

(Continued from Page 1) Drilling wanting to claim weather days, saying he thinks they have worked almost every day. "They've pretty much worked every day, even during the bad weather," he said.

Lawson said Downing Drilling is 90 percent done and is asking for a payment of \$107,877.51. He said the council needed to move on the payment because it would take two weeks for the state to complete the payment.

The payment would come out of the city's loan fund.

A motion was made to approve the payment to Downing Drilling. Vote taken, motion passed.

In other council business: • Three council seats are up for election this year including Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

The seats are currently held by Jeff Otter, Donna Foley and Toby Kuhn. The filing deadline is noon on Jan. 26.

Forms can be picked up at the county courthouse or at the city office. If more than two people run for a seat, a primary election will be held March 2.

• Mayor David Corns reported on sales tax receipts. The city collected \$17,037.47 in November, and the county collected \$12,522.97.

The total so far for 2009 is

\$425,283.99 The mayor said last year the total was \$468,740, and in 2007 the total was \$425,301.

The mayor said sales taxes for 2009 will not be as good as they were in 2008.

Lawson said Norton County Commissioner John Miller visited with him about county sales tax receipts.

The county has seen a 20 percent decrease in recent months, and Miller wanted the council to be aware of the trend.

• Jeff Otter reported on the last safety meeting. \$22,000 was budgeted in 2010 for a new police car.

Discussion was held on whether to purchase a 2010 Dodge Charger, at a cost of \$20,000, or to look into buying a used Ford Explorer from a local dealer.

A motion was made to have the police chief check into prices at local dealers before a decision is made. Vote taken, motion passed.

A motion was made to have the police chief get three price quotes for hand-held radios. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to pass resolution 1-2010, to waive the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to pass resolution 2-2010, to adopt salaries for certain city employees including the municipal court judge, court clerk, animal control, city prosecutor, city attorney, city treasurer, fire chief, assistant fire chief, lieutenant, safety officer and captain. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Roberta Ryan reported on the last personnel meeting. She said they discussed liability issues for the city and city employees if an inmate work crew was hired.

Griffiths said there are some instances where there is no liability, such as in parks and community service projects. However, if there was a lack of supervision the city would have liability.

• Joe Leroux reported on the last parks committee meeting. Damaged headstones in the cemetery were discussed as well as possibly splitting the parks and cemetery departments at a later date.

The next safety committee meeting will be held Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m., the next public works meeting will be held Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., the next utility meeting will be held Jan 25 at 5:30 p.m. and the next finance committee meeting will be held Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held Jan. 20.

Durham

(Continued from Page 1) longtime wrestling coach for the Blue Jays.

Jake's many honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. There will be no public recognition for fifth and sixth places but they will receive points.

An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the coaches.

"We expect the tournament to be very competitive again," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"Scott City should be the favorite coming in since they have a very experienced group of wrestlers. I feel that Smith Center and Norton will also battle for the top spot.

"Our Blue Jay wrestlers are in much better physical condition than when we left for the Christmas break. I expect our wrestlers to step up their intensity and battle for every single point.

"McCook is the only new team in our tournament this year. They are a big school and will bring in a full team to add to the competition. We welcome them."

Norton is the defending tournament champion, having won it the past six years. When Norton won the tournament in 2003-04, it broke a Hoxie winning streak of seven straight championships.

Admission

Admission to the entire tournament is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students.

Admission to session No.2 only is \$3 for kindergarten through adults. Pre-school children are admitted free.

Norton lineup The tentative Norton varsity wrestlers for Saturday and their records are: 104 - freshman John Risewick, 7-6; 112 - sophomore R.J. Ellis, 5-8; 119 - freshman Carson McKenna, 3-3; 125 - junior Troy Bainter, 13-2; 130 - junior Billy Broeckelman, 5-1; 135 - junior Brett Terrell, 0-0; 140 - senior Connor Pfannenstiel, 9-5; 145 - senior Kaenon Keiswetter, 12-1; 152 - junior Landon Keiswetter, 12-3; 160 - junior Spencer Shirk, 13-0; 171 - senior Zane Perez, 14-0; 189 - senior Casey Robison, 7-8 or junior Kaid McKenna, 13-1; 285 - senior Tyler Cook, 7-6.

Former wrestler honorees Norton Community High School has a long and rich wrestling tradition. Since beginning wrestling in 1931, NCHS has crowned nine state championship teams, 86 individual champions and a total of 273 individual state medalists.

Being honored from the 1940 team which placed tenth in the state will be Raymond Wyatt, 105, fourth and Melvin Porter, 135, fourth.

The 1960 team placed ninth in the state and being honored from that team will be Larry Bird, 127, second and Jim Kent, second.

To be honored from the 1970 team which won the state cham-

pionship under the guidance of coach Durham will be Roger Fisher, 98, champion; Tom Ankenman, 115, champion; Barry Madden, 123, champion; Ralph Hackney, 175, champion; Mark Ward, 107, third; Jerry Miller, 145, third; John Pilkington, 155, third; Charles Hackney, 185, third and Jerry Roeder, 130, fourth.

Coach Durham's 1980 Blue Jay team placed second in the Class 4A state tournament. To be honored from that team will be Kurt Hahn, 112, champion; Kyle Hahn, 119, champion; Kent Hahn, 98, second; Chris Vick, 138, second and James Durham, 155, fourth.

To be honored from the 1990 team, which placed eighth in the Class 4A state tournament and was coached by Marty McCurdy, will be Kendall Hahn, 130, champion and Matt Jensen, 112, third.

Coach Bill Johnson's 2000 Norton Blue Jay wrestling squad placed fourth in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament. To be honored from that team will be J.B. Harding, 112, champion; Eric Johnson, 119, second; Will Bolt, 140, fifth; Justin Brown, 125, sixth; Kyle Wright, 171, sixth and Brad Boyle, 189, sixth.

Norton's honored state medalists and families will first meet at 4 p.m. in Room 143 at Norton Community High School for fellowship and light refreshments.

A reception will be held for the honorees and their families in the school cafeteria after the tournament. The public is encouraged to attend and meet the former wrestlers and their families.

Pigskin

(Continued from Page 1) 99 winners to tie for eighth.

Jacob Green, Norton, was correct on 98 winners to round out the top ten.

Finishing eleventh was Charlotte Stephenson with 97 correct.

Three fans tied for twelfth with 96 wins. They were Stacy Area, Norton; Tom Baumann, Norton and Barbara Brooks, Clayton.

Four more fans who tied for fifteenth with 95 victories were Tom Davis, Norton; Kollean McMullen, Norton; Dalton Miller, Norton and last year's champion Christal Rose, Arapahoe.

Tying for nineteenth with 94 wins were Taryn Graham, Norton; Sandy Husted, Norton and Jeris Norman, Norton, to round out the top 21.

The other top placers were: Regina Beikman, Norton, 93; Bob Covington, Alma, 93; Virginia Carlton, Norton, 93; Julie Hilburn, Alma, 92; JaNee Moore, Alma, 92; Trey Millan, Norton, 90; Lynn Nelson, Norton, 89; Nathan Morse, Norton, 89; Nish Millan, Goodland, 88; Chriselle Thomson, Norton, 87; Linda Matson, Norton, 87; Lexi Voss, Alma, 87; Diana Smith,

Norton, 84; Wilma Wiseman, Norton, 84; Rick Green, Norton, 84; Linda Covington, Alma, 83; Dustan Daniels, Norton, 83; Deanna Gallentine, Norton, 83; Baylee Miller, Norton, 83; Shirley Stutterheim, Alma, 83; Jasmine Covington, Alma, 82; Dennis Maybon, Norton, 80; Toyah Braun, Norton, 79; Lawrence Wiseman, Norton, 79; Kathy Zimmerman, Norton, 79; Dan Mannel, Lenora, 78; Brittnie Schock, Norton, 78; Sandi Winchell, Alma, 78; Brenda Husted, Alma, 77; Kenney Leiker, Hays, 77; Don Cass, Beaver City, 76; Chris Lowry, Alma, 73; Ann Becker, Lenora, 72; Ken Gregoire, Norton, 72; Jim Ninemire, Lenora, 71; Tiffney Yeager, Norton, 70.

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