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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Northern Valley girls win exciting overtime game. Blue Jay wrestlers are Mid-Continent League champions.

## Tuesday

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### Norton, Kansas

Home of 'Bobber' Bill Klein

### Briefly

## Winter concert set for Feb. 12

The Norton Community High School Winter Band Concert will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12 in the high school gymnasium.

The concert will be under the direction of David Will, band instructor.

## Quartet will sing Sunday

The Colby Sweet Adelines, the Men's Tumbleweed Chorus and the Lasting Impressions men's barbershop quartet will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council, the groups will sing old favorites like "Hey, Good Lookin'", "Carolina In The Morning", "Ain't We Got Fun", and "I'm Sittin' On Top of the World".

Admission is by Norton Arts Council membership or \$8 for adults, \$2 for students, \$4 reciprocity, children 6 and under, free.

## Boosters to rally at meeting

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

Norton Boys Basketball Coach Doug Reusink, Girls Basketball Coach Kevin Jilka and Wrestling Coach Bill Johnson will speak on the Blue Jays' recent victories and preview upcoming competition. Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

## Congressman's tour postponed

Congressman Jerry Moran announced the Norton County tour stop scheduled for Monday, has been postponed due to a change in the voting schedule in Washington, D.C. An updated schedule will be released soon.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the south 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night** — partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s.

### Prayer

Dear God, help us to see others with kindness and compassion, and you do teach us to be patient and forgiving toward others. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



Norcatour volunteer fireman, Scott Hartzog (right) measured the cheese for the 450 pizzas the Norcatour Fire Department made over the weekend for their annual fund raiser. Firemen Mark Bailey and

## Pizzas bring in the 'dough' for firemen

Norcatour Volunteer firemen turned up the heat and did some fancy cookin' Saturday and Sunday as they carried out their annual fund raiser.

Every year, the Norcatour Fire Department takes orders for pizzas. Every household in Norcatour must be stocked with pizzas because with a population of only 180, the firemen pre-sold 450 pizzas.

The firemen set up their kitchen in the old Norcatour school house kitchen and with assembly-line precision they mass produced their speciality. Some orders called for the pizza to be cooked and delivered hot, while others were to be delivered fresh. Some of the men drove delivery routes while others kept the "pies" comin'.

This year, the money raised will go to purchase additional firefighting equipment.



Darren Wentz (left) took their place on the assembly line as they put pepperoni and sausage on the pizzas.

— Telegram photos by Kimberly Davis

## Eighth grader wins 'bee' at Northern Valley

An eighth grader won the 2006 Northern Valley Spelling Bee.

Dozens of spectators watched as Amber Sheley out-spelled 30 other contestants entered in the Northern Valley Spelling Bee held Wednesday at the Long Island Middle School gymnasium.

Grades 5, 6, and 7 were all represented by six spellers each, while Grade 4 sent seven spellers.

One hundred eighty-one words were pronounced including more difficult words like, "subpoena", "hyperbole", "phosphorus", "archaic", "mercurial", and "conglomerate".

Miss Sheley was declared the champion when another eighth grader, Christina Anderson misspelled "aqueduct" and amber spelled that word plus "catastrophe" to secure first place.

Miss Anderson was awarded second place, while seventh grader Staci Dole, grabbed third place, missing in the 14th round on "pituitary". Sixth grader Tyler Montgomery placed fourth, erring on "hemoglobin". Fifth place went to

Jonathan Mattison, seventh grader, who tripped up on "obstacle". A commendable performance was turned in by fifth grader, Olivia Lowry, who stumbled on "occurrence". Seventh grader, Christopher Pinzenscham, took seventh place, misspelling "aggressive". Michael Callaway, eighth grade, erred on "aggravate". Sixth

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## Flowers will deck Norton offices

For a donation of \$5 to the American Cancer Society, you can have a bouquet of fresh daffodils delivered for Daffodil Days.

The event raises funds for the society's cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services programs.

Volunteers will be contacting individuals and business for advance orders of the daffodils. Orders are being taken now through Feb. 24 for a donation of

\$5 per bunch of fresh-cut flowers. The flowers will be delivered in early March.

Ramona Pabian and Charlotte Kindall are serving as chairpersons for the fund raiser. Ms. Pabian may be reached at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352 and Ms. Kindall at 877-5309 or 202-0603.

Laverne Graham is the contact volunteer for Almena and Gloria Heikes for Lenora.

## Noxious weed looks at setting limits

The Norton County Commission wondered last week whether it was worth it to spray for noxious weeds on private lands.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman said over the past three years, the largest acreage sprayed was 66 acres for bindweed.

The commissioners asked how many acres were covered by a ground applicator.

Mr. Beckman said that 395 acres were ground sprayed in 2005, but the acres covered to get to those 395 acres were a great deal more.

The commissioners talked to Mr. Beckman about the acreage that should be sprayed by the county versus telling the property owner they need to hire a private contractor to do it for them. The cost of application, time involved and priority of jobs were the main concern, they said.

With all of the private work being done,

the commission wanted to know if county property was being maintained.

Mr. Beckman said probably only half of the county property was adequately sprayed for noxious weeds in 2005. He said he kept Clarence Wetter, a noxious weed employee, on the county and public lands, while taking care of the private lands himself.

Some counties in the area, he said, only spray for noxious weeds on public land and county roadways and don't do any private spraying.

The commission questioned whether private spraying should be continued, since the county and public property wasn't finished last year. They asked Mr. Beckman to think about this and get back to them.

In other business, the commission:

• Received a report from Mr. Beckman on the county's cost share for chemicals

for 2003, 2004 and 2005. The total cost of sharing in 2005 of all of the chemicals was nearly \$20,000. This was up from \$7,065.09 in 2004.

• Talked to Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen and Amy Griffey with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development about why the county didn't get grants to build a new ambulance building or buy a new fire truck.

Ms. Griffey reviewed the point rating sheet with the commission, which included categories of total need, match funds and past performance. With 100 points being the highest rating, she said the ambulance department scored 65.67 points, while the fire department scored 61.84. The lowest rating to receive a grant was 70.22.

She said it appears that the points that hurt the applications most were the match

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## Chocolate will be a main attraction at auction

Chocolate recipes and a little friendly competition will be combined to generate money to help train Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the 17th Judicial District. CASA volunteers help children who find themselves in the court system. The 17th District provides services to 33 children in Decatur, Graham, Osborne, Norton, Phillips and Smith counties.

The Second Annual Chocolate for CASA auction and the first Chocolate Cook-Off will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 11, at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg. The event will feature a liquid chocolate fountain, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction.

Categories for the Chocolate Cook-Off include Loaded Chocolate, Best Chocolate Presentation, Chocolate Cake,

Chocolate Pie, Chocolate Cookies, and Chocolate Candy. The cook agrees to submit the recipe with the item and will have the entry available at the center by 4 p.m. on Feb. 10, or make arrangements to have the item available to CASA no later than this deadline.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning entrant in each category. For more information call CASA at 785-345-4120.

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