom party will begin at midnight and go until 4 a.m.

Rock becomes derby site

By APRIL BASHFORD
Special Contributor

On your mark, Get set, Go! That is exactly what you would have heard on March 29 at the Rock in Norton.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 181 got together for another Pinewood Derby race. This time it was a district event where scouts from other towns were invited to compete with the Norton group. The boys were given a block of wood, four wheels and four axles. They had to try and form a winning car out of those supplies. Each boy was either able to use the same car as the last race or they could construct a whole new car. Each car is supposed to weigh between three and five ounces. The closer to five ounces the better.

April Bashford, Webelos II leader, was the race official weighing each and every car. If they were not at a good weight they had the choice to add weight.

Kevin Baughman was in charge of keeping track of the results on his computer. Each car was given points by the place they came in. We had a few heats to determine the places.

Ed Witt was the official car racer. Mr. Witt is a member of the Norton Lions Club and built the track several years ago. He lined the cars up in their lanes and released the cars, letting them roll

down the track.

There were 13 racers in all. Participating were: James Sturgill, Michael Ball, Matt Vacura, Trent Merchant, Jace Smothers, Andrew Bashford, Kyle Bell, Adam Baughman, Trenton Sprague, Jonathan White, Evan Chambers and Cameron Heikes, all from Norton, and Brody Leroux from Logan. He was the only scout from outside of Norton. He actually was in the top standings.

There were trophies given out to the top four finishers as well as the slowest car and the best looking car. The first place trophy went to Matt Vacura. He outdid everybody in speed. Right behind him in second place was Cameron Heikes. Third place was awarded to Jonathan White. There was a tie for fourth place between Trenton Sprague and Trent Merchant. A race-off was held and Trent Merchant just barely passed Trenton's car to give him fourth place. The slowest car down the track belonged to Kyle Bell.

After awarding these top four and the slowest car, members of the Lions Club picked the best looking car from the remaining cars. The Lions Club really enjoyed the look of Michael Ball's car. He got the Judges choice of best-looking car. He had the neatest looking car compared

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It's getting there!



Progress on the new Subway Sandwich shop is evident to passersby on U.S. Highway 36. Last week there was just a concrete slab. By Monday walls were standing and it was wrapped with Tyvek housewrap. The national chain eatery is slated to open later this spring.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts