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Briefly

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels from Jan. 4 through Jan. 17. If you are interested, please call Alice Hawks at Norton Community Hospital at 877-3351.

Meals on Wheels schedule released

The schedule for Meals on Wheels for Jan. 4 through Feb. 28 is as follows:

Jan. 4 - 15 Community Volunteers, contact: Alice Hawks 877-3351

Jan. 16 - 17 20th Century Federated Club, contact: Lottie Wiltfong 877-5286

Jan. 18 - 24 Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact: Fonda Lawrence 877-3145

Jan. 25 - 31 St. Francis Altar Society, contact Tina Silan 877-5256

Volunteers should report at 11:30 a.m. for the noon delivery. It is important that each group have 3 persons, each with their own car, to deliver the noon meal. Meals are to be delivered each Monday through Sunday.

Be sure to turn in the list of volunteers to Alice Hawks at the Hospital by Friday of the week before your group starts their delivery.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
January 8, 2010

CORN
\$3.60

SOYBEANS
\$9.37

WHEAT
\$4.41

MILO
\$3.34

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Norton, Kansas
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weather forecast

Tonight - Clear with a low around -13.
Saturday - Sunny with a high near 18.
Wind chill values as low as -23. South wind around 5 mph. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 4. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high near 38. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 16. Monday - Mostly sunny with a high near 39. Monday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 16. Tuesday - Sunny with a high near 48.

Kingham report:

Tues., Jan. 5..... Low 16, High 25
Wed., Jan. 6 Morning Temperature 25
Dropped to 10 Degrees with 2" Snow
Thurs., Jan. 7..... Low -2, High 7
Fri., Jan. 8..... Morning Temperature -8
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to care for others as diligently as we care for ourselves. Amen



Council discusses contract

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Problems with a contractor have arisen as the City of Norton attempts to wrap up work at the water treatment plant. Work in the well field is continuing, although the contractor did not meet the Dec. 31, 2009 deadline.

At Wednesday's city council meeting, the council discussed the missed deadline as well as the contract with Downing Drilling.

"He's already in violation of his contract," said City Administrator Rob Lawson.

The city may fine the drilling company \$500 per day for the unfinished work.

Lawson said he filed an extension request through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The request was approved with a new deadline of Dec. 31, 2010 given.

"It's a bunch of work to go through. We look bad, and it's because of him," Lawson said.

The contractor is asking the city to recognize there were several bad weather days.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said she would like to see exactly which weather days he is claiming.

"He was supposed to be done Dec. 31. He's already in trouble, but he's asking that you recognize some dates. He probably has had some problems," Lawson said.

"He has been doing a good job," he said.

"Our goal has always been to get this done by the end of the year," he said.

Water Treatment Supervisor Chris Frack expressed concern about Downing

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Working through the cold



Mail-woman Connie Glenn finished her route late yesterday afternoon when the wind was blowing and high temperature was 9 degrees. Mail carriers work through the rain, sleet and snow to ensure mail reaches its destination.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Norton senior Tyler Cook is shown wrestling Hoxie's returning state medalist Dillon Salmans in the 285-pound finals of the Hoxie Invitational early in the season. Cook is a small 285 pound wrestler but holds his own with good technique. He will take a 7-6 record into Saturday's J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Norton.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Durham tournament scheduled for Saturday

By DICK BOYD

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The 45th annual Norton and 13th annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Competing in addition to the Norton varsity and junior varsity teams will be wrestling squads from Atwood, Beloit, Cozad, Hoxie, Leoti, McCook, Mill Valley, Oakley, Scott City and Smith Center.

Mill Valley did not have school today due to weather conditions and the dual scheduled with them this evening has been canceled. As of the Telegram's press time, Mill Valley had not made a decision regarding competing in Saturday's tournament.

The first session on Saturday will begin at 9:30 a.m. on two or three mats. It will be followed by the championship quarterfinals on three mats, championship semifinals on two front mats and consolation round one on the back mat.

Following the lunch break, consolation quarterfinals will be held on three mats and will be followed by the consolation semifinals on three mats.

After a short break to remove the back mat, the NCHS pep band will begin playing at around 4:30 p.m.

The second session will begin at approximately 5 p.m. and will feature fifth and sixth place matches on two mats and third and fourth place matches on two mats.

Following these matches, the dance team will perform.

Next, Norton's state medal winners from 1940, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000 will be introduced to the crowd. Each will receive a certificate of wrestling excellence from J.R. "Jake" Durham in honor of the anniversary of their state medal.

The tournament championship finalists will be introduced followed by the pep band playing the Star Spangled Banner. The championship finals will then be held on one mat around 5:30 p.m.

All times are estimated and may vary according to the progress of the tournament.

The long-time Norton tournament was renamed 12 years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former

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Norton resident wins Pigskin championship

By DICK BOYD

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Doug Ray, Norton, edged three other football fans to win the 2009 championship of the 40th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the Norton Telegram.

Doug correctly picked 104 winners of high school and college football games during the 12-week contest.

Coming close were two former champions, David Riemann, Norton, and Mary Ann Hager, Norton, and Bob Husted, Norton, all of whom had 103 total winners!

As the 2009 champion, Doug received a handsome trophy engraved with his name along with \$50 in scrip money as his prize.

Three winners each week received a total of \$30 in scrip money.

Doug never missed more than five winners in any one week and picked all 12 winners in the third week when he placed second based on the tiebreaker game score.

When asked if he had a secret formula for selecting the winners each week, he had two bits of advice. "It is

important that you enter the contest every week," said Doug. "Also, I pick at least one underdog per week and sometimes three or four!"

Douglas Daniels, Norton placed fifth with 101 wins.

Tying for sixth place with 100 victories each were Roger Stutterheim, Almena and Jennifer Boller, Norton.

Fig Millan, Norton and Chase Rice, Norton, each chose

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