

Norton Blue Jays down the  
Beloit Trojans for an  
undefeated regular season.  
  
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Monday  
November 3, 2003

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Marvin Wudtke

## Briefly City Council changes times

The Norton City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday instead of at the customary time of 7:30 p.m. in the Norton City Building. The time change is due to the Norton/Ellinwood Bi-District football game which starts at 7 p.m. at Travis Field.

## Extension Council elections this week

Norton County Extension Council elections will be Monday through Friday at the Norton County Extension Office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.. Any resident of the county who is 18 years old or older is eligible to vote. The Norton County Extension Council is an elected body with 24 members, who plan and evaluate the Extension educational programs. The council is made up of four program development committees for agriculture, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth, and economic development. Twelve representatives, three from each committee, will be elected. The Extension Office is located on the ground floor of the county courthouse.

## Parade planned for Veterans Day

The annual Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by the Norton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11. To learn more call Jake Durham 877-2400 or Richard Wiltfong 877-2459.

## Weather Forecast:

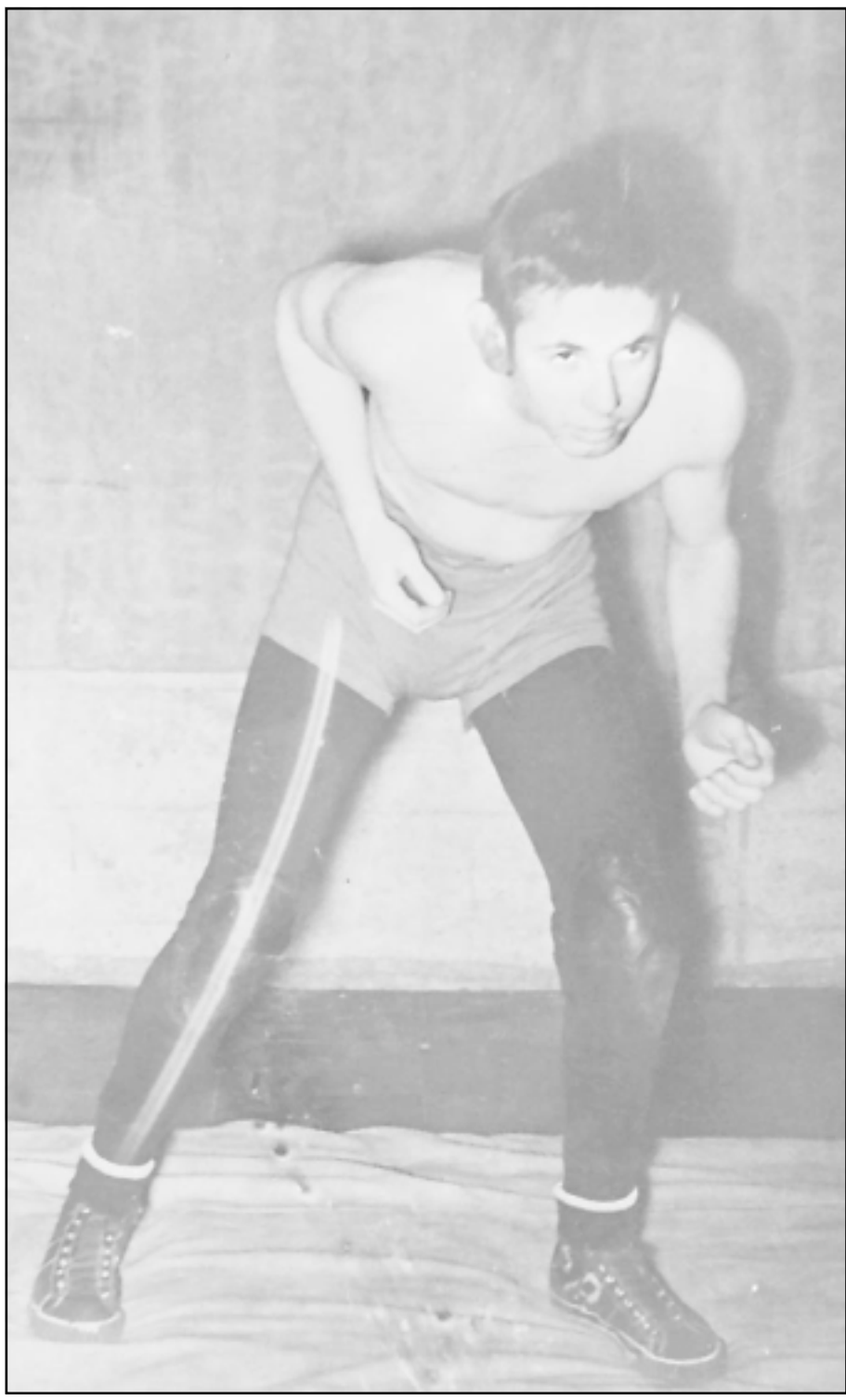
**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Areas of fog. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 50 percent. **Tuesday** — Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. **Tuesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 30s.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 47, Low 33  
Saturday ..... High 42, Low 36  
    .07 of an inch of precipitation  
Sunday ..... High 41, Low 35  
    .14 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 67, Low 43  
Month ago ..... High 64, Low 48  
Year ago ..... High 43, Low 30  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, our shepherd, help us to relax, knowing that our future is in your hands. Amen



Jake Durham when he was a senior at Granite City Community High School, Granite City, Ill., wrestled in the 120 Pound weight class.

— Photo courtesy of Jake Durham

# Hall of Fame selects coach

## Norton man to be inducted into national wrestling hall

By DICK BOYD  
Norton's J.R. "Jake" Durham, who was head wrestling coach at Norton Community High School from 1955 to 1989, will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Kansas State Chapter will honor Durham and other inductees on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the City Limits at the Comfort Inn in Colby.

Durham is one of seven Kansas men chosen for the first Kansas State Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Okla. They will be presented with a "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" plaque and their names will be permanently displayed in the Hall of Fame in recognition of their years of service to wrestling.

The other six men are all from Northwest Kansas also. They are Alvin "Al" McCall, Goodland, 1949-1979; Gordon "Buzz" Matson, Oberlin, 1968-1998; Ed Keller, St. Francis, 1934-1976; William "Bill" Pickenpugh, Hoxie, 1960-1980; Dr. Warren J. "Barney" Boring, St. Francis, 1947-2000 and Steve Lampe, Colby, 1975-(present).

On Nov. 9 a reception and memorabilia display will begin at 4 p.m. The welcome and introduction will be at 5 p.m. Rich Epp, Colby, will be master of ceremonies.

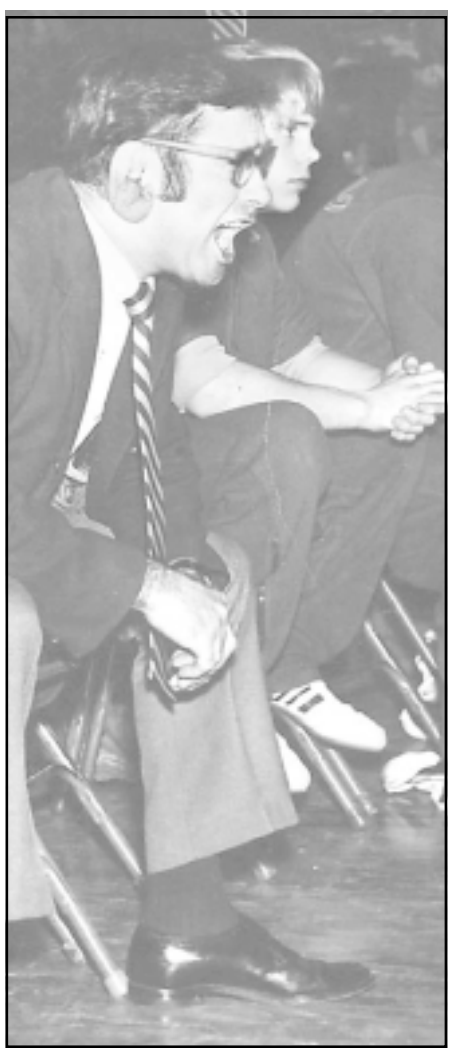
The dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will be followed by the awards ceremony. Presentation will be by President Myron Roderick and State Chapter Executive Director Michael Clair of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Closing remarks will be by Epp.

Tickets for the dinner and awards ceremony are \$25 each and can be purchased at the door.

"No one deserves this honor more than you," Myron Roderick told Durham in notifying him of his selection.

"You have been a positive role model for young athletes and we thank you for your faithful years of leadership and commitment to so many young people. You have made a difference. Congratulations."

When Durham began his coaching career at Norton in the fall of 1955, the Blue Jay wrestling team had not won a Northwest Kansas League match in five years. In his third year, the Blue Jays won two (Continued on Page 6)



Coach Durham (above) gave instructions from the sidelines during one of his wrestler's matches. Durham (above right) held the State Wrestling Champion Trophy while his 1973 team looked on. This was Coach Durham's last state championship team. Members of the team were (from left) Evan Whitney, Dave Ward, Coach Durham, Mark Anderson, Bill Klein, (partially hidden, Bruce Koel and Assistant Coach Bill Brown), Keith Sides and Roland Washburn. The coach (right) intently studied the action on the mat while one of his Norton Blue Jays was wrestling.

—Photos courtesy of Bill Klein



