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Blue Jay track team and golf team prepare for first outings on Friday

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### Norton, Kansas Home of Bill Johnson

Briefly

# Juniors, seniors to party Saturday

"Reflections of the Sea" is the theme for Norton Community High School's Junior-Senior Prom, set for Saturday.

The promenade starts at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium followed by the banquet at 6:30 p.m. Jason Jones will be the speaker.

The dance will follow the banquet with the crowning of king and queen at 11 p.m.

The public is invited to view the decorations from 1-3 p.m. and the crowning ceremony.

# Bridge tourney planned in April

The annual Norton National Bridge Tournament will be Thursday, April 15, April 22 and April 29 at the Norton American Legion. All bridge players are invited. Players will enter as teams and will play the three evenings together. Contact Mary Jane Wahlmeier for information at (785) 877-3141, MJWally2000@Yahoo.com or 314 N. Brown, Norton, 67654.

## **Booster club** to meet Wednesday

### **By VERONICA MONIER**

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The Norton City Council is going to give part of the money needed to fix the Norton tennis courts.

Tests done by the Kansas Department of Transportation showed that the courts had a good base and the city's Finance Committee recommended that the city go ahead with the project, said Councilman Jerry Hawks at Monday's special session.

as I was to find that there was a good base that the courts will last for the full five (at the courts)," he said. "It really opens a lot of possibilities.

**City will help rebuild tennis courts** 

"I think the city and the school board and everyone else involved need to show their gratitude to the department of transportation for testing the courts."

together with the school and contractors \$6,750 coming from the community.

"Idon't think anybody was as surprised to get the right maintenance techniques so There is the possibility that up to \$2,500 years.

"There's a strong show of support here for this," he said.

It is estimated that the repairs to the courts will cost about \$13,500.

The city and the Norton School Board Mr. Hawks said the city needs to get will both give \$3,375 with the remaining

of the \$6,750 will come from a grant called Adopt-A-Court.

In other business, the council:

• Set a public hearing for the city/county airport's apron project on Wednesday, April 7, at a time chosen by the Norton County commissioners.



County looks at clean up

### **By CYNTHIA HAYNES**

Norton County commissioners are planning a spring cleanup but are worried about both the costs and what to do with the trash that will come in.

The last time the county had a general cleanup was in 2002, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said.

At that time the county took in 8.84 tons of household waste, 88.64 tons of construction and demolition material and 33.8 tons of metal.

The county can get rid of the metal and has a pit for the construction and demolition material but the household waste would have to go to the Phillips County landfill.

The cost of taking trash to the Phillips County landfill is \$68 per ton.

Commissioner John Miller estimated that there could be 10 tons or \$680 worth of additional trash.

Commissioner Dean Kruse said he was more worried about the reaction from Phillips County, which has been taking Norton's trash as a favor to the county until the Norton landfill is authorized by

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

Norton Track Coach Bruce Graber and Golf Coach David Stover will give the fans previews of the 2004 season which begin with Norton Invitationals on Friday.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather

## Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 60s. Wednesday Night — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming cloudy with highs in the 60s.

## Howell report:

	High 80, Low 62
	High 70, Low 34
.15 of a	in inch of precipitation
Sunday	High 66, Low 35
	High 60, Low 31
	in inch of precipitation
Week ago	High 64, Low 40
	High 47, Low 31
Year ago	High 47, Low 25
	tation 2.67
(Readings taken at the	Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 7	1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, when trouble comes, give us your peace that "passes all understanding." (See Phil. 4:7.) Help us to know that it's okay for us not to understand all the "whys" and "hows." Thank you. Amen

right, and Howard Schemper talk about safety is- people browsed the booths on display at the ansues Saturday afternoon at the KQNK Hi Plains nual event. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

# Expo, wellness fair draw crowd

More than 500 people showed up to Larry Brown Collectibles, D and C Crebrowse through the booths at the KQNK ations, Town and Country Home Im- County Health Department, Safe Kids Hi Plains Expo and the Norton County provement of Salina, Jackrabbit Service Coalition, Kansas Highway Patrol, Wellness Fair at the Norton National and Quicklube, Kellie's, Norton Area Norton County Emergency Medical Ser-Guard Armory this weekend.

everybody to come see what's new for Recruiting, Norton County Rural Fire their homes, inside and out," said Marvin Department, and the radio station. Matchett with KQNK Radio.

Businesses with booths at the Expo included Prairie Land Electric, Olliff-Boeve Furniture Store of Phillipsburg, Prairie Builders of Lenora, Julie Baughman with Pampered Chef, Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech, Richard Frakes with Absolutely Nuts, Mortensen Computer Service, Hot Shots Photography,

Chamber of Commerce, Jams Sessions "It (the Expo) is a great opportunity for Mobile Music, National Guard Armory

The Norton County Wellness Fair, which was held on Saturday, also had a good crowd.

"It's been steady all day," said multicounty Extension Agent Tranda Watts Saturday afternoon about the crowd.

"It's good they have this. We try to make it as good as possible so people will want to come out."

Representatives from the Norton vice, Norton County Hospital, Med Link Mobility, Midwest Transplant Network, Valley Hope Association, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, High Plains Mental Health, Norton Andbe Home, Hospice, Norton County Farm Bureau, and the Norton County office of K-State Research and Extension manned the booths at the Wellness Fair.

"Considering all the activities to choose from last weekend," said Mr. Matchett, "we really appreciate all of the people who came to the Expo."

the state.

Mr. Archibald said that people are saving their stuff for a county-wide cleanup.

"As soon as we put it in the paper everything goes out," he said. "We need it (a cleanup). Theyll keep saving it (trash) until we have one."

Mr. Miller suggested that the county only accept metal and contruction debris -things it can handle. He suggested that regular household trash be charged like always. That way, he said, people could clean up without the county getting every bit of everything.

He told Mr. Archibald that it will be up to his people at the landfill to enforce the rules with no exceptions.

Mr. Archibald also said that the county has received a permit to accept yard wastes. He said that he had applied for the permit last May and has been accepting grass clippings even without the permit because there was no place for people to put them and he didn't want them in the

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### Woman to celebrate 100 years on Saturday **By CAROLYN PLOTTS** In just a couple of days, Gladys E. Moody Phillips Letcher will celebrate her 100th birthday. She was born on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1904, in Norton County, the 13th child of homesteaders, Fred and Anna (Magner) Moody.

Like a lot of pioneer families, the Moodys lived, for a time, in a sod house before building a home five miles south of Norton. The house is no longer standing but a nephew, Donald Moody, still lives on the farm.

Mrs. Moody graduated from Norton Community High School and then taught country school for several years.

On May 15, 1925, she married George Phillips

They lived in Norton where he worked for Peerless Flour Mill. In the

1940s he started the Mobil gas tank service. He operated that business until he retired.

Besides caring for their own two children, the Phillipses provided a home and care to many children whose parents were patients at the Norton Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Sometimes, babies were brought to the Phillips home only hours old to protect them from exposure to the dreaded disease.

She was baptized in the Norton Christian Church as a young girl and continued to be an active member of the congregation for many years.

Following her husband's death, Gladys decided to try something different.

In 1968, she accepted the position (Continued on Page 5)

Overworked ambulance crew seeks more help

The ambulance crews have been overworked and Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen would like another emergency medical technician on staff.

So far this year the ambulance has made 105 runs, 78 of them since Jan. 13. Of those, Mr. Nielsen went on 67 and emergency medical technician Ruth Schillig went on 58.

On Monday he went to the Norton County commissioners with his request.

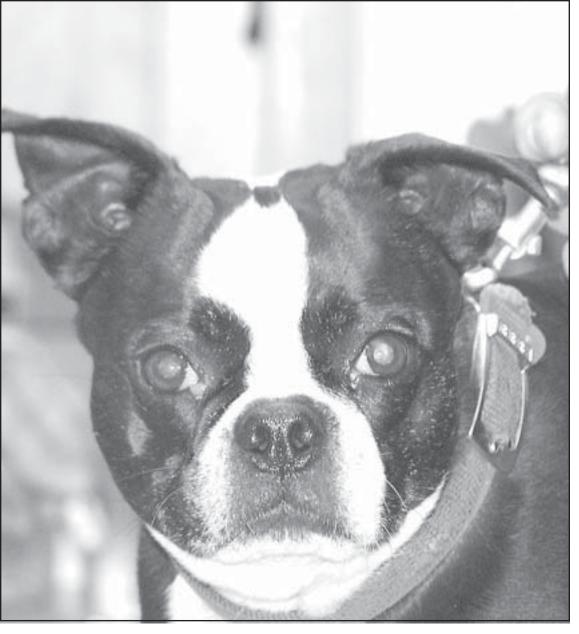
While the commissioners were sympathetic, they wanted to know if the trend to more and more runs will continue or if the first of 2004 has been an anomaly.

The crews have made 37 more runs this year than last, Mr. Nielsen said. There have been more vehicle accidents and quite a few heart attacks.

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### **Gladys** Letcher



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Sanford and his owner Gary Matson, Norton, took a trip to the Countryside Vet Clinic to get vaccinated for rabies during the Rabies Vaccination Clinic Saturday afternoon. Jewell and her owner Sara Davis, Norton, (above) were at the vet's office a short time later to get a city license from Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman, which were also available during the clinic. - Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

# County gets yard waste permit

(Continued from Page 1) county's ditches.

**Commission Chairman Leroy** Lang agreed.

"You have to handle them all fairly," he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Talked to Joe Mindrup, who farms northeast of New Almelo, about Chinese elms growing into power lines and a ditch near his place.

trees in the ditch sprayed and he hear the court's opinion at any

and the rural electric company will time remove the ones in the lines.

up for the county road between rector Andy Nielsen, Emergency Hill City and Lenora. With sum- Medical Technician Ruth Schillig mer highway construction, Mr. and County Attorney Doug Brannan said this road will be get- Sebelius to discuss non-elected ting more traffic.

• Held a 15-minute closed session with James Kaue, the was to occur at 5:30 p.m. with county's attorney in Topeka, Emergency Preparedness Coordiabout a Supreme Court case involving the commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor confined animal regulations. The sion to discuss attorney-client Tom Brannan said he'd get the commissioners are expecting to privilege.

• Held a 15-minute closed ses-•Heard that most of the signs are sion with Acting Ambulance Dipersonnel.

• Discussed a tornado drill that nator Alvin Mapes.

• Held a 10-minute closed ses-

# Ambulance crews stay on the run

(Continued from Page 1) The commissioners wondered if they needed to advertise the position or if they could just look through the job applications they received when they hired Ms. Schillig, Norton's other full-time emergency medical technician.

One of those interested in the job is just turning 19, Mr. Nielsen said. one under 21 from driving an available to be on call.

Nielsen said, there are almost al- Commissioner John Miller asked. ways at least three emergency medical technicians on board much the runs as the other things along with the driver so that that needed to be done, including shouldn't ever be a problem if the maintenance, equipment checks, county hires a younger person.

The county has 18 volunteer emergency medical technicians, that he and Ms. Schillig will be who will take calls.

County regulations preclude any- other jobs and are not always through Nov. 1.

Ms. Schillig said it wasn't so billing and paperwork.

In his report Mr. Nielsen said putting in overtime just to deal However, these people have with checking files from Jan. 2002

# URNAME

### **By JAKE DURHAM**

In like a Lion, out like a Lamb, the famous characteristic of the month of March, and as the Faithful gathered for the annual March tournament, it had all of the characteristics for a good showing.

There was plenty to talk about as the local grapplers had conquered the field and in remarkable fashion had brought home the State Championship trophy, the first in over thirty years. A job well done.

March Madness had set in with the college ranks and, needless to say, that alone creates its own madness as everyone is frozen to the tube from start to finish. The Northern Tier Gang was renewing old acquaintances as the Ladies from Lyle were demonstrating the latest in Line Dancing, The Poet, everyone surveyed the tote board, Todd and Doyle Brooks; 3. Leone weaving his magic, held the Hat Man and the Shark were in a Purton and Dewaine Stapp; 5. Grandmothers in a trance, while dead heat for the lead with the Dave Sheley and Pat Donovan; 5. the Pilgrims from the East were Muddy River Boys as the lead condemonstrating the finer points of tinued to swing back and forth. the game of Knock.

Everyone seemed to be interacting in some way except the Coy-

The gong rang to start the action on round four and the bidders seemed to be in a more reserved mode. Hat Man and the Shark bottomed out on round four as the action got more complex, the Red Neck and the Black Hat Kid took the high round honors but it was Bug Man and the Exterminator who charged back into the lead. Down but not out, Hat Man and the Shark recouped with the honors on round five but Bug Man and the Exterminator, turning in solid scores, prevailed with the lead. There was a cluster of high marks on round six as there was a three way tie for the honors which went to the Red Devil team from the west by the skins game ruling. The second break was declared and, as Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele; 2.

There was much strategy taking place during the break as the usually volatile seventh and eighth John Hildebrand; 9. Mary Jane ote Kings who were sizing up the rounds were coming up. Those Wahlmeier and Norm Walter; 10. competition from the west corner low on the board would force the Ed and Kathleen Berlier. Winning of the room. The intensity of the action in a do-or-die effort which, score by Darling and Thiele was situation was getting better as time needless to say, could have 119 points for an average of 11.9 went by but the clock on the wall counter effects on those on or near points per round. the top of the board, forcing compromising bidding situations. With that in mind, the action resumed as round seven got underway. The Northern Tier couple captured the honors on round seven but Hat Man and The Shark prevailed with the lead. By now the intensity was captured in total silence which was broken by a cracking sound which was discovered to be Doctor Bones limbering up his knuckles as he carried round eight honors to the score keeper who now declared Bug Man and the Exterminator in the lead. As the ninth round got underway, a catch-up break was declared for the end of the round and, as the scores were turned in, The Red Neck and the Black Hat Kid had made it a double as they swept the honors on nine and found themselves in a three-way tie for the lead with The Hat Man and the Shark and Bug Man and the Exterminator. The Muddy River Boys were six points down in fourth place and rounding out the top five was the Solomon River Duo. The next ten places were packed in like sardines in a tin which made the outcome up for grabs as the Ladies Coalition made preparations for a victory celebration. It had never been this close in the history of the games and, once again, the tenth and final round would determine the outcome. As round ten got underway, at 7 p.m.

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there was a noticeable amount of good luck charms which just happened to appear as well as some controlled breathing exercises taking place. You could hear the cards fall as the shuffling got underway and the bidding seemed calculated and under control. As the tallies were turned and scores recorded, the lead seemed to change with every new posting, but as the last score was added, it was Bug Man and the Exterminator who carried the field. It had been a long hard fight and the victors had been in the running on many occasions. They accepted their accolades with dignity and vowed to return to defend their newly won title.

Top ten teams in order were: 1. Tony Hildebrand and Larry Harman; 6. Barry Madden and Trent Richmond; 7. Ed and Cynthia Glennemeier; 8. Coy Christy and High round scorers were: Coy Christy and John Hildebrand; Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele; Bill Glennemeier and Darren McMullen; Tony Hildebrand and Larry Harman; Dave Sheley and Pat Donovan; Leone Purton and Dewaine Stapp; Larry Griffin and Barbara Nelson; Doc Peterson and Carl Neff. Double high round scorers were Tony Hildebrand and Larry Harman, and Leone Purton and Dewaine Stapp. Highest single round scorers were Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele with 22 points. Other teams not previously mentioned were: Brett Gallentine and Ed Braun; June Jolly and Margaret Magers; Kathryn Van Meter and Juanita Eckhart; Jeannette Groothoff and Alice Chance; Julia Roeder and Kay Harman; Merle Taylor and Dick Hemphill; Ron and Sondra Kester; Barbara Mc-Kie and Donna Millan; Paul Schultz and Lothar Fuerstenau; Thelma and Dee Bushnell; Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger; Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner; Rusty Goss and Jason Breiner; Duane McEwen and J.D. Daffer; Fig Millan and Dan Hazlett. As the evening wore down, an Elvis tune could be heard in the background as hands were replayed over again. A quick look at the calendar showed the first Sunday in April to be the 4th, so come early and sign in, the games start

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# Let's start enjoying green vegetables

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bottom ends in water or simply

wrap in a moist paper towel. Store

asparagus in the refrigerator if not

eaten immediately. Cook aspara-

Cabbage is another popular

spring vegetable. In March,

corned beef and cabbage is popu-

gus until crisp-tender.

Home ed

Tranda Watts,

Extension

specialist

It's that time of year to get the garden tools ready and packets of seeds bought. Rows of lettuce, beans, peppers and more will soon be sprouting in backyard gardens. Since March is here, why not enjoy some of those green goodies now

Asparagus is a favorite spring vegetable. While delicious on its own, it is also used in salads and main dishes. Nutritionally, asparagus is a good source of dietary fiber and vitamins A, C, and B6. Next to orange juice, it's the second best source of folic acid from a whole food. It is naturally free of fat and cholesterol.

Buy asparagus stalks that are lar for a St. Patrick's Day meal. firm and uniform with closed tips. Nutritionally, cabbage is an excel-

# Woman prepares to celebrate 100 years

(Continued from Page 1) as house mother for the women's dormitory at Manhattan Christian College.

It was there she met the Rev. Stanley Letcher, a semi-retired preacher.

They married and Gladys accompanied him as he fulfilled speaking engagements all across the country.

They were married for 18 years before his death.

In 1990 Mrs. Letcher moved to New Braunfels, Texas.

She lived in her own apartment until a year ago. Now, she lives in an assisted living center.

She has six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

To celebrate their mother's 100th birthday, Mrs. Letcher's children, Esther Marie Headrick, New Braunfels and Gale Phillips, Lynden, Wash., are asking her friends and family to shower her with cards.

Greetings will reach her at 3648 Prairie Park Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.



lent source of vitamin C. Cabbage can be consumed raw or cooked. Buy cabbage that is evenly colored, not wilted, and heavy for its size

A green fruit to consider is the avocado which is now consumed throughout the year. Avocados contain five grams of fat in each one-fifth slice. Of the fat, three grams are monounsaturated fat. They do not contain cholesterol or sodium. They are 60 percent higher in potassium than bananas. Avocados are also a good source of fiber, vitamin B6, vitamin E, vitamin C and folate.

Ripen firm avocados in a paper bag at room temperature. Ripe avocados can be stored in the refrigerator. They can be frozen as a puree. Use ripe, softened fruit. Wash, peel and remove the pit. Puree the flesh. To prevent darkening, add 1 teaspoon ascorbic acid or 3 tablespoons lemon juice per quart of puree or 1 tablespoon lemon juice per two avocados. Pack in a freezer container and freeze. Use within four to five months.

Avocado seeds are poisonous and should not be consumed.

If you have further nutrition related questions, contact your Extension office or e-mail twwatts-@oznet.ksu.edu.

was nearing seven and, as usual, there was one team short when a couple dressed as Red Devils entered through the south door inquiring about the annual Bridge Tournament. They were immediately given the final even number as the Brown Eyed Girl hit the gong with the instruction to begin and 56 settled in for an evening of high level competition.

The Pushers immediately kicked up the action as the bidding reached a high level of intensity with the brave and the bold in control and, as round one came to a halt, the Muddy River Boys took the lead and declared "ten in a row"; however in short fashion, Bugman and the Exterminator reminded them it wasn't a game of solitaire as they took the honors on round two but the Muddy River Boys retained the lead by the narrowest of margins. From the back of the room came some sounds of cackling and scratching and, as the Browned Eyed Girl hit the gong to announce a break after round three, the Turkey Farmer and the Chicken Plucker came forward with the high round honors but a close look at the tote board had Hat Man and the Shark in the lead.

Loud talk and a casual atmosphere prevailed during the break as most everyone considered themselves in the thick of the race as only three points separated the top three placers and from there on down it was too tight to call.



