

Wrestling

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up with 97 points, 34.5 points back. Winning their second state championship for Norton were senior Troy Bainter, 130 and senior Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, 160.

Norton's third state champion was senior Spencer Shirk, 171. Runners-up for the Blue Jays were sophomore John Rise-wick, 112, and senior Brett Terrell, 135. Senior Billy Broeckel-man placed sixth after being knocked unconscious in his 140

pound semi-finals match on the championship side after dominating in two earlier matches on Friday. For health reasons, he injury defaulted the rest of his matches. Billy came into the tournament as a regional champion and having been named the

"Regional Tournament Wrestler of the Year" by vote of team coaches. Norton's other state tournament wrestler was freshman Branson Addington at 103 pounds. He won one of his three matches.



Norton senior Landon "Tug" Keiswetter executes a spiral ride breakdown during his 12-4 major decision over Jesse LaMay, Wellsville, in the 160-pound state championship match in Hays to win his second state title. Keiswetter finished the season 36-2.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Storms

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Catrina David was at home at about 2 p.m. on Monday, June 20 with her four young children while her husband, Preston, was working in Almena. When Almena's tornado sirens sounded at 2 p.m., Preston called his wife to tell her to take the kids to the basement because the sirens were going off.

"At 2:44, I told my husband that there was nothing going on and that the weather was clear," David said. "Right after that, the hail started. It was pea-sized hail and it was coming from all directions. It was cracking the windows and that's when I knew something was really wrong."

With the hail, the David children asked to say a prayer and the end of the prayer, Katrina said, was the beginning of some terrifying minutes for her and her children.

She relates that they could hear pieces of the house start to fly apart with windows breaking and boards separating.

"The sound reminded me of a semi-truck going fast down a road with everything creaking and rattling," she said. "I was sitting on a chair with our 2-year-old on my lap and when I leaned forward, the whole

house moved off the foundation. The wind picked us all up and moved us from the north-east corner of the basement to the southeast corner. None of us were even touching the ground at one point."

When the tornado moved away from the house, Katrina reflects that three of her children ended up under a table in the corner of the basement and the 2-year-old ended up under his mother, with the family dog on top of them both.

When the storm had passed, Katrina was able to crawl straight up and out of the basement and use her cell phone to call her husband. The call was made at 2:51 p.m., a mere seven minutes after she reported that the weather didn't seem to be threatening.

Within a few minutes of calling her husband, a family friend arrived on the scene and was able to help free the children from the basement, all escaping serious injury.

Each of the David family, except the youngest, all sustained minor scrapes and bruises, but none needed to be transported for medical care. Even the family cat, who started upstairs in the house and was found a half mile away, escaped with only



One of at least eight tornadoes that ripped through the area on June 20, this one was captured from Almena Agri Service in Almena.

—Photo courtesy of Terry Nelson

bruises and cuts.

"This is not something I ever wanted to go through in my

life." Katrina said. "It was the scariest thing I've ever been through."

City

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Lawson explained, the city will be deciding over the next two years where the funding should come from in the city budget. While no decisions have been made, the money will likely come from the city's Special Highway account or from the city's street department funding, or a combination of both.

Though the Department of Transportation resurfaced the selected portion of highway this fall with asphalt, Lawson explained that the resurfacing

was a very temporary fix and by the time the geometric improvements get underway in 2014, the asphalt surface will be broken down again and in need of repair.

"Highway 36 is a state highway, so the city basically applied for a grant and will fund part of the project for a road we don't normally maintain," Lawson said, "but it's a way for us to work together with the state and get some much needed improvements to a street our citizens use every day."

County

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state. The state has set aside \$1.3 million for the program and will match financial contributions from eligible counties. A portion of the 50 eligible counties have opted out of the program, which will increase the state funding

for counties that participate.

Within a few months of signing on to the program, county officials had received dozens of inquiries about the program from people who were interested in moving to Norton County.

Top 10 quotes of 2011

List courtesy of US News and World Report

www.usnews.com

1. "We are the 99 percent." — Occupy movement
2. "There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own. Nobody. You built a factory out there—good for you! But I want to be clear. You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for. You hired workers the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for." — 2012 Senate Candidate Elizabeth Warren
3. "My friends and I have been coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress." — Warren Buffett
4. "I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy." — GOP presidential candidate Jon Huntsman
5. "Oops." — Texas governor Rick Perry
6. "When they ask me, 'Who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan?' I'm going to say, 'You know, I don't know. Do you know?'" — former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain
7. "I am on a drug. It's called 'Charlie Sheen.' It's not available because if you try it once, you will die. Your face will melt off and your children will weep over your exploded body." — Charlie Sheen
8. "Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow." — Steve Jobs
9. "I can't say with certitude." — Anthony Weiner
10. "Instead of receiving the help that she had hoped for, Mr. Cain instead decided to provide her with his idea of a stimulus package." — Gloria Allred

Staff

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member of the Arrow Artists of Broken Bow, a founding member of the Wild Rose Art Gallery in Broken Bow and a member of the Association of Nebraska Arts Clubs.

As Office Manager, she is responsible for book-keeping, circulation and other various duties for the newspaper.

In June, the Norton Telegram also welcomed a new Managing Editor to the newspaper staff. Carleen Bell came to Norton from Atlantic, Iowa where she served as a writer and photographer for a small daily newspaper. Carleen grew up in Illinois and graduated from MacMurray College in 2008 with a degree in English with dual concentrations in Writing and Literature. After college, she moved to Iowa, where she lived for three years.

When she's not working, Carleen enjoys bicycling and playing racquetball. She also likes to read, sing and travel when she can. She is a past member of the Atlantic, Iowa Kiwanis Club and past member of The Lullabye Foundation,

also in Atlantic.

As Managing Editor, Carleen is responsible for writing stories, photography and production of the Norton Telegram.

Rounding out the Norton Telegram staff, Mike Stephens joined the newspaper in late August as Society Editor. Mike came to Norton from Denver, Colo., where he had lived his entire life. He attended Colorado State University to study journalism, then graduated with a journalism degree from Metropolitan State College in Denver.

Mike began his career in television journalism before graduating college and for the past 18 years, his career included covering news and sports events for Denver-area news stations.

Joining his mother in Norton, Mike's free time includes, golf, following sports news and following political news. He also enjoys skiing and biking when he gets time.

As Society Editor, Mike is responsible for handling social news, obituaries and public record publication for the newspaper. He also assists in news and photography coverage for the paper.

•PUBLIC NOTICE• RESOLUTION NO. 115

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RESOLUTION NO. 115
A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A HEARING DATE ON THE MATTER OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS WHICH ARES Housed in City Ordinance 200, et seq, provides a procedure for ordering the repair or removal of dangerous structures; and,
WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has filed a statement with the governing body pursuant to said ordinance declaring that the structure at 124-S. Decatur in the City of Norton is unsafe or dangerous;
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, that:
Section 1: A hearing date of February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. is hereby set for the owners of 124-S. Decatur, or any agent, landlord or occupant of such structure to appear and show cause why said structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.
Section 2: This notice shall be published one each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper. At least 30 days shall elapse after its final publication and the date set for the hearing.
Section 3: A copy of this resolution shall be mailed within two days after its final publication to the owner, agent, landlord and/or occupant at their last known place of residence and shall be marked as "deliver to addressee only."
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