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Norton football players have received all-league honors.

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Friday
November 28, 2003

Norton, Kansas
Home of Don Launchbaugh

Briefly Wrestlers compete at East Campus

Final ranking matches for the Norton Community High School wrestling team will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday in the wrestling room on the East Campus.

Admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to God's Pantry.

Results of the matches will determine the Norton wrestlers who will compete in the season-opening Hoxie Invitational Tournament on Saturday, December 6 in Hoxie.

Items needed for benefit

The Hill City Elks Lodge is asking for donation items, clothing and baked goods for the Esmeralda Gonzales benefit garage and bake sale. Donations are being accepted through today.

Donations can be dropped off at 112 W. Walnut in Hill City or at the Elks Lodge, on U.S. 24 west of Hill City near Prairie Green Golf Course. The Elks will be open until 6 p.m. today.

The benefit garage and bake sale will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and will last until the end of the day.

For more information, call Chris at (785) 421-5472.

Pantry needs powdered milk

God's Pantry needs powdered milk and money.

The Norton food shelter is housed at the Episcopal church.

Money should be sent to God's Pantry, 319 N. State, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Powered milk and other staples can be left at the church on Sundays or at *The Norton Telegram*.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 30. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the lower 50s. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 50. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with mid 50s for high.

Howell report:

Wednesday High 51, Low 23
Thursday High 47, Low 20
Week ago High 75, Low 27
Month ago High 76, Low 45
Year ago High 48, Low 19
November precipitation 21 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 18.83 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for responding faithfully to us in all circumstances.
Amen



Ho, ho, ho Santa Claus is almost here

It was a family affair as the Wentes helped Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Reed set up the decorations at Santa's gingerbread house in front of the Norton County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon. Mike Wente (right) pounded the soldiers and lollipops into the ground, while his sons Anthony and Jarrett (above) carried the props to their places. Deena Wente helped with the decorations also. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



Paper to upgrade news, rearrange copy

Readers will see a lot of changes next week in *The Norton Telegram*.

The most noticeable will be a shift in delivery days. Instead of being published on Wednesday and Friday the paper will switch to Tuesday and Friday.

The second, and more important, will be news. We plan to have more news in both issues including an editorial page on

both Tuesday and Friday.

The papers will be arranged just a little differently.

Each edition will have Page 1 as it is now. The edit page will be on Page 4 each day and Page 2 will become the record page where you can find obituaries, births, marriages, court news, clubs and what folks are doing.

Page 3 will become the second news page with the news and pictures we couldn't get on Page 1.

After that things will be pretty much as they have been. There will be the television page on Wednesday and the church pages on Friday. The classified page will be the next to the last page and the last (Continued on Page 3)

Extension Council elects new officers

By VERONICA MONIER

New officers and board members were elected at the Norton County Extension Council's annual meeting last week.

Northwest Area Extension Director Dan O'Brien explained that the 24 board members were eligible to vote.

Elected unanimously by a show of hands were Chairwoman Carol Riemann, Vice Chairman Dave Davis, Secretary

Alice Barnett, Treasurer Eric Thompson and board members Jeff Callaway, Kara Maddy, Darlene McEwen, Angie Juemann and Steve Herrs.

Retiring members of the council are Spencer Braun, Dan Porter, David Sprigg, Marilyn Donahey, Patsy Maddy, Sue Hillebrand, Gil Otter, Trent Richmond, Lou Goldsby and Regina Stark. Gene and Nancy Hagman were given

the 2003 Extension Council Appreciation Award. The Hagmans have both been active on the council, serving as committee members, board members and club leaders.

Reports were given by Multi-County Extension Specialist Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Agronomist Brian Olson and Extension Director Keith (Continued on Page 3)

Cemetery should get facelift

Brick pillars, trees, lights on flagpole planned by group

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Beautification of the Norton Cemetery is soon to be a reality.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council, the proposal submitted by the Cemetery Improvement Association was accepted and the committee was given the go-ahead to start fund-raising.

Plans include installing brick pillars at the entrances, installing a single span of decorative chain fence between the pillars, planting trees and lighting the flagpole in the center of the cemetery. In addition, the group would like to reseed some areas with buffalo grass and installing a new watering system.

The group has also requested the formation of an advisory board of trustees to help the City with the cemetery.

The association will be raising money and would like all donations to pass through the city Cemetery Trust Fund.

"This is a great thing for the city," Councilman Jerry Hawks said, "The cemetery has needed this for a long time."

Councilwoman Elaine Mann asked City Attorney Karen Griffiths to research requiring the resale of cemetery lots be handled through the city.

She also asked Mrs. Griffiths to see if it is legal for the improvement group to place crosses on the unmarked graves, especially those in the area known as "Potter's Field".

In other business the council:

- Granted Midwest Energy a natural gas franchise and at the same time raised taxes on gas and its distribution.

- Waived the second reading of an amendment to change the time for council meetings to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

- Heard a report from City Administrator Rob Lawson regarding the meeting he attended in Wichita for the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board. Norton's power options were discussed with Mr. Lawson reminding the council that the city's power contract will need to be renewed in 2004.

- Heard a report from Councilwoman Harriett Gill regarding the proposed landfill that will replace the county incinerator.

Ms. Gill advised the council that the landfill is projected to last 25 years and that two-thirds of the money for the project will come from county reserve funds.

- Heard from Mrs. Griffiths that it is the attorney general's opinion that cities do not have to use their local landfill, unless they have a contract.

- OKed a request to allow Norton County to use its name on a license for a repeater used by emergency personnel. The repeater is on the KQNK radio tower. The City and the County share the cost of upkeep for the repeater.

- Heard a report from Mr. Hawks that the sheriff has told the finance committee that VHS tapes will no longer be admissible as evidence for driving under the influence cases.

Evidence will have to be presented on compact discs. The sheriff will get a new recording device. The city and county will split the cost.

- *Learned that the municipal judge's office can now print its reports. The city administrator had requested that future reports be printed rather than hand written.

- Heard a request for permanent markers by the survey stakes on the new property the city purchased from Art Shelton.

The City offices was to be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

