

Banquet attracts a crowd

Announcer tells about Wildcats

By DICK BOYD

A large crowd enjoyed a prime rib dinner and an upbeat program with Wyatt Thompson, the "Voice of the Kansas State Wildcats", during the Annual Banquet of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday in the Norton Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Thompson is director of sportscasting and public relations at the university and is in his second season of handling play-by-play broadcasts for football, men's basketball and selected baseball games. He also serves as the television host for the weekly Bill Snyder and Jim Woolridge shows.

Mr. Thompson grew up on a farm near Solomon and spent 12 years working in Kansas radio stations, including KAYS radio and television in Hays. He has also worked in Fort Collins, Colo. and won broadcasting awards in both Kansas and Colorado.

"I really enjoy broadcasting," he said. "I started in Goodland and that was the best two years of my career. I got to do it all.

"Through the years, I've had the privilege of working with some of the great broadcasters and had some great times.

"This is a great business. It's a wonderful experience being around coaches and players. There's nothing like it.

"It's really been great at K-State where Coach Snyder is 'the man'. I had to pass the Snyder test to broadcast at K-State. Coach Snyder is a demanding, hard working man who expects the same hard work every day from everyone from the water boy to the secretaries in addition to the players."

He pointed out that Snyder's hard work has paid off. The Wildcats have played in 11 consecutive bowl games and won the Big 12 championship this season beating No. 1 ranked Oklahoma 35-7. In Coach Snyder's 15 years at K-State, his teams have compiled a 127-55-1 record. He has produced 32 all-American and 67 all-conference players and has been named Coach of the Year several times.

Looking into the crowd, Thompson saw Marcia Wiltfong and congratulated her for being a tremendous K-State fan. He said he had heard that she has missed four home football games, two for weddings and two for funerals, since the new stadium was built.

Thompson also congratulated Norton and the parents and athletes for the many good athletic teams through the years. He mentioned that the Norton football teams have compiled a 46-8 record in the past five years and the Blue Jay gridders were No. 2 in the state last season.

He pointed out that the Norton boys basketball team won the state championship and the golf team competed in the state tournament last season and the wrestling team won the state championship this season.

"And, don't forget that the K-18 baseball team recently won the state championship and that the scholar bowl teams are winners," he said. "What an amazing list. Congratulations to you all."

Mr. Thompson surprised Norton Wrestling Coach Bill Johnson by calling him forward and asking him to introduce several of his



Wyatt Thompson, "The Voice of the Wildcats", looked for Doug Ray's picture in a Fort Hays State annual from 1986, when Mr. Ray was a member of the Tiger football team.

— Photo by Cynthia Haynes

wrestlers, who were present.

He also congratulated Fig Millan, the "Voice of Blue Jay Wrestling", on winning the "Media Person of the Year" award this year from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

"I tell young people that if they're getting into the broadcasting business for the money, they'd better pick something else," he said. "It's a passion business. I love getting up in the morning and going to work."

Mr. Thompson also created lots of laughs when he quoted humorous one-liners by well-known coaches and players from Yogi Berra to Bum Phillips.

"We all say things we wished we hadn't said, including broadcasters," he said.

Mr. Thompson was introduced by board member Doug Ray, a Fort Hays State graduate, who was a member of the Tiger football team, when the broadcaster was in Hays. Mr. Thompson said he enjoyed interviewing Mr. Ray back in 1986 and noted that the Fort Hays yearbook was in the audience with Mr. Ray's picture on page 18.

Thompson's appearance was sponsored by Nex-Tech, a subsidiary of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.

Scott Sproul, first vice-president, gave a presentation on DiscoverNorton.com, the Chamber's new web site. He said the web site will advertise the community, serve as a center for information on the county, educate citizens about the area and create a positive community image.

He said that Hays, Hill City, Osborne and Quinter have created similar web sites and that they seem to be working for them.

Carol Erlenbusch, president, presided. Other board members, in addition to Mr. Sproul and Mr. Ray are, Don Kaus, second vice-president; Randall Ball, treasurer; Joel Duscher, Kathy Erbert, Marvin Matchett, and Jolene Weiser. Karla Reed is executive director.

Mrs. Erlenbusch reminded everyone of upcoming Chamber events.

A Norton football jersey autographed by Coach Snyder was won by Pam Engelbert. Lary Stull won a K-State t-shirt and Dana Madden won a K-State football donated by End Zone and Hall's Clothing, flowers donated by Valley Hope Association, on the tables were also given away.

The Chamber Ambassadors greeted everyone as they arrived at the banquet and assisted with the serving of the meal, which was catered by the Town and Country

Kitchen of Norton.

The Chamber Ambassadors are Wilda and Glenn Bowman, Ruth and Denzel Lofgreen, Georgia and Lyman Rowh, Jean and Warren White, Marcia and Richard Wiltfong, Evelyn and Chriss McDiffett, Mel Rice, Norma Howorth, Alberta Slaby, Jake Durham, Genevieve Poage and Duaine Foley.

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Society holds meeting

By FLETA HANLON

The Norton County Genealogical Society received a directory of names of Civil War soldiers.

For the summer, meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Members added Olin Sprague's research on Norton County schools to genealogy materials.

Walta Russ reported on research requested by families. Anna Kingham cuts out all the obituaries to be put in books for research. Ms. Russ and Ms. Kingham put out the newsletter, "The Tracer".

JoAnn Wolf resigned as treasurer. A special meeting was held March 23 to fill the position. New officers will be elected to take office in July.

Fleta Hanlon will be in charge of the program for April. Mrs. Hanlon also belongs to the Phillips County Genealogy and was shown a new reader/printer on display there. It connects to the computer and enables the user to transfer microfilm to a disc. She invited a representative from Salina Blueprints to demonstrate it for the membership at the next meeting which will be at 7 p.m., Monday.

The public is invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City/County Airport Bids

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids will be received by Norton County, Kansas at the Office of the County Clerk for the Construction of:

Project No. 04-028M

Norton City/County Airport

until 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of April, 2004 at which time and place the Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Copies of the Drawings and other Contract Documents are on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, Norton County, Kansas and BG Consultants, Inc., 4806 Vue Du Lac Place, Manhattan, Kansas 66503, (913) 537-7448.

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained by a prospective Bidder by sending a cash deposit of Twenty Dollars, (\$20.00), along with a written request for a said set of documents. ADDRESSED TO: BG Consultants, Inc., 4806 Vue Du Lac Place, Manhattan, Kansas 66503.

Each Bidder may receive a refund (No Refund) dollars after the return of all described documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the date of Bid opening.

The character and amount of security to be furnished by each Bidder is stated in the above mentioned Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive formalities in considering Bids and to accept the Bid which, in its opinion, is the best Bid.

Principal Items of Work:
6" Concrete apron and taxiway-3746 Sq. Yds.

Norcatur building condemnation

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RESOLUTION #108

A resolution establishing a hearing date for a show cause hearing on building condemnation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORCATUR; that,

1. The City Building Inspector has inspected the following building: **trailer house**

located as follows: **Lots 15-18, Blk 0 City of Norcatur, Kenney's addition** and has issued his finding that the above building is unsafe or dangerous.

2. The Governing Body will meet on April 19, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall to conduct a hearing on the proposed condemnation of said building. At that time the owner(s), agent(s), occupant(s), lienholder(s) or other parties in interest should be prepared to show cause why the city council should not condemn said building and order that the building be repaired or demolished.

3. The City Clerk is ordered to mail by certified mail marked "Deliver to Addressee Only" a copy of this resolution within three days after the first publication of notice in the official city newspaper to the owner(s), agent(s), occupant(s), lienholder(s), or parties in interest as set forth below:

Ola Fern/Michael R. Mapes

4. This resolution shall be published two times in the official city newspaper.

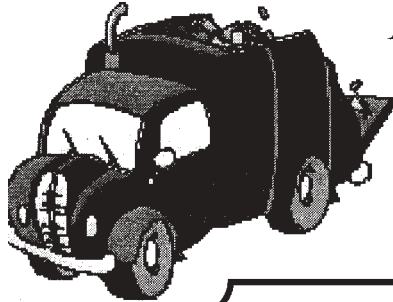
Passed by the governing body on the 29th day of March, 2004.

Doug Dempewolf, Mayor

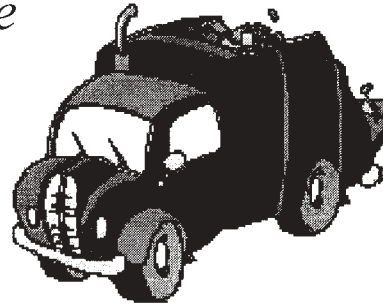
ATTEST:
Chris Dempewolf, City Clerk

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-up is a free service provided by the City of Norton.



If individuals choose to take items to the landfill themselves, normal county fees will apply.



**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday,
April 12th, 13th and 14th**

***City Trucks will make special trash pickup during these days.
Please put all of your items out by 8 a.m. on your regular route day.***

THE ONLY ITEMS TO BE PUT IN THE ALLEY ARE METALS AND TREE LIMBS. NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE ALLEY!

All types of trash will be picked up on your regular trash route day EXCEPT yard waste, tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, household hazardous waste and construction debris.

**(Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 8 feet long or they will not be picked up.)
Fireplace ash must be in plastic bags.**

The maximum limit of items the City will pick up at each residence is 2 truck loads -- one load of household items and one load of tree limbs.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please separate the types of trash, i.e., tree limbs from metals, etc. because they are disposed of in different locations at the landfill. Mattresses and furniture need to be separate from other trash.

Hazardous waste such as paint, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, poisons, caustic chemicals, appliances with freon, etc. WILL NOT be picked up and should be taken by owners directly to the county landfill.

REMINDER: TWICE-A-WEEK PICKUP BEGINS THE WEEK OF APRIL 12th.

Regular household trash and recyclables will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Yard waste for Monday's route will be picked up on Thursday. Yard waste for Tuesday's route will be picked up on Friday. Yard waste for Wednesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday afternoon.

Yard waste must be placed at the curb and must be in a solid container!

For Handicap Accommodations, call the City Office at 877-5000.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S.D. 212 Notice of Hearing

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2003-2004 BUDGET

The governing body of Northern Valley USD #212 will meet on the 12th day of April, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at Northern Valley School in Almena for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at USD #212 District Office in Almena and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Fund	Actual Tax Rate	Adopted Budget		Proposed Amendment	
		2003-2004	2003-2004	2003-2004	2003-2004
		Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers
General	20.0000	182,942	1,537,474		1,569,923

Barbara Nelson, Clerk