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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

The Blue Jay wrestling squad is ready to go. Northern Valley boys and girls prepare for basketball.

Tuesday  
December 2, 2003

## Thieves ditch cars at both ends

A couple of car thieves couldn't figure out whether they were coming or going Monday, as they apparently stole a car in Norton and ditched it in Oberlin, then stole a van there, ditching it in Norton.

Norton Police Chief Lynn Menagh said they received a report that a 1998 Mercury Cougar was missing from the 400 block of N. Norton Ave. on Monday morning. The car had been taken sometime the

night before.

Then police received a call from Decatur County that a 1993 Mercury Villager van had been stolen from the Lori Miller residence at 606 N. Wilson in Oberlin sometime between 7:50 and 8:05 a.m. Ms. Miller said she had started to warm it up to take her kids to school.

Shortly thereafter, the Norton County Sheriff's Department received a call

about an abandoned van three miles east and a mile north of Norton. When they checked it out, they found that it was indeed the van that had been stolen from Oberlin.

Chief Menagh said after they found the van, they got a call from the Oberlin Police Department saying that they had found the stolen Cougar at the corner of Elm and Marks in that city, just a block or

so from where the van disappeared.

He said the Kansas Highway Patrol, Norton Police and Norton County Sheriff's Department searched for the two men last seen in the vicinity of the van.

Chief Menagh said as of noon Monday, the two hadn't been found.

The van had some damage, but it wasn't known if it happened before or after being stolen.

### Norton, Kansas Home of Jim Hutchens

### Briefly Customers

### to get refund

Customers who have had telephone service with Rural Telephone between 1985 to 2002 will receive a capital credit refund check.

During its November meeting, the Lenora-based cooperative's board of trustees approved \$491,670 in capital credits to be refunded to customers.

Director of Finance Diana Smith said customers should expect to receive their checks by the second week of December.

### Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will preview the upcoming seasons.

Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

### Newstand price for paper increases

The single copy price of The Norton Telegram will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents with today's issue.

At the same time The Telegram Extra, the Monday edition will be free on the newsstand and delivered free to homes in the Norton area.

### Weather Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the west after midnight. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the upper 30s. **Thursday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 17. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 30s.

### Howell report:

Friday ..... High 46, Low 26  
Saturday ..... High 71, Low 40  
Sunday ..... High 63, Low 38  
Monday ..... High 49, Low 31  
Week ago ..... High 46, Low 31  
Month ago ..... High 42, Low 36  
Year ago ..... High 65, Low 27  
December precipitation ..... 0.00 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

Dear God, often we get caught up in our lives and in our own power to control those lives. Help us to turn everything over to You, knowing that You can handle it. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

## Youngsters meet Santa, Mrs. Claus

"And I want a..." Garrett Nelson (above) gave Santa Claus his Christmas list on Friday. Molly and Marissa Maddy (right) also took a turn on the world's favorite lap while Mrs. Claus offered encouragement. After giving over their wish lists the children and their parents moved into the courthouse, where the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors had hot chocolate and cookies waiting.

— Telegram photos by Cynthia Haynes

## Farmers can file claims on grain in Brady elevators

The deadline to file a claim for grain stored in any of the Brady Grain facilities is Friday.

If grain has been stored at Brady Grain, but a claim is not filed, payments will be based on the records of the company.

"We're asking that anybody who has grain at Brady Grain submit their documents with their claims on them," said receiver Terry Criss. "Then we'll compare them to the ones we have and hope that they all match up."

"As for people who don't have paperwork, but have grain at the elevators, they shouldn't panic. After we review the paperwork claims, we are going to see how

much grain is left and try to match it with the depositors without paperwork."

On Nov. 17, the bid prices for the 12 lots of stored grain were approved by District Judge Bill Elliott.

Mr. Criss said, considering the condition most of the grain was in, the prices were extremely fair. The next two-and-a-half months will be spent loading out the grain. They'll also be working on getting the depositor's paperwork straightened out so that they can be paid.

Claim forms, aside from those that were mailed, are available at each Brady Grain site and on the Internet at the website: <http://www.kscourts.org/17thtemp.htm>.

## County to answer questions about proposed new landfill

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Trying to put in a small landfill is a time consuming and frustrating project, Norton County commissioners have found.

Early last month solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald received a letter from the state Department of Health and Environment saying that before continuing with the project there are 54 questions to be answered ranging from a requirement for original signatures on documents instead of copies to a response from the U.S. Department of

Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, which declared the 24-acre site prime farmland.

"They're calling our 24 acres prime farmland," Commission Chairman John Miller said at a meeting towards the end of the month. "It's a clayside hill."

The Federal Aviation Administration was worried that the landfill was only a little over a mile from the runway of the municipal airport. The administration said that because landfills (Continued on Page 5)



# Weed workshop planned

## Everyone invited

Kansas State University will be having an in-depth weed management school on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the 4-H Building in Norton. K-State will also hold the school in Grainfield on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the 4-H Building. The class is being held to promote effective, economical and environmentally-sound weed management for crops for anyone interested in the subject. The first 60 people to register will be charged \$10, which includes lunch and handout materials. Everyone thereafter will be charged \$30. Registration forms can be picked up at the county extension office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Extension weed scientist Dallas Peterson and Multi-County Extension agronomist Brian Olson will be presenters for topics including:

Sprayer calibration — attendees to split into groups and learn to calibrate a sprayer. They will learn to find the right tips and screens, calculate the rate of flow, and calibrate the flow of the sprayer.

Integrated weed management — will show how crop management can increase the competitive ability of crops. Weed management and the effects of weeds on crop losses will be discussed.

Plant growth and development — a review of plant life cycles, basic plant anatomy and physiology, and water and nutrient uptake and transport.

Weed identification — how to recognize seedling weeds. Weed seeds will also be displayed. Weed identification references will be available for review, as well as where to get identification materials.

Herbicides — will include herbicide characteristics and placement. Herbicide absorption, translocation, basis for selectivity between crops and weeds and injury symptoms will be reviewed.

Weed control — a review of the latest research on tillage practices, weed control, herbicides, herbicide resistance, herbicide tank-mixes, economics of control and herbicide precautions and restrictions. Participants are asked to bring problems for discussion.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by integrated weed management at 9 a.m., weed biology and identification at 10 a.m., herbicide at 11:10 a.m., lunch at noon, sprayer calibration and sponsor displays at 1 p.m., and weed control at 3 p.m.

Five continuing education hours in pest management will be offered.

For more information, contact the extension office at 877-5755 or go to the website [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Estate of Donal R. Sanderson

Published in The Norton Telegram on November 21, 2003, J.D. Sanderson was appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Donal R. Sanderson, deceased, and Letters Testamentary issued to him on that date and all creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Ho, ho, ho



All bundled up in a bright yellow coat, Jace Smothers gave his Christmas list to Santa on Friday as the jolly old gent visited Norton.

— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Experienced coach takes over Lady Huskies

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies are in the capable hands of Coach Bill Lowry for the 2003-'04 basketball season. Although Coach Lowry hasn't coached for the past three years, this will be his 21st year of coaching. His overall record is 242-120.

Coach Lowry said his team has several players with varsity experience, but overall, they lack a lot of height. But, he said, one of their goals is to give 100 percent in every game.

Other goals are to finish in the top half of the Cheyenne Conference League and make it to the sub-state tournament.

He said to reach their goals, they are going to work hard and continue to improve with a major key being excellent teamwork.

On the 2003-04 squad are: seniors — Regan Fessenden, 5'7", 6.4 point per game; and Alasia Eagleburger, 5'6", 2.8 points per game; juniors — Jayme Horacek, 5'8", 7.2 points per game;

Mercedes Hays, 5'5"; Lindsey Jessup, 5'6", 3 points per game; and Lindsey Graham, 5'10", 9.8 points per game; sophomore — Serena Woodside, 5'9", 4 points per game; and freshmen — Andrea Lowry, 5'3"; Kelli Cole, 5'5"; Jessie Redeker, 5'7"; Jessica Holmes, 5'4"; Alysia Shearer, 5'9"; and Jena Jessup, 5'5".

Debbie Field is the assistant coach and Jessica King, Melody Miller, Hope Hansen and Ashley Kingham are the team's managers.

Coach Lowry said he expects the final league standings to be Logan, Eastern Heights, Kensington, Northern Valley and Palco.

"We have a very strong 1A schedule this season," said the coach. "I am excited for the season to begin and am positive the girls will do well."

The Lady Huskies first game begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Atwood.

# Many agencies have questions about proposed county landfill

(Continued from Page 1) attract birds, there is a chance that one could be sucked into a turbo-jet or that the birds could be a hazard to low-flying aircraft. The agency wanted information about flight patterns and altitudes of aircraft using the airport and of birds that may be attracted to the landfill.

County commissioners are also worried that the state will require another monitoring well to make sure ground water isn't contaminated.

"If we have to put in another monitoring well, we have to take them into infinity," Mr. Miller said. "We'll all be dead and gone and we'll still be monitoring these wells."

It costs the county about \$15,000 per year to monitor the

four wells that have already been put in to protect the ground water. Mr. Miller said that another well would add an additional \$7,500 per year to the bill.

"It's becoming more convoluted all the time for something that was supposed to be on the fast track and simple," Mr. Miller said.

"I think people ought to question these things," Commissioner Dean Kruse said. "They aren't God Almighty."

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the power to make their own rules," Mr. Archibald replied. "So does the Bureau of Waste Management."

In other business, the commission:

• Heard that the County Health Department had purchased a new

Ford Focus from Brooks Ford.

• Learned that batteries are not available for the defibrillators in the county ambulances so it is likely the entire units will have to be replaced at a cost of thousands of dollars instead of hundreds.

• Was told that a small section of road near Prairieland Electric, which the county thought it owned and had been maintaining, actually belongs to the state. The state, however, plans to give the county the road as soon as possible.

• Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that his crews have put down 134 miles of asphalt millings on county roads.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the county web site at [www.nortoncountyks.org](http://www.nortoncountyks.org).

## Northern Valley boy's team will have returning players

Second year coach Jason Dibble is returning to the Northern Valley Huskies for the 2003-'04 season.

Coach Dibble has several returning players and Assistant Coach Chuck Fessenden to help him.

He said Jesse Hilburn started both as a freshman and sophomore and so brings experience. Thomas Ostmeier and Joey Copper both saw a lot of minutes on varsity last year, while Garth Gebhard, one of the team's two seniors, hasn't played much varsity, but will be expected to a lot this season.

He said the team's major strengths are their quickness and good defense, while their weaknesses are that they're small and they lack depth and experience because they graduated four of their senior players last year.

Members of the 2003-04 squad are: seniors — Gebhard, 6'0"; and Randal Conner, 5'7"; juniors — Hilburn, 5'10"; Dustin Russell, 5'11"; and Ostmeier, 6'1"; sophomores — Casy Dole, 5'7"; Cody Lowry, 5'9"; Clarke Nelson, 5'7"; Chad Husted, 5'7"; Cole Kinderknecht, 5'10"; Avery Thalheim, 5'9"; Scott Shearer, 5'10"; Joey Copper, 6'1"; and Andrew Sheley, 5'10"; and freshmen — Chase Miller, 6'0"; Henry Griffiths, 5'11"; Chance Miller, 6'1"; and Cameron Duede, 5'11".

Coach Dibble said the team's goals are to improve their scoring consistency to no less than double digits per quarter, make first or second in the Cheyenne Conference League and at the league tourney, and to get out of the first

round of regionals.

His keys to reaching these goals are to play together as a team and everyone to push each other in practice.

He said he expects Herndon to place first in the league because they are returning all of their players from last year, followed by Kensington, Northern Valley, Eastern Heights, Palco, and Lo-

gan, who lost a lot of seniors.

Coach Dibble thinks their toughest games this year will be against Herndon, Arapahoe, Cambridge, Bertrand, and Alma.

The Huskies first game will be against an Atwood team that has lost four of their five starters. The game will be played in Atwood and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

## Northern Valley Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 5 — Atwood, Atwood, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 — Hill City, Alma, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 16 — Smith Center, Alma, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 19 — Bertrand, Alma, 4 p.m.
- Jan 2-3 — Cambridge Tournament, Cambridge, 6:15 p.m.
- Jan. 9 — Jennings, Jennings, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 12-13, 15-16 — Cheyenne Conference Tournament, Phillipsburg, TBA
- Jan. 22 — Southern Valley, Southern Valley, Neb., 3:15 p.m.
- Jan. 23 — Palco, Palco, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 27 — Osborne, Osborne, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 30 — Logan, Alma, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31 — Brewster, Brewster, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 6 — Eastern Heights, Alma, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Alma, Alma, 4:45 p.m.
- Feb. 13 — Herndon, Herndon, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 — Arapahoe, Arapahoe, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 20 — Kensington, Alma, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23-28 — Regionals, TBA
- Mar. 1-6 — Sub-State, TBA
- Mar. 10-13 — State, TBA

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