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Briefly

Sub-State game times changed

The Class 3A Sub-State girls basketball game between No.3 seed Norton and No.6 seed Minneapolis was postponed due to weather concerns from Monday to Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton.

The Sub-State boys contest between No.6 seed Norton and No.3 seed Hoisington today will still be held but will begin one half hour later at 7:30 p.m. in Hoisington.

The original schedule on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Norton is the same.

Tag renewals due by Thursday

February 28 is the last day to purchase heavy truck, trailer or "A" tags from the Norton County Treasurer. Be sure to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. For trailers insurance for the vehicle that will pull the trailer is needed. The VIN number, policy number and current expiration date will be verified. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drivers license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will need your drivers license and current utility bill or current bank statement with your name and address for proof of residency. CDL licenses must be renewed at Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Low cost vaccine clinic date changed

The low cost vaccination clinic that was to be held last week at the Norton Animal Health Center was moved to this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Christian Church to hold activities

The Norton Christian Church will begin their Summit on the Soul Winning Friday at 7 p.m. and it will run through Sunday March 3.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.79
Milo\$6.59
Soybeans\$13.77
Corn\$7.04

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 36. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Thursday - Clear in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 37. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight.

Kingham Report

Friday, Feb. 22Low 2, High 24
Saturday, Feb. 23Low 11, High 40
Sunday, Feb. 24Low 10, High 38
Monday, Feb. 25Low 25, High 37

1" Snow

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to trust you more than we fear situations that may surround us. Help us to get out of our ruts. Amen.



The Norton Community High School Wrestling Team is pictured in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays on Saturday evening following their Class 3-2-1A State Championship! They are, from left, front row: Cody Ellis, Ethan Ross, Caysean Campbell, John Risewick, Branson Addington; back row: Assistant Coach Doug Ray, Manager Lindsay Addington, Assistant Coach Tony Fiscus, Manager Austin Hager, Jared Bohl, Lucas Engel, Alec Hager, Kolton Harting, Jared Tallent, Assistant Coach Shane Miller, Head Coach Bill Johnson, Manager Jordyn Gosselin.

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Norton wins state wrestling championship

By Dick Boyd

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestlers were on a mission and at the completion of competition in the Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays on Saturday their mission was accomplished!

For the third time in four years and, for the sixth time under coach Johnson, the Blue Jays were the state champions!

And, it wasn't even close.

Norton qualified nine wrestlers for the state championship in winning the regional championship the week before and all contributed to the state title, with eight earning state medals.

"The Men In Black", as they labeled themselves, started the season in their

undercover mode but, as the season progressed, their talents became more and more known as each week they performed more like champions.

Norton easily won the state's toughest regional by 42.5 points over runner-up Oberlin and then traveled to Hays for the big show where they compiled 129.5 points in two days to outdistance runner-up Hoxie by 32.5 points! The Indians scored 97 for a comfortable lead over third place Plainville, who tallied 83.

It went down fast from there. Fourth place Scott City scored 68, followed by Effingham-Atchison County, 62.5; Oberlin, 60; Hoisington, 58.5; Marysville, 52; Rossville, 49; Fredonia, 44.5 to round out the top 10.

Phillipsburg placed 11th with 42, Smith Center was 12th with 40, Beloit,

Oakley and Halstead were tied for 26th with 25, Atwood scored 19.5 for 34th, Ellis tallied 16 to tie for 37th, Trego scored 15 to tie for 42nd, St. Francis had 7 to tie for 50th, Hill City scored 6.5 for 52nd.

Sixty-nine schools had wrestlers in the tournament.

Norton had one champion, senior 132 pounder John Risewick.

Placing runner-up were junior Alec Hager, 126 and sophomore Caysean Campbell, 106.

Fourth place finishers were junior Branson Addington, 120; senior Cody Ellis, 145 and senior Lucas Engel, 220.

Ethan Ross, 113 pound junior, placed fifth and Jared Tallent, 138 pound sophomore, finished sixth.

Senior Jared Bohl also competed at

152 pounds and won one match.

"Wrestling so well at regionals and then coming back with an outstanding state performance was very satisfying," said coach Johnson, whose Blue Jay teams have now won as many state championships as legendary former Blue Jay wrestling mentor J.R. "Jake" Durham.

"I'm so proud of our wrestlers.

"We called ourselves the Men in Black who were on a mission to do our best at the fort. We wrestled extremely hard and that is a tribute to our dedication.

"The match that turned the corner for us was Caysean Campbell's 9-7 upset of Ty Nienke of Ellsworth in the second round. That was huge; we fed off that win. We had a lot of tough matches in

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Norton Economic Development holds meeting

By Cynthia Haynes

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Norton Estates, the housing complex planned with the help of Norton City/County Economic Development, is moving along nicely Economic Development board members were told at their board meeting earlier this month.

Economic Development Director Scott Sproul told the group that four basements have been poured and work was going well. The project was waiting on engineering to complete the street elevations and design.

The project will use as many local subcontractors as possible, he said.

More bids on the project will be let sometime in March.

Mr. Sproul said that he had been in Topeka talking to legislators about a one-time sales tax exemption for building materials for projects.

"We don't know how far that's going to go," he said but noted that it was presented to both the governor and others.

There are a couple of upcoming bills, the group needs to follow, he said.

Senate bill 109 would stop the use of public funds for lobbying. Since the

economic development groups across the state use public money, this would hurt their efforts to get their message out to the legislature.

House bill 2188 would change the way non profits and public entities do their financial reports. This might effect the Colby Community College Nursing program in Norton, which is run through the Community Foundation, he said. There are still a lot of questions about this bill but it may cause additional expense for the program.

The group found out that it couldn't apply in February for a Community De-

velopment Block Grant for Downtown Commercial Historic Rehabilitation for the Sidles Building, he said. But there may be a new client that needs help. He said that he was going to meet with then and with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development to see if they might qualify for a grant in August. The program is now used to improve the exterior of businesses.

There are three board members with terms expiring in May, Verla Grysch told the group.

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After the ratings...



The Norton Junior High Chorus is seen here performing at the MCEL Music Festival which was hosted by Norton last Wednesday. Tyus Henson, Koby McEwen, Cale Patterson and Tevin Petrie stand behind Bailey Miller, Dalaina Karnes, Kennedy Leibbrandt and Nicole Rumbach as they sing for the judges. The Norton Junior high brought home six II+, nine I-, twelve I and four I+ ratings and three Advanced performances, I being superior and II being excellent.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Commissioners updated on future plans for county

By Cynthia Haynes

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Norton Economic Development Director Scott Sproul brought the county commissioners up to speed on what he and his group has been working on over the past month or so.

Mr. Sproul said that he is working with engineering to make sure that the businesses along Road E1, which leads to the new Ag Valley facility, will have access during the road reconstruction. He said that he is also trying to get more money from the state Department of Transportation to help pay for the estimated \$3 million project.

The road will be bid for both asphalt and concrete, he told the commissioners.

The E1 reconstruct will run from the viaduct to the sale barn to the Ag Valley entrance, he said.

Economic Development is also watching and hoping that there will be an agreement to connect two rail lines in

Colby. If so it will make moving grain from Ag Valley easier, he said, but the whole thing is out of Norton's hands.

Mr. Sproul and the commissioners talked about the county's program for sharing the cost of dumping demolition material. Five houses a year are eligible, three from Norton and one each from Almena and Lenora. One house in Norton has already been demolished and Almena is planning to use the program soon.

On April 11, Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King will be in Norton for a Promoting Norton County event. The time and place have yet to be determined, Mr. Sproul said, but it will probably be in the morning and early afternoon.

Mr. Sproul also told the commissioners that through the Kansas Economic Development Association he has learned that there are several state groups look-

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