#### PITCH TOURNAMENT

#### By JAKE DURHAM

As the faithful signed in for the March Pitch Tournament, they were declaring winter to be at an end and that the ground hog had missed his forecast of six more

As had been expected, the Blue Jay wrestlers had created February Madness with their back-to-back state championships and now March Madness was in the air.

The clock was approaching 7 but there was one team short when a pair of traveling clowns from Barnum and Bailey Circus claiming to be on vacation entered through the south door. They were immediately given the last even number and the Brown Eyed Girl shouted to "begin to commence",

and 44 launched into battle. The pushers were bidding to the limit seeking the trump advantage but it was a struggle all the way as everyone seemed willing to go up one more and as the scores were posted, the highs and lows were in the majority as the Windmill Jockey and the Ground Crew took the initial honors and the lead.

The Muddy River Boys took the honors on round two, but it was the Windmill Jockey and the Ground Crew who were still on top.

Fig and the Mail Man had gotten lost on the route but made it back on round three with the honors as the gong rang for the first break. As the scores were posted, the Windmill Jockey and the Ground Crew were still in the lead.

The Chairman of the Board and the Vice President were in second, the Bomber Pilot and Navigator were in third, Fig and the Mail Man were in fourth and rounding out the top five were the Honeymooners. As round four got underway you

could sense confidence as the bidding got underway.

The Chef and the Waiter took the

honors on round four as the Chair- dies from Lyle, who were two man of the Board and the Vice President moved into the number one spot. The halfway mark was approaching with round five and as those low on the board were aware that it was either move up or

The Blue Dogs and the Hound Dawgs were facing off at table number six and the howling reached a high pitch but the Windmill Jockey and Ground Crew took the honors on five and regained the lead.

Team Double Z had taken the honors but the Windmill Jockey and Crew remained on top. Figero and the Mailman were tied for second with The Pilot and Navigator were third and The Chef and the Waiter were in fourth.

calculators were the items of interest during the break as teams were Jensen. Winning score by Brooks figuring formulas for success over and Vincent was 120 points for an the next four hands. The seventh and eighth rounds

were coming up and now the bidding seemed more deliberate and teams were using every ploy to gain an advantage. As round seven came to a close,

the Redneck and the Black Hat Kid were shaking their heads but the Chef and the Head Waiter were dancing up to the scorers table with their double.

Windmill Jockey and the Ground Glennemeier. Double high round Crew were still in the top spot. The Oil Baron and the Secretary captured the honors on round eight but McMullen and Bill Glennemeier. it was too little, too late. The Chairman of the Board and

the Vice President captured the honors and moved into the lead with a two-point margin. The Windmill Jockey and Crew were in second, two points ahead of the Chef and the Head Waiter, who were two points ahead of the La-

points ahead of the Edmond connection.

The tenth and final round got underway with the possibility of several teams taking the prize. The usual sounds of elation above the moans of despair filled the room as round ten was played out and as the scores were posted.

Top ten teams in order were: 1. Weldon Brooks and Elden Vincent; 2. Doug Gallentine and Jake Durham; 3. Darren McMullen and Bill Glennemeier; 3. Todd and Doyle Brooks; 5; Junita Eckhart and Kathryn Van Meter; 6. Ed and Cynthia Glennemeier; 7. Myron Veh and Dick Hemphill; 7. Duane McEwen and Jack Barnard; 9. Coy Christy and John Hildebrand; 10. Kay Harman and Julia Roeder; 10. Pencils and paper and pocket Jack Mechsner and Dave Sheley; 10. Joyce Sumner and Eleanor average of 12 points per round.

High round winners were Doug Gallentine and Jake Durham; Coy Christy and John Hildebrand; Fig Millan and Dan Hazlett; Darren McMullen and Bill Glennemeier; Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger; Dee and Thelma Bushnell; Elden Vincent and Weldon Brooks; Todd and Dovle Brooks. Highest single round score was 20 points by Coy Christy and John Hildebrand and But, the board still showed the Darren McMullen and Bill winners were Doug Gallentine and Jake Durham and Darren

> Teams not previously mentioned were: Larry Harman and Tony Hildebrand; R.D. Thronton and Donna Millan; Margaret Magers and June Jolly; Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele; Staci Breiner and Austin Brooks; Jason Breiner and Rusty Goss; Justin and Karen Carter.

# Election controversy boils over

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"Apparently information was being disseminated indicating that unregistered persons could register to vote on election day or previously registered voters could change their party affiliations on election day. These actions are not allowed by Kansas law.'

Mr. Bryant said under state law, the votes could be canvassed on Monday with prior notice given and that the commissioners are the ones required to canvass the ballots. He said Mr. Gassmann needed to make any alterations to his finance statements himself.

He said all ballots must be accounted for whether they are used, voided, unused or accepted as provisional, and that the number of ballots used has to match the number of signatures in the poll books. 'If procedures were not ad-

equate to produce an exact accounting of all ballots and tabulated votes, I will strongly recommend those procedures be revised for future elections," he wrote. Mr. Wyatt wrote the secretary of

state's office, defending his election workers and his office's handling of the primary. "After receiving your letter and

a copy of the letter from the Gassmanns, I feel that I must respond for all who are falsely accused of doing wrong in the primary election," he wrote.

Mr. Wyatt attached copies of the poll books to show that the receiving board did not allow party changes, a list of registered voters with their party affiliation, and a copy of a Norton Telegram article written after the canvass and a copy of the county commission minutes on the canvass.

Mr. Wyatt said that he is satisfied that his poll workers were knowledgeable and that the changes in the primary election laws caused the controversy, not his people. "I would also like to comment

on the letter written from your office," Mr. Wyatt wrote. "This letter is very disappointing and certainly an insult to my staff, my poll/election workers and myself.

"Why would you make such a comment (about retraining individuals) like this when you have no idea what took place here in Norton County in August?

single call or any type of notification to myself.

"I believe, and so do the Norton County commissioners, that some type of corrective action is needed from (your) office to make this right. The election staff and poll workers throughout Norton tary of state coming to town but did County did a great job, and to be not know why he was coming. slapped in the face with two insulting letters like this is unnecessary. I have lost my trust in the secretary of state's office and feel that your action is very degrading to the election officials of Norton County."

Mr. Bryant called Mr. Wyatt that day, and Mr. Thornburgh wrote back that his office's intent was not to criticize or undermine a county election officer.

Mr. Thornburgh wrote that

Norton County's election procedures seemed to be exactly in accordance with state law. The letter answering Mrs. Gassmann, he said, was for Mr. Wyatt's information only so that he could check and revise his procedures if needed. It was not meant as an attack on the Norton County election process.

The secretary of state's office sent a follow-up letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gassmann telling them that no irregularities had been found. However, Mr. Thornburgh said

on Wednesday, he still felt that he needed to visit Norton and tell people here that he thought they were doing a good job. He said that poll workers put in

12 to 15 hours for less than minimum wage, and they do an excellent job. "I think Robert Wyatt is a great

county election officer," he said. "His ability to run an election is second to none in the state." One problem in the August election, he said, was a change in the

law allowing political parties to say who could vote in their prima-The Republicans decided that Republicans and those who are not affiliated but declare themselves

to be Republicans at the polling

place could vote.

The Democrats said that Democrats and anyone not affiliated with another political party could vote in their primary.

This caused some confusion,

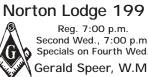
"You listened and responded to Mr. Thornburgh said, but in all (the Gassmanns) letter without a cases the voters had to be registered two weeks before the election. It was not possible to register at the polling place. This is an anti-fraud measure, he said.

Mrs. Gassmann, reached later at her home, said that she and her husband had read about the secre-They would have attended the meeting if they had known, she

She said that she and her husband were not satisfied with the information they had received.

#### LODGE NOTI

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# PUBLICNOTICE

### March Norton County Bills

Friday, April 8, 2005. (1T)

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse March 31, 2005 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-228. An itemized

inspection in the County Clerk	a's Office.
*Juvenile Services Accounts	
County General	. 50,133.71
Road & Bridge	. 35,572.22
Special Bridge	7,170.77
Ambulance	7,660.24
Appraiser's Cost	6,520.00
County Health	. 18,858.33
Election	1,143.33
4-H Maintenance	
Noxious Weed	4,444.39
Solid Waste* *Court Trustee - State	6,664.88
*Court Trustee - State	8,596.03
*Case Management	5,610.72
*JAIBG - JJ Intake	1,104.00
*JAIBG/Case Mgmt Intake	821.60
*Case Management* *JAIBG - JJ Intake *JAIBG/Case Mgmt Intake *JISP*	5,009.90
Diversion	8.301.48
*Juvenile Intake	4,694.62
Accurint-Acct#1008341	9.50
Advance Insurance Co	335.88
Allied Oil & Supply, Inc	1,624.98
AlltelAlltelAmerican Family Life	916.31
American Family Life	1,721.10
Ames, Rance	215.00
Archibald, Curt	152.28
Artline Graphics	252.50
Badsky, Ken	38.40
Bailey Électric Baumgartner Law Office	32.50
Baumgartner Law Office	10.00
Bell. Barbara	44.80
*Bird, Angela	201.72
Board of EMS	260.00
Butler County Community	396.00
BC/BS of Kansas/Cs Mgmt	2,735.20
BC/BS of KS Inc/Bill Add	. 51,953.08
BG Consultants Inc	
Car Quest Auto Parts	107.58
Central Plains Laboratory Channing Bete	126.69
Channing Bete	160.50
Cheyenne Co. Health Dept	861.83
Chief Supply Corporation	177.49
City of Norton	1,801.92
Cloud Community College	936.00
Coca Cola Enterprises Inc	39.75
Colby Community College	6,000.00
Colonial Supplement Ins	137.50
Commerce Bank	602.14
Conseco Health Insurance	
Culligan Water Condition	38.00
Cummins Mid-America	649.44
CASA of 17th Judicial Dis	800.00
*D&M Sinclair Service	27.66
D-C Wholesale	. 29,763.40
Decatur Co Clerk	
Decatur County Dist Court	183.66
Dodge City Comm College	348.00
DSW Chemical Solution LLC	23.68
Endzone Sports & Office	686.10
Engel, Darla	76.84
*Engel, Jim	43.40
Engel's Sales & Service	98.39
Engelbert, Susan	56.33
Engineered Recov Sys Inc	
Liigiileelea Necov ova ilic	62.40
*Farmers Cooperative Assoc First Security Bank	62.40 33.49

\*Five Star Amoco .

Garrett's Plumbing

GeoCore Services Inc

Graham Co Health Dept

Great Plains Radiology

\*Hi-Plains Co-op Assoc.

Havs Mack Sale & Serv Inc.

Governor's Federal

\*Griffiths, Karen.

Hill City Times

Hirsch & Pratt

Husker Steel

Hofaker, Paula D

\*Geist. Cindi

\*Fredrickson Ins Agency

Gall Motor Company, Inc

Garden City Comm College Garrett Plumbing

75.00

57.60

,760.00

58.36

69.84

318.71

418.44

134.21

. 75.50

295.90

25.991.54

Phillips County Landfill

Phillips 66- Conoco-76

\*Physicians Ref Lab LLC

Plainville Rescue Squad ..

Phillips Co. Review

Pitney Bowes Inc.

Postmaster

Poage, Genevieve ..

5,908.70

. 1,039.96

. 250.00

.. 50.00

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88.40

Fleet Fueling .. Frack, Gina

Hutchinson Community	480.00
Hyatt Regency WichitaInfinitec	276.81 55.00
Interstate Battery System	230.20
Intrust Card Center	. 1.351.54
ING Aetna	. 3,428.00
J & J Drainage Products	29,787.45
Jamboree Foods	216.38
Jansonius, Liz* *Jennings, Dawana	61.53
Jill's Helping Hands Inc	534.45
Jones, Bill	45.14
Jones, Jenda	35.64
*Juvenile Justice Authority	157.52
JEMS	29.97
Kansas Assoc of Local Kansas Co Hwy Assoc	05.00
Kansas Home Care Assoc	80.00
Kansas Judicial Council	50.00
Kansas Sheriff Association	50.00
Kansas State University	55.00
Kansas Withholding Tax	. 4,592.21
Kansasland Tire Company *Kirchoff, Judge Michael	. 2,650.50
Kowpoke Supply LLC	86.90
Krizek Craig Dr	. 1.229.00
*Kroger-Dillon Customer Chg.	197.20
Kruse, Dean	78.94
KDHE-Bureau Of	20.00
KEMSA KEMTA	
KPERS Wire Transfer	
KQNK Radio	120.00
KQNK Radio* *KS Dept of Administration	465.00
Lampton Welding Supply	172.50
Lang, Leroy League Of Kansas	12.15
*Leidig, Judge Bonnie	91.60
Linweld	215.28
Lockwood Company Inc	. 2,233.72
*Lundy, Steve	57.60
Lyon, Larry Mac's Alignment Inc	85.00
Mac's Alignment Inc	/82.5/
Martin Tractor	102.66
Maupin Truck Parts Inc* *May, Delayne	240.00
Meals On Wheels	67.20
Medela	848.04
Merril L. Tibbett's Truck	. 3,332.00
Mid-Kan Blueline Inc Midwest Energy Inc	. 1,2/1.56
Midwest Vehicle	90.94
*Miller. Brvan	437.85
Miller, John	590.94
Miller, Mitch	126.84
Morel, Janelle Mortensen Computer Serv	
Mortensen Computer Service .	
*Nease. Susan	128.30
Nebraska Child Support	162.00
New Age Industrial Corp	
Nex-Tech	. 4,577.00
Nielsen, Andrew Northwest Diesel Repair	11 00
Northwest Ks Co Clerk	25.00
Northwest KS Co Off Assoc	121.50
*Northwest KS Ed Serv Cent	100.00
Norton Chamber Commerce	295.00
Norton Co Drug & Alcohol Norton Co EMS	. 7,500.00
Norton County Clerk	1 522 57
Norton County Co-op	16.465.24
Norton County Health	269.59
Norton County Hospital	5.126.85
Norton County Treasurer	3.73
Norton Sheet Metal Inc Norton Shop & Save	
Norton Sports Center	25.83
Norton Telegram	870.54
Novus Auto Glass Repair	310.00
Oberlin Herald	59.89
Oden Enterprises, Inc	
*Office Works, Inc Ozark Life Insurance	∠ö.∠b 137 ∩7
Pamida Inc	
*Paxson, Robert	44.80
Payroll Fed/fica Wire	38,073.04
Pfannenstiel, Leslie	115.83

Pre-Paid Legal Serv Inc	218.30
Pro Printers* Progressive Progressive Medical	109.95
*Progressive	258.00
Progressive Medical	65.32
Public Agency*Puckett-Ogle, AnnQuartermaster	250.00
*Puckett-Ogle. Ann	19.20
Quartermaster	62.85
*Quill Corporation R&S Northeast LLC	201 58
R&S Northeast LLC	188 20
*Regional Prevention	17.02
Rogers Disposal Service	220.20
*Dan's Time Comition	229.30
*Ron's Tire Service Rooks Co. Health Dept Roy's Sales & Service Inc	134.49
Rooks Co. Health Dept	199.73
Roy's Sales & Service Inc	165.52
*Ruf Rvan	19.52
Rural Cellular Corp	42.15
S&W Supply Company	273.89
Schemper, Kathleen L	56.35
Schemper Luke	50.80
Schillia Ruth	304 96
Schillig, Ruth	13.60
*Scott, Melanie	180.00
Sebelius & Griffiths LLP	710.00
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*Sebelius Building LLC Security Abstract Co	325.00
Security Abstract Co	80.00
*Security Transport Service	440.80
Sewing Box	
Share Corp	260.71
Shirk Lamont Dr	163.00
Skrdlant Welding	136.15
Southwestern Bell	896.95
*Staker, Fred F	34 56
Star Programming	3 250 00
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Technology Two Llc* Thomas County Clerk	290.00
Thomas County Clerk	96.00
Thomas, Debra	60.00
Thornburgh, Ron	/ / .50
*Tiller, Judi	16.70
Townsdin, Francis G	411.58
Trego County Tri-Anim Health Services	435.00
Tri-Anim Health Services	306.53
Tri-Central Office Supply	109.31
Tri-Central Office Supply United Health Care	. 1.305.60
United States Postal	4.170.00
United States PostalUAP-Timberland, LLC	1 274 40
*Vandiver, Sonya	76.88
Viking Office Products	101 40
Waddell & Reed	625.00
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*Wal-Mart Community Washburn University	121.42
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*Wayman, Donald P	375.00
Wegener, Cindy West Group Payment Center	40.02
West Group Payment Center	132.00
Whitney Law Office	. 1,091.06
Witt, Ed	50.00
Xerox Corporation	231.81
Zee Medical Service Co	

## PUBLIC MOTICE

**County Election** Canvass Date Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, April 8, 2005. (1T)

NOTICE OF COUNTY **CANVASS DATE** In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3104, notice is hereby given that the official canvass of the General election returns for Norton County will

be Monday, April 11th, 2005. The canvass will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Room. In witness whereof I have here unto

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April, 2005. Robert D. Wyatt Norton Co. Election Officer

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