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Congratulations to the Norton Blue Jay State Wrestling Qualifiers



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Briefly

Free seminar to be held at tech center

Norton Technology Center will host a how-to-for-Windows 7 seminar at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. The seminar will cover how to use the new operating system. The Technology Center is located at 103 S. State Street, formerly the H&R Block building.

Meals on Wheels in need of volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver this week. Call Alice Hawks, 877-3351, for more details. Volunteers should report at 11:30 a.m. for the noon delivery.

Arts council to hold meeting for exhibit

A meeting will be held for volunteers interested in assisting the arts council with the Moving Wall project. The meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the American Legion.



Another accident involving a semi running the stop sign at the Highway 283/K-9 junction occurred on Feb. 19, damaging the suburban that was stopped at the stop sign. Several accidents have occurred at that junction.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will install high visibility stop signs.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Another accident south of Norton

By ERICA BRADLEY
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On Feb. 19 another accident occurred at the Highway 283/K-9 junction and it involved a semi and a suburban with nine people who were heading toward Norton for the regional wrestling tournament.

Several accidents involving semis have taken place at that intersection recently. According to Kansas Department of Transportation Engineer Harold Schleicher, the department is aware of the problem and is conducting a traffic engineering study.

"We've ordered high visibility stop signs to be installed at the intersection. It should hopefully take care of the problem," he said.

Schleicher said there are already rumble strips, stop ahead signs and a stop sign at the intersection.

In the latest accident, Arlen Kasten was driving a semi northbound on Highway 283. He failed to stop at the stop sign and collided with a suburban, which had been stopped. The suburban had eight passengers plus the driver, Jayme Ghumm. There were five underage passengers and three adult passengers. All were wearing their seatbelts, but three passengers were taken to the Norton County Hospital with possible injuries.

The group was traveling from Ogalah.

Kasten was uninjured.



Norton County Emergency Medical Services took three passengers to the Norton County Hospital after the accident on Feb. 19. A total of nine people were riding in the suburban.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

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CORN \$3.39
SOYBEANS \$8.93
WHEAT \$4.10
MILO \$2.97

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weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 15. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 34. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 17. Thursday - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 36. East wind around 10 mph. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 19. Friday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 41.

Prayer

Dear God, help us in frustrating situations to pause and ask what you would have us do. In Jesus' name. Amen



Beverly Wilken manned the checkout counter at Hall's Clothing as Ivan Bohl made some last purchases before the store closed. Hall's has been in downtown Norton for 60 years and closed due to the economy.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Closing marks end of an era

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Hall's Clothing Store closed its doors on Saturday-marking the end of an era for downtown Norton.

"It's been a wonderful sale. We thank everyone for making the sale a success, and we are sorry to see it go," said Hal Murray, Windgate Sales Solutions representative.

Murray has been residing in Hill City while overseeing the closing sale. Hall's Clothing Owner Steve Streck said he will be open part time through April to rent wedding and prom tuxedos.

Many residents took advantage of the sale but were sad to see the store close.

Hall's has been a staple of downtown Norton for the last 60 years. Carrol Hall

owned the store before George Jones purchased it in 1975. Streck has owned the clothing store since 1990.

"I can remember my mom bringing me here," said Ivan Bohl. "It's going to be missed."

Matthew Woodyard remembered coming back to Norton every summer to visit his grandparents and to go back to school shopping at Hall's. He stopped into the store on Friday.

"It's the end of an era. I haven't shopped here since I was a kid," he said.

Mortensen's Computer Service Owner Shawn Mortensen and business manager Kim Wicker visited the store Friday. Mortensen purchased several clothing items and a suit.

Wicker called the economic problems (Hall's - Continued on Page 3)

Honor Norton for "Spirit of Sport"

By DICK BOYD

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The Community of Norton received the "Spirit of Sport" Award from the Kansas State High School Activities Association during a presentation at halftime of the Norton-Hoxie basketball game in the Norton Community High School Stull Gymnasium last Tuesday.

Jeff Wallingford, Norton Community High School athletic director, presented the award plaque on behalf of the Kansas State High School Activities Association to Jeff Nielsen, president of the Norton USD 211 Board of Education.

The presentation was made as Bruce Farber, the "Voice of the Blue Jays," told over the public address system the reason Norton was chosen for the award.

On October 29, 2009, Norton played Goodland in Norton in their final district football game of the season.

Following the game, it was determined that the Goodland football team, cheerleaders, parents and other fans would not be able to return to Goodland.

All of the highways west of Colby had been closed due to inclement weather.

Norton families opened their homes so that everyone had a place to stay overnight.

The players and cheerleaders were invited to eat breakfast the next morning in the high school cafeteria and stayed in the Norton gymnasium until mid-morning when they were able to travel home to Goodland.

"It was very refreshing and heartwarming to see our community pull together for another community in need," said Farber as he quoted the anonymous person who nominated Norton for the award.

Tag deadline approaching

Feb. 28 is the last day to renew license tags for heavy trucks, trailers and vehicles for all persons whose last name or business name begin with "A."

When renewing your vehicles remember to include your current proof of insurance. The county treasurer needs to verify the VIN number, policy number and expiration date.

In addition to insurance, we need your driver license number or Federal ID number for the business.

Driver license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructional permits and

Driver Education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment only.

You will need to bring a state issued original certified birth certificate, social security card for the applicant and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

If you have questions, please call the treasurer's office at (785) 877-5795.

All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

