

Tuesday

November 30, 2004

Norton, Kansas

Home of Georgie Rorabaugh

Briefly

Kids hit the mats for wrestling

Little Kids Wrestling will still meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the wrestling room at East Campus. Both beginners and advanced wrestlers can sign up at this time. Advanced wrestlers will have their first practice tonight, while beginners will practice for the first time on Monday night.

Santa will be back in town

If you missed Santa last week, you can catch him again from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday night on the west lawn of the Norton County courthouse.

Youngsters who line up to see Santa and Mrs. Claus in the gingerbread house will be given coloring books, sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and Norton businesses. After meeting with Santa, the whole family can jump in the sleigh and take a ride around the block. Cookies will be given out again this week.

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will preview the upcoming seasons. Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Clear with lows around 16. West winds around 5 mph.
Wednesday — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 30s. Northwest winds around 5 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 19. Northwest winds around 10 mph.
Thursday — Sunny with highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday Night** — Clear with lows around 20. **Friday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s.

Howell report:

Monday High 31, Low 7
Week ago High 37, Low 30
Month ago High 66, Low 38
Year ago High 63, Low 38
November precipitation 2.60 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 25.00 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, thank you for the Bible. Help each of us to read it, study it, reflect on it, and follow its wisdom in our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Snowfall extends vacation

By VERONICA MONIER

Students in the county got an extra long weekend as a snow day extended Thanksgiving break for an extra day yesterday.

The Norton, Northern Valley and Lenora school districts each called off school because of the weather. The Quinter and Jennings school districts did the same.

Yesterday, lots of things were canceled including pre-school at the Christian Church, Head Start at the Methodist Church, the Teens for Christ meeting, TOPS meeting and ladies inter-city bowling. The Norton Senior Citizens Center was closed.

Although almost everything involving youngsters was shut down, the Little Kids Wrestling will still meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the wrestling room.

Meteorologist Dave Thede with the National Weather Service in Goodland said they had a report from the Norton Dam that four inches of snow had fallen by yesterday afternoon. He said they also got another report of two inches from Lenora.

In addition to the four inches, the Norton Dam reported two-tenths of an inch of precipitation, while Lenora had 0.04.

He said Palisade, Neb., in Hitchcock County, just north of Atwood and Rawlins County, reported the most snow at six inches. Goodland, he said, had two inches, while the Tribune area had one inch. The snow, he said, was generally moving in a north/south direction.

Mr. Thede said he didn't think there was anything out of the ordinary about the county's first snow being in late November. Last year, he said, the county's first snow was reported on Nov. 23. That was one-half an inch nine miles southeast of Norton.

He said people in the Norton area can expect dry weather and slowly warming temperatures through the rest of the week.

K-State Multi-County Extension Agronomist Brian Olson said the snow came at the perfect time. He said the winter wheat is pretty well established and so the slowly decreasing temperatures didn't hurt it any.

But, with the dry conditions and cold temperatures expected in the coming nights, he said the wheat is going to need the protection and insulation given to it by the snow cover.



Snow was everywhere yesterday as Mikey Cliff (above) knew because he had to shovel it off of the sidewalk going to his house. When not shoveling for their parents, the youngsters of Norton, (below) could be found at Elmwood Park racing down the hill on their sleds.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Top entertainer to give concert here

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Nashville recording artist Josh Turner sounds like the kind of person who would fit in in Norton or any other small town across the country.

Mr. Turner will be performing his hit song, "Long, Black Train" and many others on Sunday, Dec. 12, when he appears in concert at 7 p.m. at Norton's East Campus Auditorium.

His appearance is sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council.

In a phone interview the country singer with the bass voice said he grew up working on a farm near Hannah, S.C.

"My granddaddy and great-granddaddy were both farmers," he said. Mr. Turner, a strong Christian man, said his song-writing ability is a gift from God.

He said he was a college student at Nashville's Belmont University and going through some tough personal times. He had just listened to some songs by Hank Williams, Sr. at the school's library and was walking across the campus when inspiration struck.

"As I was walking home I noticed there was something unusually dark about that night," he said. "All of a sudden, I got this



Josh Turner

vision of a wide open space, out on the plains. There was a train running out in the middle of nowhere, and people were standing beside the tracks, just watching it go by.

"I was thinking, 'what does this mean?' It dawned on me that the train was a physical metaphor for temptation. These people were standing there, deciding whether or not to get on it. That stuck with me.

"Temptation was a subject I knew a lot about.

"When I got home, I sat down on my

bed with my guitar, and it just started pouring out of me."

This song has struck a chord with lots of people. Not only did he get a standing ovation at the Grand Ole Opry when he performed it there, but people everywhere fell the truth in the music.

"Long Black Train," has been nominated for Song of the Year by both the Country Music Association and the Christian Country Music Awards.

"My inspiration for this song was a gift from God," Mr. Turner said. "And I have to give it back to my friends and fans."

He said he believes in the power of music and this song has allowed lives to be changed.

He said he plans to give people in Norton a big show. His concert will include lots of songs that will reflect his country/Christian upbringing.

He and his five-piece band will be rolling into Norton in time to get set up for the show that night. His wife of 18 months, Jennifer, is part of the band.

Tickets for his concert are available at the Norton Chamber of Commerce office. For more information on Josh Turner go to his website at joshturner.com.

Man picks most wins in contest

By DICK BOYD

Rick Green, Norton, edged Mary Ann Hager, Norton, as the grand prize winner in the 2004 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest sponsored by *The Norton Telegram* and area businesses.

Both fans picked 93 correct winners in the 12-week contest so judges had to go to the tiebreaker games to decide the winner of the \$50 in scrip money and engraved trophy from End Zone Sports and Office Supplies in Norton.

Mr. Green correctly chose the winner of the weekly tiebreaker game eight out of the 12 weeks and Mary Ann picked the correct tiebreaker winner six of the 12 weeks. Ms. Hager was fifth overall in last year's contest.

Placing third this season was Jennifer Terrell, Norton, with 90 wins. She was followed in fourth and fifth place by Craig Foley and Gavin Sproul, both of Norton, with 89 wins. Marilyn Lowry, Almena, picked 88 winners to place sixth and Sydney Brands, Almena, was seventh with 87.

Rounding out the top 10 with 86 correct were Glenn Brands, Almena; Jim Cole, Long Island and Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.

Seven fans chose 85 correct. They were: Lucas Bailey, Mark Bailey, both of Norcatour; Foster Brands, Almena; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Virginia Carlton, Robin Sproul, Elinor Wiltfong, all of Norton.

Other high placers were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Dwight Vallin, Long Island; Deb Thiele, Roland Wasburn, both of Norton, 84 each; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Karen Shearer, Long Island; Donelle Stewart, Almena; Sandy Husted, Norton, 83 each; Janette Callaway, Almena; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington, 82 each.

High finishers also included: Denise Bailey, Gail Bailey, both of Norcatour; Mike Hammond, Jim Springer, both of Long Island; Shirley Sides, Almena; Randy Springer, Hoisington; Cathy Kellerman, Glen Wiltfong, both of Norton, 81 each.

Correct on 80 games were: Brad Kilian, Lincoln; Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; Kelly Hill, Norton. They were followed by: Georgie Rorabaugh, Norton; Laurel Smith, Manhattan, 79 each; Raymond Ankenman, Kenney Leiker, both of Norton; Bob Covington, Almena; Jared Foley, Wichita; Andy Moore, Hoisington;

Bradena Stagemeyer, Hendley, Neb.; Emily Vallin, Long Island, 78 each; Lynette Archer, Anna Foley, both of Norton; Bob Moore, Tim Moore, both of Hoisington; Mike Shearer, Almena; Roger Shearer, Long Island, 77 each.

Correct on 76 games were: Kevin Jilka, Lacy Keilig, Mark Keilig, all of Norton; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; followed by Regina Beikman, Luke Keilig, both of Norton; James Covington, Lawrence; Linda Covington, Almena; Frank Kaiser, Long Island, 75 each; Marj Allen, Kirk Foley, Laura Washburn, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton; Shelly Shearer, Almena, 74 each.

Picking 73 winners were: Tom Baumann, Douglas Daniels, Sady Keilig, Jane Mindrup, all of Norton; Jerry Laurin, Long Island; Brody McDowell, Hill City; followed by Kristen Baird, Long Island; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Lawrence Wiseman, Lynn Nelson; Dalton Smith, Chriselle Thomson, all of Norton, 72 each.

Kristy Keilig, Linda Matson, both of Norton, each picked 71 winners. Michael Callaway, Almena; Aaron McDowell, Hill City and Keegan Smith, Norton, were correct on 70 contests.

This season's sponsors were: Kellie's; Pizza Hut/Taco Bell; Almena State Bank; Norton Shop and Save; Moffet Drug; United Northwest Federal Credit Union; Long Island Grain, Bank, Insurance; Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc.; Jamboree Foods; the Norton Telegram.

Thanks to this season's sponsors and to all the hundreds of football fans who entered the contest each week.

