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Tuesday
January 4, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of J Burton Schrum

Briefly
Soccer league
plans to hold
registration days

Teams of the American Youth Soccer Organization are forming. Registration will be 5-8 p.m. Friday and from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Valley Hope office, 309 E. Main. Organizer Julie Baughman said there are five age groups between 4 1/2-13. A \$30 registration fee covers all expenses including the uniform of shirt, shorts and socks, all fees and insurance. If a child registers after Saturday, the fee will be \$35. Parents will be asked to sign a medical release form. Children from Norton, Alma, Lenora, Logan, Edmond and rural areas are invited to join the organization. The soccer season will be from April 2-May 21. Volunteers are needed for coaching positions, as referees and board positions. David Unkel, the regional commissioner, may be reached at 877-2696, Mrs. Baughman at 877-2678 or you can register online at www.eayso.org. For information about the soccer organization, www.soccer.org.

Boostersto meet
on Wednesday

The first Blue Jay Booster Club meeting of the new year will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Norton girls basketball coach Kevin Ilka, boys basketball coach Doug Feusink and Norton wrestling coach Bill Johnson will give fans an update on competition by their teams. Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Snow...cooler. Snow accumulation of 2 to 3 inches. Lows around 7. North winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 90 percent. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with snow likely then chance of snow early in the afternoon. Snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches. Total snow accumulation 9 inches.

Howell report:

Thursday High 63, Low 22
Friday High 52, Low 27
Saturday High 39, Low 19
Sunday High 34, Low 22
Monday High 33, Low 21
Week ago High 43, Low 25
Month ago High 44, Low 30
Year ago High 27, Low 14
January precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 00.00 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to listen to you and to those you send, even when they say what we don't want to hear. Amen



Three-day-old Dalton Buffington sleeps as his parents Samantha and Kevin Buffington admire their son. He was the first baby born at the Norton County Hospital in 2005. — Photo by Carolyn Plotts

First baby
to get lots
of goodies

Arriving at 5:26 a.m. New Year's Day, Dalton James Buffington became Norton County's first baby of the new year. He's just carrying on a family tradition. His mother was Norton's New Year's baby in 1982. Dalton, the son of Samantha and Kevin Buffington, was born at Norton County Hospital weighing in at 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. He has a sister, Ashlynn, 2, and a brother, Carson, 3. Ashlynn has already proclaimed, "He's my baby." Mr. Buffington is a correctional officer at Norton Correctional Facility and Mrs. Buffington is a certified nurse's aide at the hospital. She plans to return to work at a later date. Grandparents are John Rojas, Norton; Cindy Wright, Alma; and Ken and Vera Buffington, Scott City. Great-grandparents are Dean and Ann Husted and Raymond Rojas, Norton. Great-great-grandmother is Margaret Husted, Hoxie. Norton merchants extend a welcome to the newest Norton resident with gifts and congratulations. Town and Country Kitchen will present a \$20 gift certificate. Elicia's Hair Design will give the new mom a free hair cut and style. (Continued on Page 5)

Cold, ice hit area; cause cancellations

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Icy roads are to blame for the spate of accidents in Norton County since Sunday night. The forecast office in Goodland put out a Winter Weather Advisory around 2 p.m. Sunday. Patrick Burke, a meteorologist at the office, said freezing drizzle started around 7 p.m. from Leoti to Hill City. When the ground is cold, Burke said, freezing rain creates a slick surface immediately as it hits roadways. "We are advising people to drive defensively," he said, "as a combination of black ice and fog will make for hazardous conditions." Burke said he expected more drizzle Monday night and conditions to worsen into Tuesday morning. Snow accumulations should reach from 4 to 6 inches with higher amounts north of U.S. 36. "We're expecting the second and more powerful storm to come through Tuesday," he said, adding that snow may continue into Wednesday morning. Highs today are expected to remain in the 20s with overnight lows in the single digits. "People should definitely prepare themselves for a winter storm," he said. In Norton County the Kansas State Highway Patrol worked two separate accidents that occurred Sunday within 100 yards of each other on the viaduct east of town. The spokesman for the patrol said there were no injuries and both drivers were wearing their seat belts. Alyssa Kaus of Norton was driving a vehicle with two passengers. Jacinto (Continued on Page 5)



Sunday night's ice storm caused work for everyone. Rich Risewick chipped ice and pushed it off the parking area on the north side of Lamboree Foods. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Store tries to keep adult magazines from minors

By VERONICA MONIER

A Norton resident is upset about graphic magazines, including Playboy and Playgirl, that are being sold at a local convenience store, but the store manager says she can't do anything about selling the magazines or where they are located. Ruth Brown asked the Norton City Council last week why they couldn't stop Time Saver from selling pornographic magazines or at least have them move the magazine stand to behind the counter. The magazines are in a case at the far end of the front counter from the door. Adult material is in the top of the two-tiered rack with magazines including Hot Rod, Looker (Babes • Sex • Stuff), Stuff, Playboy (Bonus CD inside: 50 Hottest Nudes), Club, Club International, Cheri (American Orgy Sex Magazine), Playgirl, Maxim and Leg Show (Flirty Foxes in Nylons). Blinder racks cover at least two-thirds of the material, most of which are in plastic shrink wrap. City Attorney Karen Griffiths told Ms. Brown that the city can support what state laws say, but can't make the store move the stand or not sell them. State law says that material that "might be harmful to minors" under the age of 18 can't be displayed and also "prohibits the sale, furnishing, presenting or distribution to any minor". But, the law says that if the material is behind blinder racks, then the person or company can't be prosecuted. The city falls under state law, said Mrs. Griffiths. She said the state law is based on the standards of what obscenity is, as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court. Time Saver Manager Ruth Winters said there is nothing she can do about the magazines or where they are placed. She said the Norton store has to do what the corporate office in North Platte says. The corporate office, R&C Petroleum, has a contract with Cowley, a magazine distributor, which decides where the magazine stand is located in the store and what is sold. Ms. Winters said the contract is for all of the magazines or none. "Before, we were able to keep the stand behind the counter," she said. "But since we've had to put them in front, we check (Continued on Page 5)

Storm causes slips and wrecks

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 Calibo, Omaha, was driving a van carrying seven passengers.
 One vehicle slid into the south side of the bridge, while the other hit the guard rail on the south side.
 On Monday Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said he had only had one accident reported that could be attributed to the ice.
 Sunday evening about 8:45 p.m., Lindsey Jessup, 18, Almena, was driving a 1993 Dodge Dakota pickup, headed west on U.S. 383, north of the Almena viaduct.
 Sheriff Thomson said she lost control of the vehicle, and it hit the north ditch and rolled. The Norton County ambulance was called to transport Miss Jessup to Norton County Hospital where she was kept until late Monday afternoon.
 Norton City Police Chief Lynn Menagh reported three ice-related

accidents on Monday. He described them all as minor "fender-benders" with no injuries.
 Several residents have lost their footing on the slick sidewalks. Injuries ranged from a possible broken hip to twisted ankles and bruised dignities.
 Although both the Norton and Northern Valley schools were closed on Monday for teacher in services other districts in the area including Oberlin were closed on Monday because of the bad weather. All area schools were closed again today because of the storm and dangerous roads. At press time the Norton vs. Oberlin game had not been re-scheduled.
 The basketball games scheduled for Northern Valley at the Cambridge Tournament on Monday and Tuesday nights were postponed until Thursday.



An ice storm on Sunday cause roads in the area to turn into skating rinks. A pickup missed the stop sign but found the ditch on west Washington, where the road is steep in all directions. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

County's chemicals keep noxious weeds at bay

By VERONICA MONIER
 Last week the Norton County commissioners were asking about how much and what kind of chemicals its Noxious Weed Department keeps on hand.
 Department Supervisor Reggie Beckman said he stocks several chemicals to kill the four main noxious weeds in the county — bindweed, musk thistle, Canada thistle and Johnson grass.
 Mr. Beckman said to kill bindweed, his department uses mainly a combination of 2-4-Ds — Amine and LV Ester — and Tordon. The 2-4-Ds are stimulants like steroids, which makes the weeds grow, making the plant take in the poison better.
 This means the weed killer can only be used when the weeds are growing. Dormant plants won't take up the stimulants or poisons.
 He said on bindweed, Roundup

and Banvel can also be used, including a combination of Roundup and the 2-4-Ds. But, he said, he generally uses the 2-4-D/Tordon combination.
 For musk thistle, 2-4-Ds, Banvel and Tordon can all be used. There is also a chemical called Escort that is used. He said the county generally uses a Tordon/2-4-D combination.
 Mr. Beckman said there are some new chemicals coming out to kill musk thistle. He said the weed department also carries a few other chemicals that can be used to kill musk thistle, but it doesn't have a large quantity of them.
 He said to kill Canada thistle, 2-4-Ds, Tordon, Banvel and Roundup can all be used. A chemical called Redeem can also be used. Once again, he said the county usually uses a combination

of Tordon and 2-4-Ds.
 Johnson grass is different from the other noxious weeds, because the grasses around it are killed as easily. He said to determine what and how much chemical to use, you have to look at how big the plant is when you are ready to spray.
 He said to kill Johnson grass, MSMA, Roundup and Plateau are the chemicals the county has on hand. He said he doesn't use the MSMA much anymore, because he doesn't like what is in it. Generally, people will use Roundup, but he's been using Plateau lately, especially on the county's weeds.
 Plateau, he said, is more expensive at \$277/gallon. Amine costs \$8.90/gallon, while LV Ester runs \$15.25/gallon. He said the department hasn't bought Tordon for awhile because it had a big stock, but the last price he had on it was

\$83/gallon.
 Roundup runs \$22.50/gallon, while Banvel costs \$76/gallon, Escort costs \$17.85/ounce, Redeem costs \$75/gallon and MSMA costs \$23.50.
 Those are the prices that the county paid, he said. But, because of a budget cut and state law, the county is cost sharing on all of its chemicals for noxious weeds, giving buyers a price break. The cost sharing is only for noxious weed chemicals, however, he said.
 Mr. Beckman said it just de-

pends on what you're spraying and how big the plant is when figuring how much chemical to mix with water for the spray.
 He said he probably uses the 2-4-Ds the most, using a little over 1,100 gallons on the noxious weeds in the county last year.
 Tordon is the chemical that is used the second most. He said he used about 300 gallons last year.
 Most of the county's chemicals are bought from UAP Pueblo with the rest coming from VanDiest, both national distributors, he said.

He said like everyone else, the chemical companies will give buyers a little bit of a price break at the end of the year, because they are trying to get rid of their stock.
 Right now, he said he's not buying any more than he needs. What he bought in 2004 should cover 2005, with all of it probably being used.
 He said, once again it just depends on what weeds are out there, which is something he won't know until he sees their ugly little heads in the spring.

Employees keep magazines from youngsters

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 the plastic covers every day, and if there are any holes, we pull them (the magazines) immediately."
 She said the stand has a sign posted on it that says the magazines can't be viewed or bought by anyone under 18.
 She also said they card everyone who buys the magazines and stop people who aren't 18 from look-

ing at the plastic-encased magazines.
 Ms. Winters said when she objected to the magazines, she was told from the company that "they're not 'porn' they're 'art'."
 She said she suggested to Ms. Brown, when she came in to complain, that she ask if the city council could do anything.
 The magazines in question have

about three inches of the tops showing.
 The periodicals are also wrapped in a protective bag, which keeps anyone from opening them or from seeing too much of the cover when not behind the blinder.
 Ms. Winters said Time Saver is the only store to carry the magazines.



Jeff Roe appears to have control of his son Lance during the first annual Norton Community High School Father/Son wrestling practice on Thursday in the wrestling room at East Campus. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Boy first baby born in Norton in 2005

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 Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse will provide a balloon and flower arrangement for the new baby.
 Kathy at Shear Magic Beauty Salon is ready to give the new mom a haircut.
 Felton's Ace Building Center has a \$20 gift certificate for the new parents.
 A "Frame-A-Name" Teddy bear mat and letter stickers are waiting for the new baby at Artline Graphics.
 Moffet Drug Store will provide a keepsake baby book.
 American Family Insurance has a special Teddy bear for Dalton.
 Norton Shop and Save will present the new parents with a large package of disposable diapers.
 Beth L. Lee, a therapeutic massage specialist, will help the new mom relax with a free one-hour massage.
 A surprise gift is waiting for the new parents at Sander Furniture

and Gifts.
 Russ' Jewelry and Repair has a \$25 gift certificate for Norton's first baby.
 Murnahan Decorating Service has a special gift for the baby.
 Ron and Vicki Fisher, owners of the Brooks Motel, Norton, have a Teddy bear just for Dalton.
 Bodyworks Massage Therapy will give the new mother a 60-minute massage.
 Quiznos Sub has a gift certi-

cate for the new parents.
 United Northwest Federal Credit Union has a special gift for the baby.
 Hot Shots will give the new parents two photo sheets.
 Norton Glass Company will help the Buffingtons decorate the baby's room with four rolls of in-stock wallpaper border.
 The Norton Telegram presented the new parents with a six-month gift subscription.

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