Norton star gridder signs with Garden City

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Tanner Furbush, a 6'185 pound senior tailback, defensive end for the Norton Community High School football team, has signed a letter of intent to play for Garden City Community College.

Also a kickoff and punt returner, Furbush was a first team All-Mid-Continent League choice of league coaches on offense and an honorable mention choice on defense after the 2013 season.

He was also a second team selection to the Hays Daily News All-Area Team.

Tanner was especially effective on offense where he led the Blue Jays by gaining 1,460 all-purpose yards last season.

He is also a Norton basketball and track team letterman.

"Tanner is a very athletic running back, he has good hands and was a good defensive end for us," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin. "He is a powerful runner with good speed.

"At the same time, making the adjustment from high school to college football is tough. The Jayhawk Junior College League is considered to be the toughest junior college league in the nation. Each team can now recruit 20 players from outside Kansas and that increases the competition for spots on the team. A lot of players come and go.

"I'm excited for him. Tanner's a tough player and we look forward to his college playing days."

Tanner will have two teammates who are former Norton teammates. Lucas Engel and Lane Bigge signed with Garden City after their 2012 senior seasons with the Blue Jays. Both red-shirted last season which means they both have two seasons left with the Broncbusters.

Tanner is the son of Sondra Petrie and step-son of Terry Petrie.

Garden City compiled a 5-5 record last season but two losses were by three points. They played in the Football Capital of Kansas Bowl in Pittsburg.

Matt Miller is the head football coach at Garden City. He took over last season after serving as the offensive coordinator. Coach Miller is a former Kansas State University football and baseball player. He was also an assistant football coach under K-State's Bill Snyder.

Coach's comments

"Tanner was one of our top recruits for this fall," said coach Miller. "He's extremely talented and is a fantastic athlete.

"Tanner has tremendous passion for the game of football. He plays with heart.

"We got great feedback from our players after his recruiting trips. He really impressed them. We were so excited when he committed to our program."

Coach Miller stated that Tanner is a good enough athlete that he could play a number of positions, including running back, receiver and defensive back.

Among other Garden City football recruits for the upcoming season are Michael Capo, Atwood, athlete; Tyler Gastineau, Goodland, outside linebacker and Dustin Temple, Garden City, receiver.

A brand new stadium will have plenty of room for fans to watch the Broncbusters this fall. It features new top of the line playing turf.

Norton wrestler will compete in classic

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Senior Branson Addington, the only individual champion on this year's Norton Community High School state champion wrestling team, has been chosen to wrestle in the prestigious 2014 Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association Senior Classic this evening in the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

Branson, who wrestles at 113 pounds, will be one of the Class 1-2-3-4A wrestlers who will compete against the Class 5-6A wrestlers in a dual format.

Branson compiled a 32-6 record this season and defeated a previously unbeaten and No.1 state ranked wrestler for the state championship. He competed in the state tournament all four years in high school and placed twice.

Branson has also been chosen to the first team on the KWCA Senior Academic Team for 2014.

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Outstanding Norton senior football player Tanner Furbush is pictured signing a letter of intent to play football for Garden City Community College. Pictured with him are his step-father Terry Petrie and mother Sondra Petrie. In the back is Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin. *- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd*

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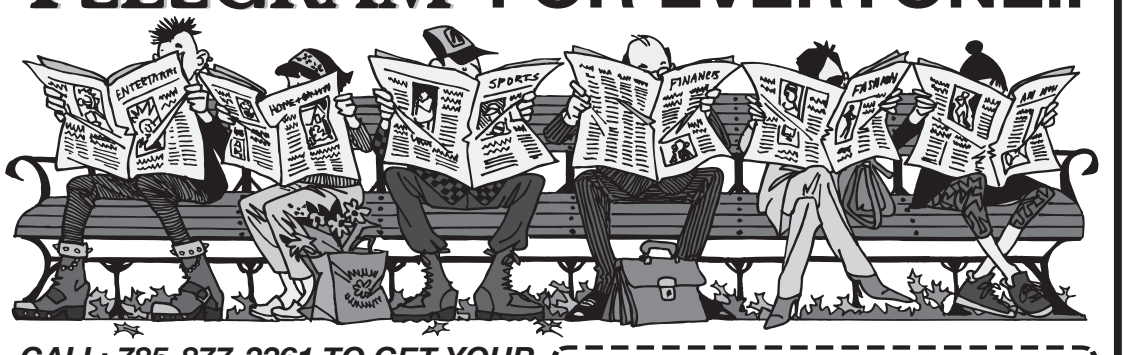

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B. Bus loading, parent pick-up, and walker separation at Eisenhower Elementary School (EES)
C. Controlled access entry points at each building
D. Enhanced door security and locks
E. Eliminate the use of the modular at EES

II. Space for Teaching
A. Pre-K
1. Early Childhood: increase space for current program
2. At-Risk 3 and 4 year old: add space so we can BEGIN a program
B. Kindergarten Classrooms
C. Science room upgrades at Junior High
D. Additional P.E. space at EES that would also be available for use by community recreation
E. Improve JH-SH Band/Vocal space
F. Improve electrical access in current classrooms
G. Eliminate the use of the modular at EES

III. Space for Improved Student Support
A. Two additional Locker rooms at Stull Gym
B. Expand Stull Gym Lobby
C. Student Services
1. administrative space
2. speech therapy
3. resource rooms and ESOL
4. counselors
D. POSSIBLE USD Office space: lease with city to expire in 2015
E. Handicap seating at the East Campus Gym
F. Replace old roofs
G. Eliminate the use of the modular at EES

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