



Tuesday
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New principal has the 'right stuff'

Superintendent excited with choice

By VERONICA MONIER

All that's needed for Norton Community High School to have a new principal is the approval of the Norton School Board.

Superintendent Greg Mann said a special committee interviewed four candidates for the position, which is held by Lary Stull who is retiring after 28 years.

The interview committee was made up of Mr. Mann, two board members, two members of the high school site council, and three high school teachers.

Rudy Perez was chosen as the best candidate, he said.

"We are pleased and excited to have been able to hire someone of Mr. Perez's experience, skills and leadership qualities

to lead our high school," Mr. Mann said. "We had some excellent candidates and Mr. Perez stood out among this group. We believe he has the 'right stuff' needed to make the upcoming transition at the high school a successful one."

Mr. Mann said Mr. Perez is finishing his sixth year at Cimarron Junior/Senior High, a 3A school in southwest Kansas. He was the assistant principal and athletic director for two years and has been the head principal for the past four years.

He said he was also extremely happy

that such an excellent family will become a part of Norton's schools and community.

Mr. Perez is married and has three children, he said. His wife, Kelli, is a certified vocational home economics teacher, who is currently teaching in Montezuma. Two of their three children will be attending Norton schools. Zane will be a ninth grader and Kylie will be in third grade. They also have another daughter, Lauren, who will be three in August.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Bernice Becker

Briefly

Easter cantata to be Sunday

The Norton Church of God will present the Easter musical, "The Day He Wore My Crown" by David T. Clydesdale. The cantata includes songs that tell the resurrection story written by Bill and Gloria Gaither, Tim Sheppard, Dallas Holm, Dottie Rambo and more.

Under the direction of Mary Luehrs and narrated by Bruce Poage, the performance will feature solos by Jennifer Boutwell, Alicia Worthington, Scott Kentfield, Donna Severns, Mike Smith, Mr. Poage and Gale Hays.

The production is scheduled for 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 9 at the church, 1010 Churchill Drive.

Norton baseball sign-up is now

Coach Joe Durham invites all area boys interested in playing American Legion baseball in Norton this summer to call him at 785-202-0777.

Some area towns do not have Legion baseball and boys from those communities are welcome to play. The baseball season begins mid-May and runs through July.

Other questions should be directed to team manager, Richard Miller, 785-877-3543.

Spotter training will be Wednesday

A weather spotter training course will be held in Norton at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Prairie Land Electric. The course is free and is open to the public.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy and breezy with lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the southwest 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Thursday — Partly cloudy and cooler. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph.

Kingham report:

Saturday High 74, Low 40, Prec. .70
Sunday High 74, Low 40
Monday High 74, Low 35
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for being with us every step we take in life. Help us to walk with confidence, knowing that you are always beside us. **Amen**

Healthy invasion...



A large crowd attended the community awareness night on Friday in Alma. The event was hosted by Northern Valley Schools Coordinated School Health. A free meal was served with health related booths set up outside the school. Casey Dole, a Northern Valley senior, (above) gives a blood pressure check to Leroy Roeder. The Kansas Highway Patrol (left) was on hand to demonstrate what can happen in a rollover accident if you are not wearing your seatbelt. The evening concluded with the senior/faculty basketball games.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Norton BB gun team aims for another title

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Rotary BB Gun Team will compete in the Kansas Jaycees State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Manhattan.

The team was always sponsored by the Norton County Jaycees but the Rotary Club took over sponsorship last year when the Jaycees ceased to exist.

BB gun teams consist of young people from 8 to 14 years of age.

Norton BB gun teams have won 36 of 40 state championships during the program's existence. Norton did not compete in 1982 because there was no Jaycees chapter.

Norton shooters have won the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships eight times, more than any other team in the world.

Three Norton teams will enter the championships in Manhattan and a top three finish would again guarantee a spot at international, which will be held again this year in Bowling Green, Ky., on June 30, July 1-2.

This year's Yellow Team members are: Caleb Vanover, 14; Dustyna Sprigg, 13; Chance McMullen, 13; Dylan Sprigg, 12 and Lane Archer, 11. Alternate is Cole

Archer, 13.

Coaches of the Yellow Team are Head Coach Cameron Archer and Assistant Coach Dwight Sprigg.

Shooting for the Blue Team this year will be: Kegan Vanover, 13; Kaitlyn Campbell, 11; Lance Vanover, 11; Kolton Harting, 10 and Wyatt Harting, 9. Alternate will be Cameron Heikes, 8.

Mike Campbell and Brian McMullen are coaches for the Blue Team.

Members of the Red Team will be: Alexis Lively, 11; Christine Nelson, 10; Erin Archer, 9; Dalton Vanover, 8 and Clay Vanover, 8.

Dan Lauer will coach the Red Team.

Dan Lauer was head coach of the Norton BB Gun Team and his wife, Teresa, was head instructor until their retirement last year. Both had been active in the BB gun program for the last 13 years. Cameron Archer and wife, Lynette, replaced them.

This year's Norton team is one of the least experienced in many years. There are only nine shooters returning from last year and one of them, Cole Archer, is not eligible to compete for an international position since he was on Norton's 2005 (Continued on Page 5)

Huskies do well at music festival

Northern Valley High School instrumental and vocal students performed in the Kansas State High School Activities Association regional music festival in Oberlin on Saturday.

Overall, the Huskies achieved eight I ratings and seven II ratings.

Those with I ratings were — men's ensemble; Stanton Nelson, trombone, violin and a vocal performance; freshmen and sophomore singers; Jessie Redeker, vocal; junior and senior women's ensemble; and Clarke Nelson, trumpet.

Making II ratings were — mixed junior and senior singers; Clarke (Continued on Page 5)

Treasure hunt is scheduled across U.S. 36

A 400-mile treasure hunt is being planned to run the length of Kansas.

September 15, 16 and 17 have been set for the first annual US Hwy 36 Garage Sale Event. The US 36 Highway Association is the sponsoring agency with the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce all along the route.

All towns and individuals along US 36 are encouraged to participate.

Karla Reed at the Norton Area Chamber office is spearheading the efforts of Norton County. If anyone wants to reserve a site, they should contact Ms. Reed at 877-2501.

Banquet will honor wrestlers Sunday

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans are invited to attend the 2006 Norton Community High School Wrestling Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sunday in the American Legion Hall.

The Norton Blue Jay 2006 State Championship Wrestling Team will be honored during the banquet.

Those attending are asked to bring your own table service and a main dish, a salad or vegetable and one dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Following the dinner, the coaching staff will honor the state championship team and present several team awards.

"We invite anyone who wants to help honor the accomplishments of this fine team and the 2006 senior class," said Coach Bill Johnson.

"There is no way for us to send invitations through the mail to everyone who supported us throughout the season, so consider this an invitation for all to attend."