

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Friday

### February 2, 2018



### Briefly

#### Calling contest to be held Saturday

The Norton Archery Club is hosting a Calling Contest on Saturday, must be pre-entered by 6 p.m. tonight. Calling hours are from a 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset with check in from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building. Meal provided Saturday night.

#### Favorite Foods Show on Sunday

Norton County 4-H members will present a Favorite Foods Show on Sunday in the 4-H Building. The exhibits will be open to the public from 4 - 4:30 p.m. to sample the favorite recipes.

#### Elementary school concert Monday

The Eisenhower Elementary School first and second grade classes will present a concert to their friends and family on Monday evening in the East Campus Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

#### Adult coloring night on Mondays

The Norton Public Library is introducing Adult Coloring Night beginning in February. The third Monday of every month from 6-7 adults are invited to come hang out in the community room with all supplies provided.

### Markets

Thursday, February 2, 2018

Wheat .....	\$3.90
Milo .....	\$3.34
Soybeans .....	Call
Corn .....	Call

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Saturday - Partly sunny with highs in the upper 40s. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow after midnight. Lows around 18. Sunday - Much colder and mostly cloudy with a 50 percent change of light snow. Highs in the upper 20s. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with lows around 17.

### Prayer

Dear Lord, when we feel forgotten and abandoned, help us remember your great love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Annual meeting held...



The United Northwest Federal Credit Union held its 69th Annual Meeting this past Monday evening at the Parish Hall in Norton. The crowd of investors was welcomed by Jim Green followed by the invocation by Wilmer Severns. A meal prepared by Pfonz Grill was served by the Norton Forensics Department and then the meeting was held. Green gave the call to order, thanked everyone and then he introduced the board, supervisory committee and employees. Gloria Zwickle gave the notice of meeting and then read the minutes from the last meeting. There was no old business to conduct so Dale Engelbert reported on the nominating committee and asked members to cast their votes for the board of directors position that

was open. Nominees were Mindy Harting and Gloria Zwickle to be elected. Zwickle won the election. Jim Green then gave the directors report followed by Bill Beale who gave the Supervisory Committee report. Denise Bailey, branch manager from the Norton office, then gave the manager's report highlighting new services and warned members about keeping their information safe in today's world. Mr. Green wrapped up the event by reviewing the financial statement and getting it approved. The total company assets are \$38,868,867.94 and the total liabilities and owner's equity was \$38,868,867.94. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Commissioners wrap up January

By DANA PAXTON

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The Norton County Commissioners held their end of the month meeting on Wednesday and visited with several visitors.

The first item dealt with was to approve the minutes from the Jan. 15 meeting. After doing this, the board had their first set of visitors. EMS Director Craig Sowards and three of his staff, Melissa McClain, Matt Rushton and D.J. Porter, were in to talk about department operations and staffing. Sowards offered some suggestions for the commission to consider. He said that his goal was to have a 24 hour professional response team with two staffed

trucks ready to go at a moment's notice with no wait time. He proposed to have two on call during the day and two at night and then a backup crew along with the director. He went on to say that this system would also benefit the volunteer and part-time crew. The commission agreed that they would give his proposal some thought and thanked him for his presentation.

Floyd Richard of the Norton County Road Department was in next. He brought with him vehicle bids on a four wheel drive pickup. Upon review of the bids a motion was made to accept the \$31,721 bid from Money Chevrolet out of Hill City with an additional \$400 for the remote start. The motion

carried.

They then reviewed a letter for a claim submitted on a tree that was removed. County Counselor R. Douglas Sebelius stated that he would take care of the claim. A second claim on a windshield that got damaged on a county road was discussed. The insurance company denied the claim stating that the truck was tarped and the road hazard does not apply to the county.

Clarence Wetter from the Noxious Weed Department was the third appointment of the day. He delivered his annual report and documents of chemical applications in the county for 2017. He also presented documents showing the number of acres of treated nox-

ious weeds in the county. Chairman Charles Posson signed off on the annual report so it can be submitted to the State Agency. Before ending their meeting, they reviewed the Noxious Weed Management Plans for 2018 and lastly reviewed the KDOT contract for spraying the State right-of-way. This is identical to the 2017 contract.

Three men entered the room after Wetter left the room. Brian Smith of the Norton County Solid Waste Department and Dustin Daniels and Mark Polifka with Cat Equipment were in to talk about the 953C Cat, a track loader. Polifka said he had inspected the machine and that he was there to offer an esti-

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## In-home care service continuity ensured

By: LISA HERMAN

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For the past two decades, Jill's Helping Hands has been dedicated to providing in-home care services to hundreds of elderly and disabled clients in 18 northwest Kansas counties. Since its inception in 1997, much of the company's business has centered around the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program for Kansans in the Frail and Elderly/Physically Disabled population, as well as programs with the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging. Now, in 2018, the Norton-based Guardian Home Health, LLC., a new venture started by Chase and Abby Rice, has acquired Jill's Helping Hands to ensure continuity of these vital in-home care services. The new home health agency accepts private pay arrangements for clients who may not qualify for care through their insurance provider or a state-based program. Guardian will retain the current employees of Jill's Helping Hands, including its founder, Jill Edgett, who will now serve as acting Program Director.

In the fall of 1996, after it became apparent the Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) was going to privatize the Case Management and Homemaker programs, Edgett, of Edmond, Kan., took the leap and applied to become a private provider of these programs. As a result, Edgett and 12 of her peers from SRS, who were in line to be downsized, became Jill's Helping Hands, launching services on Jan. 1,



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1997. In addition to her prior experience as a SRS Case Manager for eight years, Edgett worked for 10 years as a Licensed Mental Health Technician IV at the Norton State Hospital. Her prior supervision of the Hospital's geriatric program, coupled with her training of the developmentally disabled, made her an incredibly valuable asset to northwest Kansas. In 2006, as a testament to her commitment to quality

and service, she was recognized by the Kansas Office of Minority and Woman Business Development as "Kansas Woman-Owned Business of the Year".

Home health is considered medically necessary and doctor-prescribed care that is performed by a combination of medical professionals, such as registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and home health aides. Home health agen-

cies provide a wide variety of services, and in-home care fills a critical gap for seniors between nursing home care, hospital stays, and care provided by family members and friends. Seventy percent of adults aged 65 and older will need assistance with daily activities of living at some point, according to the Global Coalition on Aging.

For Chase and Abby Rice, who also own Moffet Drug and Define Gym and Salon in Norton, as well as Ward Drug in Oberlin, Kan., the acquisition of Jill's Helping Hands allows Guardian Home Health, LLC to have an established referral network which will allow them to expand services in the home health arena. "This acquisition establishes a solid foundation of clients currently being served by an experienced workforce," Abby said. The highest priorities are to ensure Guardian Home Health continues to deliver high quality services, operate with integrity, adapt to change, and communicate with sincerity and compassion.

Preserving client independence and dignity, Guardian Home Health will instill hope while providing whole-person care. The vision of the organization is to provide emotional and physical support and care with daily activities, whether the needs are ongoing or short-term due to an injury or illness. Services include, but are not limited to: physical assistance or support with shopping, house cleaning, meal preparation, laundry services, supervision of medica-

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# Norton County 4-H to hold favorite foods show Sunday

Norton County 4-H members will be preparing their favorite recipe and showing off their best hostess style as they present the Favorite Food Show, Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Norton County 4-H Building.

This program has been a tradition to allow 4-H members an opportunity to try out a favorite dish of theirs and set a place setting with their own touch. The dish the 4-H members may do can range from a simple snack to an entree or a dish as a part

of a main course meal. Some examples of this year's entries are Aunt Twila's Sloppy Joe's, The Best Brownies in the World!!!, No-turn Omelet, Slow Cooker Split Pea Soup, and Coconut Crème Pie to name a few.

The 4-H members will begin entering their projects from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the consultation judging will be done from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibits will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to sample; 4-H members will visit

with the judges about the preparation and serving suggestions with their recipe. They will also share nutritional and food safety topics with the judge.

Senior 4-H Participants will choose from a list of 11 ingredients with 5 ingredients that need to be incorporated into their dish. The public is invited to check out the 4-Hers creativity as well as go home with a recipe booklet of all of the 4-H members' Favorite Recipes.

## NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

Funeral services were held Jan. 16 for Sister Mary Esther Otter at the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia. She passed away Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Mt. Joseph Senior Village in Concordia. The burial was in the Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery.

Family attending the services were Alvin Otter, Wichita; Tim and Lisa Otter and family, Newton; Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; Frank and LeVonne Otter, Clayton; Josh and Kate Otter and family, Phillipsburg; Brandon and Ashley Otter and family, Lincoln, Neb.; Greg Otter, New Almelo; Emily and Gary Kessler, Lakin; Steve Otter, Wichita; Roger and JoAnn Long, Clayton; Stephanie and Deacon Brian Kirk, Lake Charles, La.; cousins attending the services were Sister Rose Marie Dwyer, Concordia; Della and Larry Simoneau, Salina; Jim and June Dwyer, Glasco; Rod and Cheryl Bates, Oakley; Alfred and Betty Otter, New Almelo; Sister Rebecca Otter, Larned; Eulalia and Bill Sughroue, Indianola, Neb.; Cecilia Knepper, McCook, Neb.;

Nick and Kathy Otter, Hoxie; D'Ann Gardner, Mankato; Judy Schuler, Ellis; Ray and Ardith Scheetz, Clayton; and Father Dan Scheetz, Russell.

The New Almelo Knights of Columbus held their membership supper on Jan. 27. A delicious meal of hamburger steak with all the trimmings was served. Persons receiving the door prizes were Tyler Bruggerman, Knights of Columbus field agent, Johnathan Gassmann, and Gary Bruinekool.

The New Almelo Knights of Columbus held their annual free throw contest on Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Rural Telephone Gym in Lenora. The winner of the nine year old girls was Savana Rumback, daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback, winner of the 10 year old girls was Abbie Gassmann, daughter of Randy and Beth Gassmann. The winner of the 10 year old boys was Ayston Kats, son of Sean and Monica Kats, winner of the 11 year old boys was Braydon Scheetz, son of Jared and Stacy Scheetz. These winners advance to the District contest at Plainville, Feb. 11.

Braydon Scheetz won the 11 year old free throw contest

in the Hoxie Elk's Free Throw contest placing him in the Pratt Elk's Free Throw contest, on Jan. 27, where he won. He will advance to the Wichita contest on Feb. 4.

Family coming to the home of Frank and LeVonne Otter the weekend of Jan. 27 were Josh and Kate Otter and family, Phillipsburg, and Gabrielle Otter, Gladstone, Mo. They also visited with their grandparents, Marion and Marilyn Otter in New Almelo.

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## New exhibits to view . . .



A handful of Judy Coats tea pots are pictured in one of the display cases at the Norton Public Library. This is one of three exhibits on display currently in the library. The exhibits will be on display through March.

— Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

New exhibits have filled the Norton Public Library, including beautiful tea pots in the stand up showcase, art from the weekly Art Club for Kids and photography by Caryl Hale.

The beautiful collection of tea pots belong to Judy Coats. She began collecting tea pots after she received her grandmother's small, brown teapot that had flowers painted on it. Later, a friend encouraged Judy to buy a teapot they had found in a resale shop while in Arkansas, thus the collection began. Her favorite teapot has a giraffe on it. Her daughter, Cathy, brought it home with her from Africa as a gift. Judy's husband, daughter, granddaughter and many friends and relatives have helped the collection grow

through the years. Judy very much enjoys her collection and will continue to add to it.

In the Art Gallery, the walls are covered with beautiful 20x20 black and white prints featuring local beekeeper Karl Kohfeld and his wife tending and harvesting their hives over the past two years, photographed by a local documentary photographer and business owner of Hale Storm Press, Caryl Hale. Other photos on display include local landscape and lifestyle collections that have been displayed during the Norton County Art Council Art Walk.

Caryl Hale began her business in May of 2015 after moving from Lawrence in 2013. She is married to Aaron Hale, a Norton native,

and together they have three children. Caryl specializes in documentary style photography that captures people in their natural settings with in-the-moment expressions.

One of the flat display cases is filled with some of the children's art that participate in the library's Art Club. On display are some abstract watercolor paintings, acrylic paintings on canvas and their tribute project to veterans. The librarians try to present projects of all different mediums such as clay, foil, cardboard, fabric and paper. The Art Club meets every Wednesday from 4- 5 p.m. The children are so proud of what they accomplish at Art Club and are thrilled to share some of their creations with the public.

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## Rolland Birth



Proud parents Garrett and Andrea Rolland, Norton, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Lee Rolland. Hannah was born on Nov. 21, 2017 at 8:04 a.m. at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Her brother Brooks is excited to have a little sister. Happy grandparents include Gary and Samette Rolland, Norton, and Bill and Susan Lowry, Hoisington.

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NCHS**  
**Monday, Feb. 5:** SADD SAFE Drawing, Student Lounge, 8:15 a.m.  
 Junior Class meeting, AP NHS meeting, AP JAY Singers, AP KAY Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6:** Blue Crew, Stull Gym, AP  
 Girls V BB, Oberlin, 6 p.m.  
 Boys JV BB, Oberlin, 6 p.m.  
 Boys V BB, Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls JV BB, Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 7:** SAC Krispy Kreme Fundraiser begins  
 Progress Reports  
 KAY Unit conference, HillCity, 8 a.m.  
 SADD meeting, AP  
**Thursday, Feb. 8:** FCCLA Carnation Sales  
**Friday, Feb. 9:** Dane Hansen Museum Art Show begins, Logan  
 FCCLA Carnation Sales  
 Girls/Boys JV BB, Plainville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Girls V BB, Plainville, 6 p.m.  
 Wrestling Dual V/JV vs. Goodland, Wilmeth Kirk Gym, 6 p.m.  
 Boys V BB, Plainville, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 10:** ACT Testing, Colby  
 Forensics Meet, WaKeeney, 7:30 a.m.  
 FFA Meats Judging, Grinnell, 9 a.m.  
 State Scholars Bowl, Douglas High School, 9 a.m.  
 SAC Snowball Dance, Junior High Gym, 8 - 10:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Feb. 11:** Dane Hansen Museum Art Exhibit reception, Logan, 2 p.m.

**NJHS**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6:** KAY Board meeting, AP  
**Wednesday, Feb. 7:** Progress Reports  
 STUCO Meeting, AP  
**Thursday, Feb. 8:** Wrestling

tourney, Stockton, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 10:** Wrestling tourney, Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.

**EES**  
**Monday, Feb. 5:** 1st/2nd Grade Vocal Concert practice, East Campus, 12:30 p.m.  
 1st/2nd Grade Vocal Concert, East Campus, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 7:** Progress Reports  
 Norton County Spelling Bee, Long Island, 3:45 p.m.

**NVS**  
**Monday, Feb. 5:** HS Band Clinic, Healy, 9:30 a.m., Concert at 6 p.m.  
 JH Girls B-team BB, Colby, 4 p.m.  
 JH Boys B-team BB, Colby, 5 p.m.  
 JH Girls A-team BB, Colby, 6 p.m.  
 JH Boys A-team BB, Colby, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6:** Interactive Media Class, Phillipsburg, 1:15 p.m.  
 FFA Chapter meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 7:** KAY Unit conference, Hill City  
 Norton County Spelling Bee, Long Island, 3:45 p.m.  
**Thursday, Feb. 8:** JH League BB Tournament, Brewster, TBD  
 FACS Kitchen Chili Cook-Off, 1:30 - 3:45 p.m.  
 Wellness workshop, Oakley, 9 a.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 9:** ASVAB Test Score Interpret Session, Mr. Cole's room  
 Pep Rally, High School Gym, 3:20 p.m.  
 HS BB vs. Triplains Brewster, Almena  
 Pop-A-Shot, after BB games  
**Saturday, Feb. 10:** Forensics, WaKeeney  
 JH League BB Tourney, Brewster, TBD  
 FFA Meats Judging, Grinnell, 9 a.m.  
 State Scholars Bowl, Ransom, 12 p.m.

# Just dance . . .



The Norton Community High School Dance Team held a Little Kids Dance Team Camp last weekend at Stull Gymnasium. The group is seen here practicing their routine to the song Firework. They will perform at tonight's game against Thomas More-Prep Marian at 7:30 p.m. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# When education moves backward

**By John Schrock**  
 Why has the rigor in American public education declined in the last 30 years? There have been a few attempts to increase the rigor of coursework and teacher training. When the U.S.S.R. launched their Sputnik satellite ahead of us, there was a major infusion of money into retraining science teachers nationwide, recognizing that better-trained teachers would result in better teaching. However, that effort and the subsequent Eisenhower grants for science content preparation were soon diluted to cover all fields. And those veteran teachers have also long since retired.

Any thought of expanding the science curriculum was cut short in the 1980s by the announcement by the American Association for the Advancement of Science that "less science is more." This pitiful phrase still cripples any expansion of science coursework in schools today. Blame for this motto of mediocrity lies squarely on the science community and the AAAS.

Kansas formerly required two high school science courses to graduate. However, schools were allowed to count "home ec" and "shop" as science classes! This practice was curtailed under Commissioner Andy Tompkins. However, there was considerable leeway in who could teach science classes. And the "general science" and "physical science" classes in Kansas high schools were anything but rigorous. In 2003, the "Redesign" eliminated many teaching certificates (now called licenses) including those shallow general science and physical science endorsements. This action required more depth-of-learning by students. But physical sciences was restored after pressure from Johnson County.

By 2001, the KBOR implemented a 3-sciences requirement to enter regents schools, and one had to be chemistry or physics. By 2005, the KSBE likewise raised the high school science requirement to three science courses for a high school diploma. Previously perhaps 20 percent had taken chemistry and 10 percent had physics. Now that all freshmen would have taken at least one of these courses, I asked my university colleagues if it had improved their university students' performance? "No," was the answer. They indicated that without more qualified teachers, raising the paper requirement did not result in more students receiving a solid genuine chemistry or physics course, a situation that continues today.

And last year, the State Board

approved a bi-literacy seal in order to encourage and reward students who took high school foreign languages. That was undermined by Kansas universities that wiped out or drastically cut their foreign language teacher programs. One step forward, two steps backward.

At the higher education level, the rigor of academics is being pushed back by decades if not a century. In chasing tuition and pushing to retain and graduate every student, university data show that some students have difficulty completing college algebra. Therefore the California State University system of 23 institutions has just eliminated that requirement for all but science and math majors. A similar action is being discussed in Kansas by our Board of Regents (KBOR).

Several years ago, KBOR also allowed the minimum credit hours for a bachelor's degree to drop from 124 to 120, leav-

ing the decision up to faculty as to whether that was appropriate for their field. Some faculty, especially in the sciences, considered 124 necessary and in some cases no longer enough. Now KBOR, frustrated that not enough programs dropped their requirements, is set on having every bachelors degree drop to 120. A faculty could appeal to keep 124, but if any other school allowed 120, that appeal would lose. This is clear evidence of our race-to-the-bottom mentality.

For decades, the KBOR Transfer and Articulation Committee (TAAC) has been pressuring faculty at Kansas regents schools and community colleges to likewise drop course requirements to the lowest common denominator. TAAC will not recognize differences in courses based on 1) prerequisites or 2) mode of delivery. Therefore, when faculty point out that a pre-med microbiology course

has 3 pre-requisite courses and real labs, and a community college offers a barely-high-school-level online microbiology for nursing assistants with no pre-requisites, TAAC demands they transfer as equal.

And finally, both the Governor and KSBE support all Kansas high school students earning 15 credit hours of college coursework, when many high school students are not yet college-able. And many of these high school instructors lack the master's credentials to teach college level courses. This devalues the bachelor's degree by a semester or a year.

The U.S. has dropped in rank among developed countries not just because other countries have surged ahead, but also because our educational governing bodies have made conscious and intentional decisions to decrease academic rigor for over 30 years. And they continue to do so today.

# SCHOOL MENU

**NCHS/NJHS**  
 — Chef salad offered daily  
**Monday, Feb. 5**  
**Breakfast:** French toast with syrup, bananas, grape juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Breaded chicken sandwich with toppings, corn, cucumbers, applesauce with cinnamon and milk.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
**Breakfast:** Cherry Frudel, pears, grape juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Beef burrito with toppings, green beans, peaches, French bread and milk.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 7**  
**Breakfast:** Assorted cereal, toast with margarine, peaches, grape juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, carrots, broccoli, bread roll, apples, cottage cheese and milk.  
**Thursday, Feb. 8**  
**Breakfast:** Pizza squares, bananas, apple juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Ham and cheese rollup, baked beans, coleslaw, pineapple tidbits and milk.  
**Friday, Feb. 9**  
**Breakfast:** Assorted hot cereal, Mandarin oranges/peaches, orange juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, carrots, Mandarin oranges, bread roll and milk.  
**EES**  
**Monday, Feb. 5**  
**Breakfast:** Pumpkin chocolate chip muffin, whole grain cereal, fruit cocktail, grape juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, baby carrots, Mandarin oranges and milk.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
**Breakfast:** Sausage pancake on a stick, warm syrup, pineapple chunks, apple juice and milk.  
**Lunch:** Pizza roll-up, tossed salad, pears, green beans and milk.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 7

Breakfast: Chilled yogurt, strawberries, English muffin, orange juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, WW bread roll and milk.  
 Thursday, Feb. 8  
 Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, peaches, apple juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, cooked carrots, rosy applesauce, pepper strips, French bread and milk.  
 Friday, Feb. 9  
 Breakfast: Biscuit breakfast sandwich, pears, grape juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Sloppy joe on homemade bun, corn, sweet potato tots, peaches and milk.  
**NVS**  
 Monday, Feb. 5  
 Breakfast: Sausage and cheese biscuit, eggs, fruit, assorted cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Chicken patty on a bun, potatoes, California blend veggies, strawberries and milk.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 6  
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and ham, hashbrowns, yogurt, assorted cereal and milk.  
 Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, corn, pineapple chunks and milk.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 7  
 Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, eggs, sausage, fruit, assorted cereal and milk.  
 Lunch: Vegetable beef soup with crackers, relish plate, peaches, cinnamon bun and milk.  
 Thursday, Feb. 8  
 Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hashbrowns, yogurt, assorted cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, potatoes, baked beans, apple slices and milk.  
 Friday, Feb. 9  
 Breakfast: Cinnamon coffee cake, eggs, ham, assorted cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, carrots, peppers, grapes and milk.

TAG SALE

## Estate Tag Sale for Joy and Gladys Glenn

### by McEwen Auction

Duane McEwen, Owner

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL SELL:

Friday, February 9 . . . . . 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Tag Sale Prices

Saturday, February 10 . . . . . 8:00 to 12:00 a.m. at 20% Off

Doors will close at 12:00 noon and Reopen at 12:30-5:00 p.m. at 50% Off

TOOLS WILL SELL:

Sunday, February 11 . . . . . 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tag Sale Prices

Doors will close at 2:00 p.m. and Reopen at 2:15-5:00 p.m. at 50% Off

**NOTE FROM DUANE:** Joy and Gladys have been friends of mine for many years. I am sad but pleased to help their family prepare for this Estate Sale. It is a complete household of items to sell with another complete shed of tools. This advertisement can not begin to notify you of the magnitude of items. What I have attempted to do is to list highlights of categories and have you imagine the rest. My tag sale crew, Darlene, Doris and I will be on hand to assist you with your purchases. We will try to settle with you quickly. Do plan to come and go as you please. Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, 2018 are the days for the household items. Sunday, February 11, 2018 is the day the tools are offered. **Call 785-877-3032 if you have questions.**

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## Laws should protect defenseless children

The case of 3-year-old Evan Brewer should shake the child-welfare system of Kansas to its very core.

While the state Department for Children and Families was receiving reports from the boy's father that he was being abused, and police were investigating, videos apparently taken by his mother and her boyfriend show he was, in fact, being tortured, his hands tied behind his back, a belt around his neck, naked on a cold concrete floor.

Later, police investigating the house, by that time vacant, found a suspicious block of concrete where the boy's body had been hidden. They arrested his mother, Miranda Miller, and the boyfriend, Stephen Bodine, and discovered the recordings.

The two are charged with murder in Wichita.

The question is, why? How could this happen?

The boy was subject to a custody battle. People often make outlandish charges in these cases, accusing the other parent of sexual or physical abuse. Sometimes they make all that up. This time, apparently, it was all true – and more. Social workers and police sometimes have a tough time trying to decide who's lying, we understand.

We've seen cases where a court will order children whisked out of their homes on the slightest pretext. An innocent parent has to go to court to get them back. When it happens, that seems outrageous, too.

But when a child's life is at stake, and the state appears to do little or nothing, what should be done?

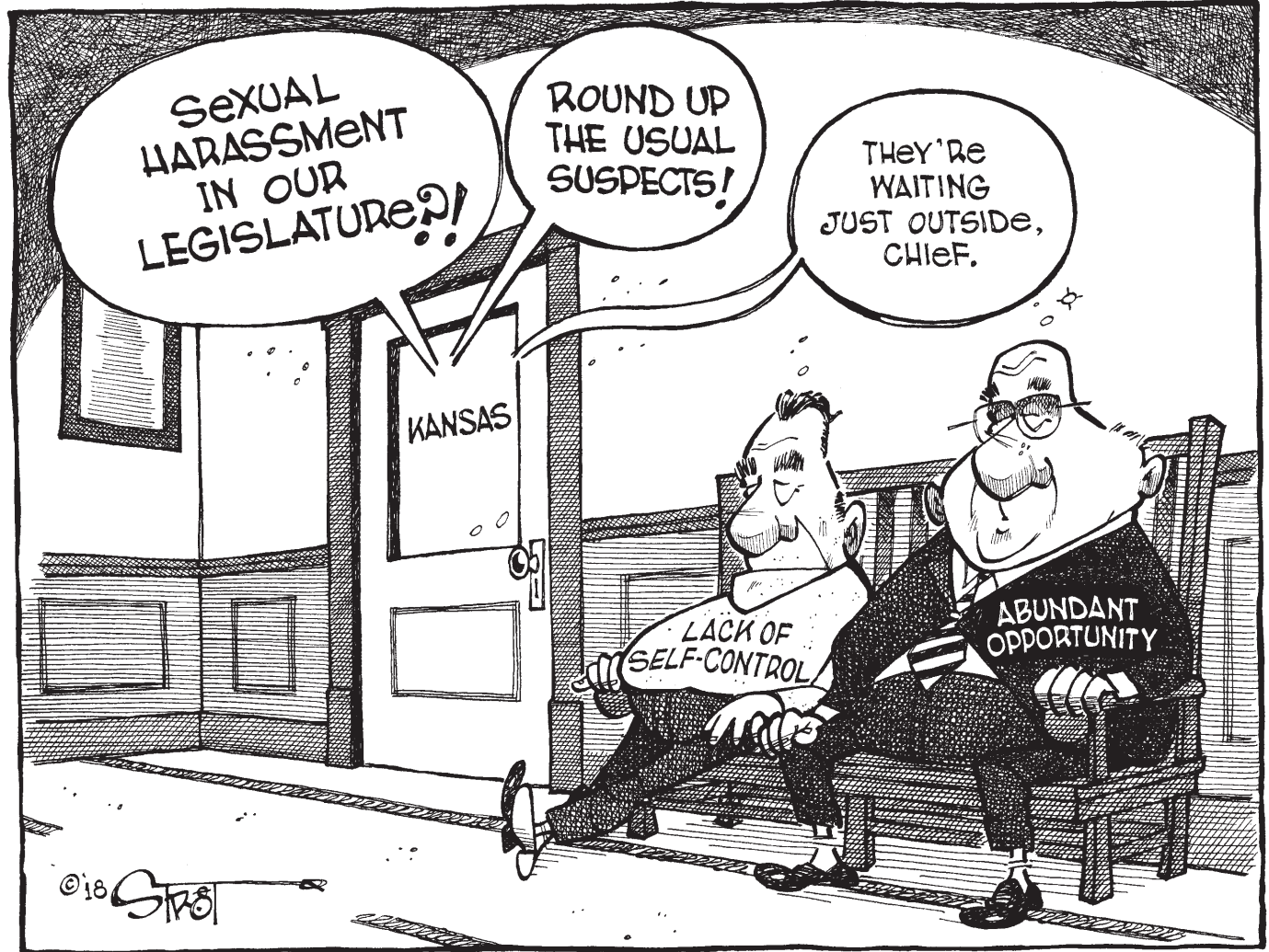
The department, and public officials in general, tend to hide behind the law. Files are sealed, they say; they're not allowed to talk about the case. Laws intended to preserve evidence or protect privacy are used instead to protect the guilty. That shouldn't happen, either, and Kansas has plenty of room to open up these cases. Taxpayers and voters deserve to know.

Only the strong light of day, it seems, will see that those guilty of looking the other way are punished and laws changed to protect kids, not criminal parents.

In the end, however, Evan may have powerful friends. A new secretary has taken over Children and Families. She has orders to set things right. And his grandfather, former Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer, is running for governor.

No matter who wins that fractious race, however, we hope the next governor and future secretaries will remember the state's obligation to protect defenseless children and to provide for honest, open discussion in these cases.

There must have been some way to save poor Evan Brewer from a cruel death, or from being encased in concrete, wrapped in a Ninja Turtles bed sheet. Kansas must find it. — *Steve Haynes*



## Watching the Doomsday Clock

I think of that feeling of anticipation some experience as they await the countdown to the New Year. We watch as the minutes tick away, the ball drops, and once again we usher in another chapter of our lives. But another Clock deserves at least equal, if not more, observation and greater anticipation. The Clock was created 73 years ago in 1947 by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Science and Security Board. This symbolic clock signifies the countdown to Doomsday, world's end, the Apocalypse or whatever you might call it.

Following the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the scientists involved in the Manhattan Project realized the fury they had unleashed. To reflect the nuclear threat humankind now faced, they formed this committee and created this Clock. At its first setting in 1947, it was set at seven minutes until midnight because of the threats surrounding the Cold War. Regardless

### Phase II Mary Kay Woodyard



of the situation, the Clock is only reset twice a year. For instance, the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 was not reflected in the Doomsday Clock because the threat, the climax, and a resolution took place before the biannual meeting occurred.

In 1991, the committee set the Clock at 17 minutes until midnight. The ending of the Cold War resulted in a reduction of U.S. and Russia's nuclear arsenals including initiatives signed by U.S. and Russia removing the majority of intercontinental ballistic missiles and bombers. Unfortunately, since

then most years, with few exceptions, the Clock has edged closer to midnight. In 2015 and 2016, it remained at three minutes until midnight, but in 2017, the scientific group reset it to two and a half minutes. Now, in 2018, it is set at two minutes until midnight, the closest to Doomsday since the 1953 nuclear testing by the U.S. and Russia.

Recent rhetoric by world leaders adds fuel to existing fires. Although nuclear weapons come to mind as the reason for Doomsday, it isn't our only threat. Equal dangers are climate change and pandemics.

"I would love to be able to bring back our country into a great form of unity," President Trump said. "Without a major event where people pull together, that's hard to do. But I would like to do it without that major event because usually that major event is not a good thing."

Watch the Clock, Mr. President, watch the Clock. mkwoodyard@ruraltel.net

## Brought to God and sung to Heaven

Remember the good old days? When we looked at the sky and the thermometer and decided which plans to follow through on and which to cancel? When we planned winter events with a contingency for extreme cold, snow, ice, wind? Now it seems we are personally insulted when any weather related event inconveniences us.

Beside the fact it is winter, after our misadventures when picking up the Hubby's truck I am nervous about long car trips. We did not attend our Grandson's birthday party, in part, because of that.

As January progressed, some slight pressure was applied for us to attend a concert at OKMEA (Oklahoma Music Educators Association). Daughter Elizabeth's intermediate school choir had been selected to sing. The concert was in Tulsa, nearly 7 hours away.

Elizabeth did not directly ask me to attend. My sister Sue, who lives in Wichita a mere 3 hours from Tulsa, brought it up.

Elizabeth had invited her; adding, "Bring my Momma with you!"

Sue planned to go with or without me.

I could not let her be a better Aunt than I am Mother, so in turn, I guilted the Hubby into accompanying me to Wichita. He remained there doing handyman projects for Sue and the other daughters.

No driving was required on my part and the weather was decent enough (for winter) thus it promised to be a fairly stress free trip for me. The frivolity of it nagged at me however. It seems we

### This Too Shall Pass Nancy Hagman



have all come to expect unencumbered travel, Cinderella weddings, granite counter tops, and closets for our shoes.

These are no longer things you work and plan for, for years. They are whims. We go into debt monetarily and spiritually to attain them. We resent it when we can't have them. We demand someone give them to us to make it fair! It's not easy being me-----

Elizabeth's school is 5th and 6th grade only, around 600 kids. That's right, two grades: 600 kids! It is rural. The little town it serves has a city center more similar to Lenora than Norton. But it is close to OKC. Close as in the parents of her students may have a 90 minute commute to work (one way).

The choir is an extra-curricular activity not a class. The parents of the 70 kids in the choir have to make an effort to get their kids to rehearsals. But the school picks up most of the monetary expenses. The kids did have to buy a t-shirt.

Of the 70 choir members who traveled to Tulsa on the school's bus, only 12 rode home. The parents of all the rest attended the concert: a two to three hour trip, on a workday! They arrived early enough to take in the rehearsal! They brought games, color books, and

supervised the kids during the two hour wait between the rehearsal and the performance.

Three groups performed in the Friday afternoon concert. The first was the Stillwater Chamber Choir. Consisting of adults, to my untrained ears they were flawless.

One of their offerings was "Sing Me to Heaven" by John Gawthrop.

"If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song

If you would mourn me and bring me to God,

sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven"

During this song I began to realize why we were all there.

The selections Elizabeth's choir sang were fun and age appropriate. My favorite was "I Won't Grow Up" from Peter Pan. But the crowd favorite was the last song of the set: the Oklahoma State Song: "Oklahoma."

As you would expect, music educators have musical skills. The audience was invited to join in the second time on the chorus. We were awesome!

I was extremely proud of my daughter! Her group was the only one that got a standing ovation. Okay, maybe that was because Oklahomans stand when "Oklahoma" is sung! (You've got to give her credit; she is savvy in the selection and timing of music!)

Yes, traveling seven hours to a children's concert is a bit excessive.

But we were brought to God. We were sung to Heaven.

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# Winter Band Concert entertains large crowd



The Norton Community High School Band, under the direction of Don Mordecai, held a winter concert this past Sunday afternoon. Several concert selections were played for a large crowd. Now, the band will start preparing for contests that they will soon attend.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



## Commission

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mate to repair it. Daniels reported that the 2007 Model of this machine is worth \$85,000. An itemized quote for the repairs was \$54,641.14. After reviewing all of the documentation and after asking several questions, the commission moved to accept the bid.

Polifka then provided an agreement for the Foley Maintenance Plan on the 953C which covers 1440 hours or five services. The cost of the service will be \$1,798.35 per service. The commission voted to approve the Maintenance Plan.

Lastly, discussion was held on the meter hours on the 826C Compactor used at the Solid Waste site. Daniels reported that after tracking the system he found that the machine had an estimated usage of 1.3 hours per

day. The next to last visitor was Wanda Vincent, Norton County Register of Deeds. She delivered her 2017 report and went over numbers with the commission. She said her office recorded 353 deeds and 163 mortgages as well as 454 other documents in 2017 for a total of 970 recordings. The total fees for recordings was \$23,927, 140 mortgage registration fees of \$29,809.16, less the share multi-county fees of \$2,776. Vincent brought to the attention of the commission that the mortgage registration fee will soon be eliminated because of legislation that was passed in recent years. This reduction in fee will have a big budgetary effect on the office and county general funds.

Before the final appointment of the day, four added tax state-

ments were presented for approval. Statement 201800040, 208100041, 201800042 and 201800043 were issued for clerical error. The statements were for Special Assessment, Almema Irrigation District. The statement was approved as submitted.

The final visitor of the day was Moni El-Aasar with BG Consultants. He was there to talk about an application to be submitted for road improvements on West Washington Road. While there, they discussed the bridge construction plan recently submitted to KDOT for a bridge in the southwest part of Norton County. El-Aasar informed the commission that if the plan is accepted and funding is available, the earliest the bridge would be let for bidding would be in late fall for 2019 construction.

El-Aasar then spoke about the application for funding on the West Washington Road. The application will be submitted to the High Risk Funding and will be for the road surface from West Highway 36 to the County Road W1. The total estimated cost for the project is \$353,800. The proposed countermeasure for the project would be to widen the roadway to 26 feet, construct safety edge, provide flatter side slopes, improve vertical curve east of the intersection and to provide pavement markings. The commission signed the application to be submitted by BG Consultants.

With no further business to conduct, the commission finished approving the January vouchers and payroll and the meeting was adjourned until Monday Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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## In-Home Care

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tion cueing and reminding, life management (financial matters, bill paying), bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, transferring, walking/mobility, eating, and accompaniment to obtain necessary medical services. Guardian Home Health will provide these services to clients in the following counties: Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace.

Striving to be the leader in home care and community-based services in northwest Kansas, Guardian's 2018 roadmap includes expansion of services into home health. "There is an unmet need in northwest Kansas for more in-home health services regardless of a person's income bracket and we plan to help fill some of that need for our neighbors," says Guardian's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Miller.

Venturing beyond non-skilled-in-home care and into the skilled home health space, Miller says there have been significant changes in how providers will be paid for their services. Part of Guardian's vision is to see that clients remain in the comfort of their homes, and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. Home Health, when appropriate, allows a client to extend their cash flow and maintain a higher quality of life. "We are thrilled that Jill [Edgett] has agreed to continue leading the existing in-home care services to include the HCBS Waiver program," Miller said. "This will allow our new staff to focus on launching the skilled services team and necessary state and federal licensure and certifications." In addition to Edgett, Guardian Home Health employs a staff of 41.

Miller, who has 18 years of experience in the healthcare industry, ranging from primary medicine to psychiatry, has spent time in both outpatient and inpatient settings. One of his primary initiatives will be to instill and protect the quality and value of patient care provided by Guardian Home Health. He will lead the charge in expanding and developing new collaborative partnerships with local, state, and federal organizations, with an emphasis on Integrated Care Coordination between patients and their community-based providers.

He anticipates technology innovations will continue to play a major role in shaping the senior care industry, and the way home care companies provide high quality care and services to clients. A real challenge exists in finding ways for community providers to exchange information between one another in an interoperable fashion, regarding elements like their client's different care plans, orders, results of tests, and prescribed medications. "Many states have created Health Information Exchanges, which act like a central repository where providers securely send and pull down protected patient information," Miller says. "Unfortunately, these methods are still void of some of the client's critical information, often creating redundancies or occasionally items missed." Miller says he has confidence technology companies will continue to innovate.

Outside being responsible for running all facets of the business, Miller and his wife, Renee, enjoy raising two children in Norton. The couple's son, Elijah, is 11 years old, and is a sixth grader at Eisenhower Elementary School. Their daughter, Avery, attends Norton Community High School. Renee is an occupational therapist at Thera-

play Learning Center (TLC) in Norton, and specializes in the treatment of autism, sensory processing disorders, reflex integration, and feeding difficulties. The Miller family attends the Norton Christian Church, and the couple's children stay busy with involvement in school-related and extracurricular activities.

Aside from serving as Guardian's Program Director, Edgett has been married to her husband, Tom, for the past 31 years. The couple has three grown sons. Shane, and his wife, Karin, live in Forney, Texas with their children Addisyn and Adric. Ryan, and his wife, Leann, reside in Wichita, Kan. with their children Isabelle, Gideon, and Sydney. The couple's youngest son, Kyle, resides in Lenora, Kan. Edgett is community-minded, and is currently a member of the Norton County Hospital Board of Directors, the Norton Regional Health Foundation, the United Parish Church Council in Lenora, Kan., and has served as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the past 20 years with Norton County Emergency Management Services.

"I wanted to make sure we had a long-term plan in place for our clients," Edgett commented regarding the acquisition. "Guardian has filled that need. I'm happy a local business, with people who know the area and our culture, have agreed to invest in my local business."

Guardian Home Health LLC is located at 112 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 304, in downtown Norton's Heaton Building. A ribbon cutting will be held on Feb. 16 to formally welcome the agency to Norton's business district. For more information about Guardian Home Health LLC, please contact 785-622-4254 or visit www.guardians.com.

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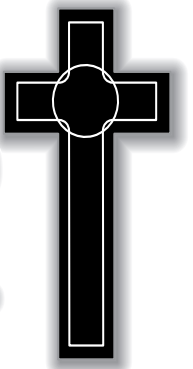
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**Fun By The Numbers**

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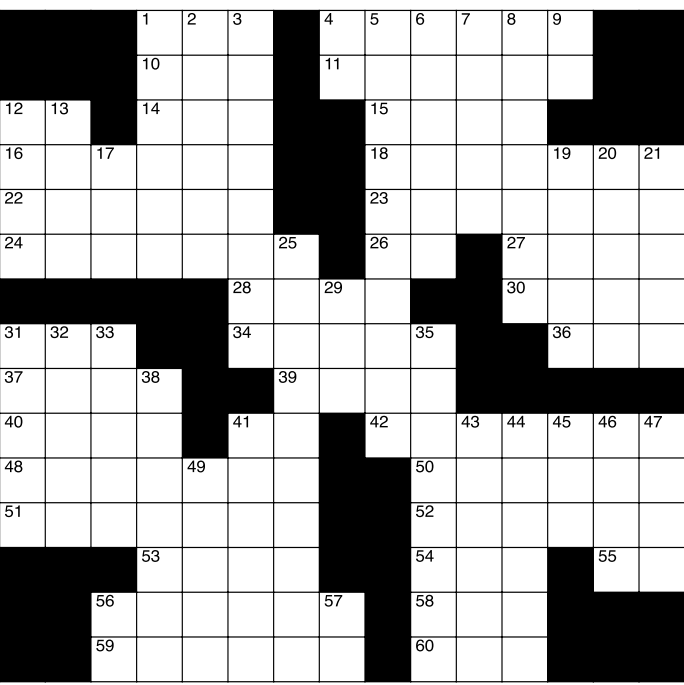
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**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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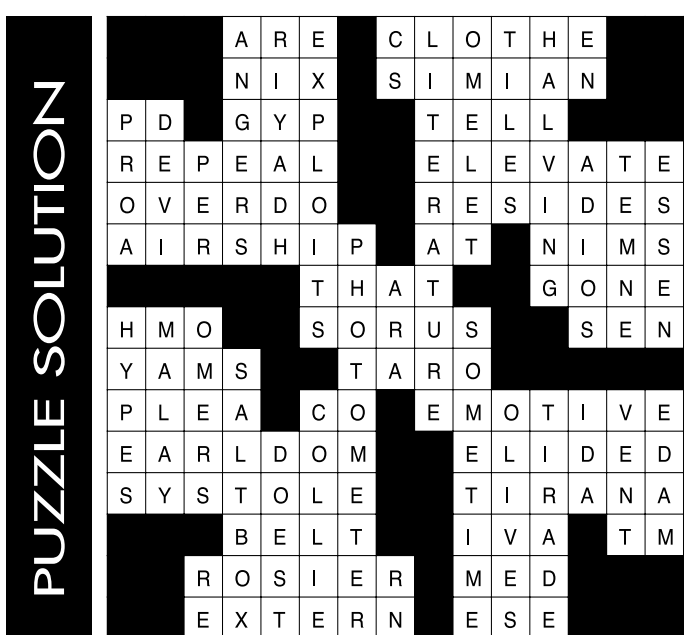


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Plural of be
- 4. Dress
- 10. Nothing
- 11. Relating to apes
- 12. They protect and serve
- 14. Swindle
- 15. Show's partner
- 16. Lift
- 18. Raise up
- 22. Do something to an excessive degree
- 23. Occupies
- 24. Power-driven aircraft
- 26. Indicates position
- 27. Matchstick games
- 28. This and \_\_\_
- 30. No longer here
- 31. Health insurance
- 34. Spore-producing receptacle on fern frond
- 36. Monetary unit
- 37. Sweet potatoes
- 39. Tropical Asian plant
- 40. Guilty or not guilty
- 41. Carbon dioxide
- 42. Able to arouse intense feeling
- 48. Earl's jurisdiction
- 50. Omitted
- 51. Heartbeat
- 52. Albania capital
- 53. Fashion accessory
- 54. Interaction value analysis
- 55. Symbol of exclusive ownership
- 56. More promising
- 58. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- 59. Nonresident doctor
- 60. Midway between east and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Enrages
- 2. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 3. Uses in an unfair way
- 4. Cesium
- 5. Written works
- 6. Breakfast item
- 7. Found in showers
- 8. A way of fractioning
- 9. Unit of measurement
- 12. Sailboat
- 13. Indian goddess
- 17. For each
- 19. Farewell
- 20. Ethnic group of Sierra Leone
- 21. German industrial city
- 25. Measures intensity of light
- 29. Small, faint constellation
- 31. Promotes enthusiastically
- 32. Malaysian inhabitant
- 33. Ancient units of measurement
- 35. An unspecified period
- 38. Frame house with up to three stories
- 41. Lassie is one
- 43. Martinis have them
- 44. Rant
- 45. Famed journalist Tarbell
- 46. Opening
- 47. Round Dutch cheese
- 49. Archaic form of do
- 56. Once more
- 57. Registered nurse



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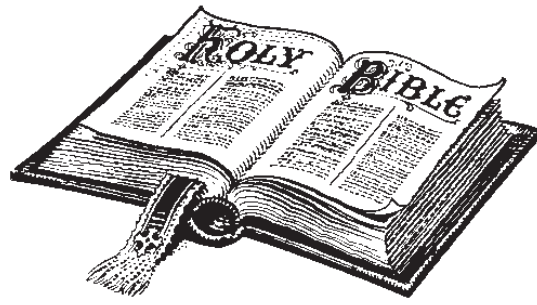
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By Rev. Larry Danforth, Norton/Almena First United Methodist Churches

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"...believe in the good news." – Mark 1:14 – 15

Sometimes it seems that the only kind of news you can find being reported is bad news. There has been some kind of disaster or atrocity that has been committed. There are people who are either emotionally and physically suffering. There is sickness, injury and even death that afflict people here and everywhere. Now, I must say two things. First, that is not the only news reported. There are some news reports that are uplifting, hopeful and even laughable. Second, even I have struggled with the what seems to be more bad news than good.

Well, it is time for some good news and this is news that will bless you for all eternity. The good news is...the kingdom of God has indeed come near. The history of the world is full of dark times of war, disease, persecution, and unrest. This is because the world is full of humans. You have to admit for a species that is supposed to be the dominant in this

world, we have done things that make it look like we are fundamentally insane. We are broken and each has followed our own way and become lost. Is it any surprise that we eventually find ourselves in bad times?

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God has never been far and the good news is God has come into our world history as one of us. Jesus came to us and said that God is

here with you and me. So we should repent. Let us turn from our own ways and look to Christ and be reconciled with God. We should believe in this news that God loves us so much and wants to be with us forever in a world that is perfect and without bad news. Nothing can stop that love either. Notice in the passage how John the Baptist was arrested and that was when Jesus began to preach this good news. In spite of the bad news, Jesus came to the people. No one can interfere with the love of God. God's love for you is real and no one can change that. We are all valued and deemed precious in the Lord's sight.

This causes us to change. We will want to spend time in prayer and the Word. We will desire to serve others just as Jesus served us. We will come to bring good news to others and people will have something more than just what the world dishes out. How might this good news change and challenge you? God Bless!

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# Huskies dominate the court against Logan

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On Jan. 26 the Northern Valley Huskies basketball teams were host to their rivals, the Logan Trojans. It was a great night to play on the home court as Northern Valley came out on top in all their games.

The Huskies boys varsity teams shared the ball well and kept up a good pace, winning 76-46. The junior varsity guys played a half game against the Trojans, winning by seven points 28-21. The Lady Huskies also had a successful night on the court, defeating Logan 59-35.

## Boys

As the game started, Northern Valley was ready offensively and defensively and took a lead, 16-7 with four Huskies contributing to the score. Leading the guys were Ross Cole and Riley Sides with 5 points each. Cole shot from behind the arc and sank his first

ball of the evening, followed by a two point field goal; Sides made a two point basket followed by a three-pointer. Also scoring were Caden Bach with two two-pointers and Caden Kinderknecht swishing both of his free throws.

The Huskies had a high scoring second quarter with five players totalling 30 points. Kinderknecht got on a roll and added 11 points to the scoreboard, swishing three field goals from three point territory and one two-pointer. He was followed by Cole, who made two more three point baskets and one two-pointer. Others contributing were Sides with a two-pointer then a three point basket; Fabian Loya scored his first points of the night with two, two point baskets; Alex VanPatten made his only baskets of the night with two free throws. The game went into halftime with the Huskies leading, 46-25.

The break reenergized Northern Valley, and six players scored in the third quarter. Leading the guys was Cole with his fourth three-pointer of the evening and a two-pointer, followed by Loya with two more two point field goals. Nick Stutsman, Sides and Kinderknecht each scored a two point basket and Bach made his only two free throws of the evening. The Trojans only scored 10 more points during the third quarter.

The Huskies continued to dominate the court, outscoring Logan in the final quarter by two points ending the game 76-46. Cole gained another seven points for Northern Valley as he sank another three point basket and four free throws. Stutsman, Loya and Brandon Sammons each scored a two point basket.

## Junior Varsity

The junior varsity boys basketball team played two quarters against the Logan

Trojans, winning by seven points, 28-21. Leading the Huskies were Kale Cox and Fabian Loya each scoring eight points.

## Coach Fessenden's comments

"This was possibly our most complete game of the season. Defensively our press was very effective and our half-court defense was solid.

"We shot 0 percent from inside the arc, 48 percent from three point land, hit all 10 of our free throw attempts, and only had six turnovers. We played with great intensity and shared the ball on offense."

## Girls

The Northern Valley and Logan Ladies were running back and forth, staying neck and neck, in the first quarter scoring eight points each. The Huskies picked it up in the second quarter, doubling their first quarter points, while holding the Trojans to five points. The score going into halftime was

24-13. The third quarter was a close one with Northern Valley adding 12 points and Logan making 10. The final quarter was the highest scoring for both teams; Northern Valley scored 23 and Logan scored 12. The Huskies nearly doubled the Trojans score, winning 59-35.

Scoring the most points for Northern Valley was Paige Baird with 25 total points; she sank one ball from behind the arc, nine two point field goals and all four of her free throw attempts. She was followed by Chaylee Lowry who made 14 points by swishing three balls from the three point territory, two two-pointers and one of three free throw attempts. Others contributing to the win were Brianna Sammons, two three-pointers, one two point field goal and three out of five free throws; Jasmine Covington made three two point baskets, but missed her free throw attempt; Brianna Johns made a

two point field goal; and Katie Johnson made one out of two free throw attempts.

Northern Valley had 44 total rebounds, 10 offensively and 34 defensively. Leading the Huskies in rebounds were Lowry with 14 total rebounds and Sammons with 13 total rebounds. The Huskies stole 15 balls from the Trojans, with Baird stealing six of them. There were 19 turnovers on Northern Valley. The Huskies deflected 14 of Logan's balls, led by Sammons making six. There were 17 personal fouls on the Huskies and no technicals.

## Coach Stephens comments

"This was the Northern Valley girls second matchup with the Logan Trojans. The first game was pretty close, it took us to the fourth quarter to get control of the game. This game on the other hand was controlled by us from start to finish."

# Northern Valley advances in WKLL Tourney

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The Northern Valley boys basketball team began play in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on Jan. 29 when they traveled to Grainfield to take on the Golden Plains Bulldogs. The Huskies showed their power and won 79-28.

The following day the Huskies traveled to Colby to continue play in the tournament. The Huskies were matched up with Wheatland-Grinnell and swept the floor with them, winning 62-17.

## Golden Plains

Northern Valley's head coach Chuck Fessenden said, "Our first round game was a typical number one seed versus the number eight.

"We forced many turnovers and took control of the game early.

"The junior varsity kids were able to get some quality playing time."

In the first quarter, Northern Valley set the pace of the game

scoring 21 points while the Bulldogs only put up six points. Husky Caden Bach got on a shooting streak and led the team with 11 points; he sank five two point field goals and one out of two free throw attempts. Ross Cole followed with two baskets from beyond the arc and a two-pointer. Nick Stutsman also contributed two points to the Huskies score.

Northern Valley held Golden Plains to five points in the second quarter, as they scored 18. Six Northern Valley players scored, led by Cole and Bach with two, two point field goals each. Also scoring were Riley Sides with a three-pointer; Caden Kinderknecht made a two-pointer and one out of two free throw attempts; Stutsman and Brendon Sammons each made a two point basket. The score going into halftime was 39-11, in favor of Northern Valley.

Coming back onto the court, the Huskies played their highest scoring quarter of the game,

scoring 30 total points by six players. Northern Valley's Sides added nine points to the board with three two-pointers and one three point basket. He was followed by Stutsman who swished all three of his free throw attempts and two baskets from inside the arc. Aslo scoring were Cole and Bach with two two-pointers; Jesus Saenz made his only basket of the night from the three point territory; and Kinderknecht also sank a three-pointer. Fabian Loya had the chance at two charity points, but missed both shots.

In the final quarter, the Huskies continued to lead on the court, scoring 10 points and held the Trojans to five points. Leading Northern Valley in the final quarter was Sammons as he sank two field goals from inside the arc, followed by Alex VanPatten and Kale Cox each swishing a three-pointer. Tharen Cox had the opportunity at two free throws, but missed both. The game ended with the triumphant Huskies winning,

79-28.

## Wheatland-Grinnell

Coach Fessenden said, "Wheatland-Grinnell was missing their leading scorer due to an ankle injury in the first round game on Monday. Therefore scoring was an issue for them.

"I did feel that we played solid defense, which contributed to their inability to score. We started a little slow on offense but as the game progressed, our offensive production came around."

The game started out rather slow for the Huskies, compared to previous games, leading to a low scoring first quarter, 8-6 in favor of Northern Valley. Making all eight of the points for Northern Valley was Riley Sides. His first scoring basket was shot from inside the arc, followed by a perfect free throw, then his first three-pointer and another two point basket.

The boys picked up the pace in the second quarter and scored 22 points. Leading the

guys again was Sides with two more baskets from behind the arc, a two-pointer and one of three free throw attempts. He was followed by Caden Kinderknecht who scored his only five points of the night with a three-pointer and a two point basket. Others contributing to the score were Nick Stutsman, two two-pointers; and Fabian Loya and Ross Cole each sank a two point field goal. The game went into halftime with the Huskies winning, 30-11.

In the third quarter, the Thunderhawks only made a single two point field goal, while the Huskies put up 24 points. Six Northern Valley players scored in the third quarter and were led by Jesus Saenz who put up two two-pointers, a three point field goal and his only free throw attempt. Following him was Loya with two field goals from inside the arc and Cole with a two-pointer and both of his free throw attempts. Others putting up points were Kale Cox with a basket from inside

the three point territory; Caden Bach made one out of two free throw attempts and a two point field goal; and Sides made his final two free throw attempts.

The final quarter was another low scoring quarter for the Huskies, as they put up eight more points and Wheatland-Grinnell put up four points. Alex VanPatten led the Huskies with a two point basket and two out of three free throw attempts. Following him were Tharen Cox and Kale Cox with a two point basket each. The game ended with the Huskies taking the win, 62-17.

## Next Action

The Northern Valley Huskies have advanced onto the Winners Bracket of the WKLL tournament and will face-off with their rivals, the Logan Trojans, on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in Colby.

# The Lady Huskies take down Logan and Cheylin

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The Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament began on Jan. 29 in Grainfield for the Northern Valley Lady Huskies. The first matchup for Northern Valley was with the Logan Trojans. After just playing, and winning, against Logan the ladies were in high spirits to outscore them again. Northern Valley was successful in their mission, and outscored the Trojans 52-36.

The next day, the Huskies traveled to Colby to continue the tournament playing against the Cheylin Cougars. After winning the past couple of games, Northern Valley's energy was up and they defeated the Cougars 62-44.

## Logan

Northern Valley's head coach Jason Stephens said, "We played this game against the Trojans on Monday, after we just played them on the previous Friday. I was pretty worried about motivation since we just played them and controlled the game. The Huskies came out and played really well, taking care of business."

In the first quarter, Northern Valley took a lead outscoring the Trojans 10-5. Logan was able to outscore Northern Valley in the second quarter but only by a single point, 12-11. This put the Huskies in the lead going into halftime, 21-17. As the game continued on, the Huskies continued to add more points to the board than their opponents, scoring 13 to the Trojans 5. The final quarter was Northern Valley highest scoring quarter with 18 points. The game ended

in favor of the Huskies, 52-36.

Scoring 29 of Northern Valley's points was Paige Baird. Baird shot well from the three point territory, making five out of seven shots, six two point field goals and both of her free throw attempts. Following her was Jasmine Covington with 10 total points, all from two point field goals. Others contributing to the winning score were Chaylee Lowry, one basket from behind the arc, one two-pointer, and one out of two free throw attempts; Ashlyn Buffington, Zoe Cox and Kim Lowry all made a basket from inside the arc; and Brianna Sammons made one out of two free throw attempts.

Northern Valley made 24 total offensive and defensive rebounds. Leading the ladies in rebounds was Covington with three offensive and three defensive rebounds, followed by Baird with one offensive rebound and four defensive rebounds. Others with rebounds were Lowry, 4; Katie Johnson, 3; Brianna Johns, 2; and Buffington, Cox, Sammons and Lowry with one rebound each.

The Huskies stole 13 balls from the Trojans, led by Cox with 4. Also stealing the ball were Covington, 2; and Lowry, Johns, Makenna Hammond, Baird, Sammons, Lowry and Jayden Speer all had 1.

Northern Valley had 21 turnovers.

The Huskies only made one block against Logan, made by Lowry. There were 13 deflections made against the Trojans. Johns and Lowry each had 4 deflections, Baird and Covington had 2 and Cox had 1.

There were 13 personal fouls made by Northern Valley, and no technicals.

## Cheylin

Coach Stephens said, "This was our second round of the WKLL tournament. When we played them in the regular season, we made a last second shot with .4 seconds left to take the lead.

"My girls showed up ready to play. We pulled away a little bit in the first quarter but they closed the gap in the second. We went into halftime with a 27-25 lead. With some motivational speaking during halftime, the Huskies responded well and outscored them 20-4 in the third quarter pretty much putting the game away.

"We now play Golden Plains in the championship game on Saturday at 4 p.m."

The girls were amped after beating the Trojans two times in a row, and were ready to take on the Cougars. Northern Valley outscored Cheylin by eight points in the first quarter, taking the lead early on. The second quarter went a lot differently, and the ladies almost lost their lead as they only scored 9 points to the Cougars 15. Going into halftime, Northern Valley had a small lead 27-25. The third quarter brought great hope to the Huskies as they held the Cougars to four points, as they put up 20. The final quarter was neck and neck and ended with both teams scoring 15 points. This put the Huskies ahead by almost 20 points, winning 62-44.

Lady Husky Chaylee Lowry took the lead for Northern Valley, scoring 24 points. Lowry

sank four balls from behind the arc, three two-pointers and six out of eight free throw attempts. Following close behind was Paige Baird with 17 points, making one three-pointer, six two point baskets and both of her free throw attempts. Next in line was Brianna Sammons making four two point field goals and two out of four free throw attempts. Others contributing to the winning score were Jasmine Covington with two field goals from inside the arc; Zoe Cox sank a ball from behind the arc; Brianna Johns swished a two-pointer;

and Katie Johnson made both of her free throw attempts.

The Lady Huskies had 33 total rebounds, led by Baird and Covington making seven rebounds each. Also rebounding were Lowry, 6; Johns, 5; Sammons, 4; Cox, 3; Johnson, 1. Northern Valley had six players steal 11 total balls from the Trojans. Stealing four of the balls was Lowry, followed by Sammons and Johns with two steals each; and Cox, Baird, and Covington each stole one ball. Northern Valley had 23 turnovers.

Northern Valley made two

blocks on Logan; Lowry and Covington each made one block. The Huskies made 14 deflections, led by Baird with 7. Others making a deflection were Sammons, 3; Lowry, 2; and John and Covington, 1 each. The Huskies had 16 personal fouls called against them and no technicals.

## Next Action

The Lady Huskies will move onto the Winners Bracket of the WKLL Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 3 in Colby. They will take on the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs, with the game starting at 4 p.m.

## Help us find Norton County's "Sweetheart Couple"



We need your help! Simply fill out the ballot, and then cut it out of the paper and take it to any of the businesses listed below. Couples must be at least 21 years old, married and live in Norton County. On February 13, the winning couple will be announced in the Norton Telegram, and will be recipients of gifts listed in the advertisements on this page. There is no essay to write, just fill in the ballot and that's it! The luck of the draw will determine the winner. Each couple nominated will be placed in a large box from which one ballot will be selected. The ballot will run again on January 29, January 30, February 2, February 5, February 6 and February 9, meaning you can nominate more than one couple. Ballots will be picked up at noon on February 9. READY? SET? VOTE!!! Employees of the Norton Telegram are not eligible.

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# Blue Jays add to winning streak at Arapahoe

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team had plenty of competition last weekend and plenty of wins as they defeated Smith Center in a dual on Thursday, repeated as Mid-Continent League champions on Friday and won the championship of the Arapahoe Invitational on Saturday.

At Arapahoe, the Blue Jays scored 229.5 points to win the title. They were followed by Elwood, 110.5; Elm Creek, 108; Axtell, 99; Arapahoe, 87; Hitchcock County, 71; Pleasanton, 58; Cozad, 51; Cambridge, 43.5; SEM, 39.5; Stapleton, 33.5; Wauneta-Palisade, 2; Eustis Farnam, 1.

"The Arapahoe Tournament capped off a busy three days of wrestling for our young Blue Jay team," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "For many years, our schedule forced our young men to wrestle about 10 matches in two days but we have not done that for a couple of years. So, this three day grind

was a good test for them.

"It involves more than what you see on the mat. It requires that they manage their weight and nutrition over much more than the three days of competition. It teaches them to control their emotions and not become mentally defeated by one loss.

"Because, in tournaments you have got to bounce back quickly and do the best for your team. I think we did this very well over these three days. I'm proud of their efforts!

"But, we don't want to celebrate the Arapahoe Tournament too much because it is not as competitive as we will see down the road. We just wanted to get a few more matches for our varsity team because most all of them have missed a tournament at some point during the season."

Out of 13 Norton wrestlers, eight of them placed first in their weight classes. The Blue Jays also had two third place finishes and one wrestler each with a fifth, sixth and seventh place.

Winning championships were Camdyn Unterseher, 113; Ryan Johnson, 132; Brandon Vacura, 152; Cole Amlong, 160; Judson Wiltfong, 170; Gavin Sproul, 182; Hayden Wiltfong, 195 and Alex Auker, 220.

Dylan Goss, 126 and Nick Mandl, 138, each finished third. Fifth place went to Mason Urban, 145; Aiden Wicker, 160, finished sixth; Eric Wiltfong, 152, finished seventh.

Norton had an outstanding 34-12 won-loss record and 30-7 pin ratio.

Cole Amlong received the "Most Pins in the Least Amount of Time" award.

**Match results**  
113 - Camdyn Unterseher pinned Daylon Weekly, Stapleton, in :46; won a 16-1 technical fall over Shane Sieja, Arapahoe; pinned Giovanni Duran, Elwood, in :51; pinned Tristan Kasson, Pleasanton, in 2:35 to place first.

126 - Dylan Goss was pinned by Zack Miller-Sickels, Cambridge, in 3:46; pinned Jonah Shimmin, Arapahoe, in 3:01;

was pinned by Tyler Pawloski, Pleasanton, in :34; pinned Blake Schroeder, SEM, in 5:34 to place third.

132 - Ryan Johnson pinned Max Serrano, Elm Creek, in 1:52; pinned Joel Priest, Hitchcock County, in 3:33 to place first.

138 - Nick Mandl lost a 7-1 decision to Noah Stanford, Hitchcock County; pinned Fryderyk Sitnik, Arapahoe, in :59; was pinned by Seth Simants, Stapleton, in :49; pinned Saw Htoo, Cozad, in 2:43 to place third.

145 - Mason Urban lost a 7-3 decision to Kaleb Pohl, Cozad and lost a 16-4 major decision to Xavier Perez, Elm Creek, to place fifth.

152 - Brandon Vacura pinned Preston Stieb, SEM, in 1:25; received a bye; pinned William Wylie, Cozad, in :49; pinned Conner Schutz, Elwood, in 3:52; pinned Luke Mckeon, Elm Creek, in 3:03 to place first.

152 - Eric Wiltfong won by injury default over Detric Kasson, Arapahoe, in :47; was pinned by

Isaiah Young, Cozad, in 3:25; was pinned by Luke Mckeon, Elm Creek, in :29; was pinned by Pierce Applegate, Cozad, in 3:59; pinned Preston Stieb, SEM, in 5:17 to place seventh.

160 - Cole Amlong, pinned Branigan Schaben, Arapahoe, in 1:14; pinned Willis Chritner, Wauneta-Palisade, in 1:13; pinned Jacob Stieb, SEM, in 1:48; pinned Kaden Wooters, Elwood, in :41; won a 15-5 major decision over Braiden Gomez, Axtell, to place first.

160 - Aiden Wicker lost a 3-1 decision to Kaden Wooters, Elwood; pinned Drake Mues, Hitchcock County, in 1:29; was pinned by Braiden Gomez, Axtell, in 1:25; pinned Willis Chritner, Wauneta-Palisade, in 1:08; lost to Branigan Schaben, Arapahoe, by disqualification to place sixth.

170 - Judson Wiltfong pinned Kaleb Senff, Axtell, in 1:39; pinned Kollin Dudding, Elm Creek, in 1:48; pinned Keegan Benson, Cambridge, in 1:16 to place first.

182 - Gavin Sproul pinned

Tony Martinez, Stapleton, in :20; pinned Pacey Walz, Elm Creek, in :32; pinned Ben Tiede, Elwood, in :45 to place first.

195 - Hayden Wiltfong, pinned Colton Trampe, Axtell, in 1:14; won by an injury default over Preston Walker, Elm Creek, to place first.

220 - Alex Auker pinned Thomas Kirby, Axtell, in 1:37; pinned Alex Stehno, Hitchcock County, in 4:16; pinned Keaton Trampe, Elm Creek, in 1:35 to place first.

**Wrestlers of the Week**  
In recognition of their performances last weekend, Brandon Vacura was named "Norton Varsity Wrestler of the Week" and Alex Auker was named "Norton Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

**Next action**  
Today, Friday, Feb. 2, Norton will wrestle Phillipsburg in a dual at Phillipsburg beginning at 5 p.m. and will return to Phillipsburg on Saturday to compete in the annual Panther Classic beginning at 9 a.m.

## Wrestlers win over Smith Center

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On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Norton Community High School wrestling team got a good start on a winning three-day weekend with a 40-34 dual victory over Smith Center in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

Eight matches were wrestled due to three forfeits by each team.

Each team won four matches wrestled.

"This is a nice win for our team," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "But, more importantly I thought that we wrestled well, especially our younger wrestlers. The pins by Dylan Goss, Mason Urban and Cole Amlong were huge in the meet.

"We gave up three weights in forfeits but Smith Center was

also open in three weights that allowed us to change the lineup in our favor to score more team points for a nice win."

**Match results**  
106 - Colton Shoemaker, Smith Center, won by forfeit.  
113 - Camdyn Unterseher, Norton, won by forfeit.  
120 - Brendan Lee, Smith Center, won by forfeit.

126 - Dylan Goss pinned Nathan Hrabe, Smith Center, in 3:35.

132 - Ryan Johnson, Norton, won a 17-4 major decision over Jaden Atwood, Smith Center.

138 - Nick Mandl, Norton, lost an 11-2 major decision to Jacob Conrad, Smith Center.

145 - Mason Urban, Norton, pinned Jake Barnes, Smith Center, in 3:18.

152 - Colton Hutchinson, Smith Center, pinned Brandon

Vacura, Norton, in :29.

160 - Aiden Wicker, Norton, won by forfeit.

170 - Cole Amlong, Norton, pinned Ethan Peterson, Smith Center, in 2:59.

182 - Tevin Petrie, Norton, lost 5-4 to Mitchell Topel, Smith Center, in overtime.

195 - Dallas Gosselin, Norton, won by forfeit.

220 - Hayden Wiltfong, Norton, lost a 6-0 decision to Dalton Kuhn, Smith Center.

285 - Avery Hawkins, Smith Center, won by forfeit.

**Next action**  
Norton will wrestle today, Friday, Feb. 2 in a dual versus Phillipsburg in Phillipsburg, beginning at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 3, Norton will compete in the annual Panther Classic in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m.

## Norton seniors named to Mid-Continent League All-Academic Team

By DICK BOYD

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Four seniors at Norton Community High School, Ryan Johnson, Jace Ruder, Cale Patterson and Callie Uehlin, have been named to the Mid-Continent League All-Academic Team.

To be eligible, senior students from MCL schools must have at least a 3.85 GPA in their first seven semesters and be involved in at least 12 MCL and/or Kansas State High School Activities Association activities prior to the end of

the first semester of their senior year.

Ryan Johnson is the son of Joy and Bill Johnson and he had a 3.9 GPA after his first seven semesters. He has been active in football, wrestling, track and speech and drama.

Jace Ruder is the son of Jennifer and John Ruder. He had compiled a 4.0 GPA and was active in football, basketball, track, state choir and MCL Art Show.

Cale Patterson is the son of Jennie and Eric Patterson and he had a 4.0 GPA. He was

active in cross country, wrestling, track, golf, state choir, speech and drama and MCL Art Show.

Callie Uehlin is the daughter of Traci Jennings and Paul Uehlin and compiled a 4.0 GPA. She was active in volleyball, state choir, scholars bowl and speech and drama.

The presentations were made during a break in action during the Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Plainville.

## Norton runner selected for All-State Cross Country team

By DICK BOYD

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Cale Patterson, a senior at Norton Community High School, has been selected to the Kansas Cross Country Track and Field Coaches Association Class 3-A Academic All-State Cross Country Team for 2017,

according to NCHS head cross country coach George Rossi.

In order to qualify for this award an athlete must be a senior with a GPA of 3.75 or higher and finish in the top 30 runners at the State Meet. Cale is a three-time state medalist for the Norton Blue Jay cross country

team and placed 18th this year.

Cale is also a four-time letter winner for the Norton cross country team and qualified individually for the state meet all four years of his high school career.

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