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SPORTS:

Norton, Northern Valley and Logan players have been named to All-State teams by several daily newspapers.

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Home of Lyman Rowh

Briefly

'Antlerless' deer season extended

The extended white-tailed "antlerless-only" deer hunt ends on Sunday. Unfilled regular season deer permits revert to white-tailed antlerless only permits for this season.

However, this season is unit specific and several units are closed. There is no late deer season for units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, and 18, so if you have a game tag that is unfilled, you will have to go east to unit 7 to hunt. Unfilled deer permits for unit 1 or 3 are void and no longer valid for late season use.

For more information, contact Larry Stones at (785) 543-5820.

Soccer sign-up set for Jan. 9-10

It's time to register for the soccer spring season.

Early registration will be 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9 and 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Regular registration will be 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Norton Recreation Center.

Later registrations will go on a waiting list until there are enough players to form additional teams.

The cost is \$30 for early registration and \$35 for regular registration. For more information call Julie Baughman at (785) 877-2678, Deena Wentz at (785) 877-5235, or David Unkel at (785) 877-2696.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels next week. If you can help, please contact Alice Hawks at the Norton County Hospital at 877-3351

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly to mostly cloudy, brisk and turning colder. A few flurries possible. Low 20. Wind: NE 10-25.
Saturday — Cloudy, windy and colder. Some flurries and light snow possible. Trace-1" possible before ending Saturday night. High 31, Low 14. Wind: NE/SE 10-25. **Sunday** — High 34. Low 8. Becoming partly cloudy, brisk and cold. **Monday** — High 31. Low 10. Partly cloudy, brisk and cold.

Howell report:

Wednesday High 45, Low 19
Thursday High 60, Low 33
Month ago High 49, Low 31
Year ago High 42, Low 30
Year-to-date precipitation ... 19.33 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank You, heavenly Father, for the way You love us. You are so constant and eternal. We do not deserve such love. Thank You in the name of Jesus who makes this possible. In whose name we pray. Amen

2003

Basketball victories, elevator failure

It was the best of years, it was the worst of years. It just depended on whether you were on the state-championship high school basketball team or had grain stored in an elevator when the company which owned it declared bankruptcy.

Whatever else 2003 was, it wasn't dull.

Basketball Victory

The Norton High School boys basketball team had an impressive season, capping it off by winning the championship of the Class 3A State Basketball Tournament for the first time in 52 years with a thrilling 60-58 victory over Medicine Lodge in the Sports Arena in Hutchinson.

The win completed a storybook run through the sub-state tournament where they beat No. 5 state-ranked Belleville and No. 4 state-ranked Minneapolis and the state tournament where the No. 5 seeded Blue Jays defeated No. 4 seed Cherokee-Southeast in the first round and No. 1 state-ranked, No. 1 seeded and unbeaten Riley County in double overtime in the semi-finals.

The Blue Jays' never-say-die mentality just wouldn't let them lose. And, they lived up to the message on the signs erected by the Blue Jay Booster Club along the highway to Hutchinson, "Individuals play the games but teams win championships!"

Norton completed its state championship season with a 22-5 record. The Blue Jays won their fifth straight Mid-Continent League tournament and tied for the league championship.

Brady Grain goes under

Because of drought and tough economic times, Brady Grain closed its doors after over 20 years in business.

Shane Brady, president of the elevators, said the drought during the past four years cut out any hope of profitability.

"It's hurting everybody," he said, "farmers, everybody."

Mr. Brady notified the state Agriculture Department in September that the elevators had ceased to operate and it was his intent to relinquish control to the secretary of agriculture.

After the elevators were put in the state's control, liquidation began with the depositors' interests being protected by



Excitement was the order of the day when the Norton Blue Jays were the Class 3A State Basketball Champions. — Telegram file photo

Receiver Terry Criss, a lawyer from Salina.

In November, District Judge Bill Elliott approved the recommended bid prices and the stored grain was sold. Mr. Criss said he thought the bids offered were fair, especially when considering the condi-

tion of the stored grain.

Closing wasn't the first of the problems the elevators had. During the last full week of June, the Norton Farm Service Agency Office announced that grain put in storage in the Brady Grain elevators would not be eligible for loans because the

elevators had been removed from the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The Norton agency office said removal action was taken by the Farm Service Agency Commodity Office in Kansas (Continued on Page 6)

Family party continues for 30 years

By BRANDON GAY

At one Norton New Year's Eve party there was no need for designated drivers, only designated babysitters.

There were no corks popped at midnight; in fact the only mention of corks was in regards to a popular family game. It's been this way for over 30 years and the party-faithful like it that way.

The annual Cox Family New Year's Eve party was started by Goldie Cox in the late 1960s and has been a tradition ever since. Mrs. Cox wanted to create something that provided her children a safe event on New Year's Eve and the children were receptive to the idea.

"It was something to do instead of being out on New Year's Eve," said Barney Cox, one of her sons. "It gave us a good reason to have fun at home. There's a lot of ways to spend New Year's Eve, but this is as nice a way as any with family and friends."

Since the party's inception, it has grown to a usual guest list of 80 to 100 people including members of the Cox family and (Continued on Page 6)



Cork players attempt to pull their spools away before the pot lid is slammed down. The game has been an attraction at the New Year's Eve party for around 20 years. — Telegram photo by Brandon Gay