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Sports:

Northern Valley girls lose in basketball. J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament here Saturday. Norton boys, girls beat Stockton in basketball.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Richard Martin

Briefly

Blood drive set for Jan. 17

The need for blood is real. Every day, approximately 35,000 units of blood are used to help those in need. You can donate during the Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the National Guard Armory. All donors will receive a free t-shirt. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Club rescheduled for Thursday

Zero temperatures and icy streets forced the cancellation of the December meeting of the Mid-Century Federated Club. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday at the home of Carolyn Higgason with the December program being presented. Co-hostess will be Maxine Wilfong. Members are reminded to bring their annual report of volunteer hours.

Paper needs weather watcher

For 10 years Paul and Pat Howell recorded the daily temperature highs and lows for *The Norton Telegram*. Following Mr. Howell's death in November, Mrs. Howell has continued the daily reports. However, she feels it is time for someone else to take over. If you are an interested weather watcher and would enjoy keeping those records, please call *The Telegram* at 877-3361.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows around 30. West winds around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds around 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Monday and Monday Night** — Partly cloudy and cooler and breezy. Highs in the mid 40s. Lows in the lower 20s. **Tuesday and Tuesday Night** — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the lower 20s.

Prayer

Dear God, in difficult times, strengthen us according to your word, and help us to share your strength with others. Amen



The first baby born at Norton County Hospital in 2006 is Mia Royal Rogers. She is cradled (above) by her parents, Jason and Aliasha

Rogers, Selden. Little Miss Mia (below) slept through her first interview. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

First baby to get lots of goodies

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The wait is over. Norton County Hospital welcomed the first baby born in the new year at 1:07 p.m., Wednesday. Little Miss Mia Royal Rogers was born by cesarean-section to Jason and Aliasha Rogers from Selden. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and measured 20 inches long. "We are so happy with our doctor, Dr. McKinley. He's the main reason we drive down here," said the baby's father. The Rogers family is engaged in farming and raising cattle. Mrs. Rogers is a dental assistant in Colby for Dr. Karen (Continued on Page 3)



County landfill ready to use new covering

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Landfill hadn't used its new alternative cover machine yet on Tuesday, but was planning to do so this week. Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the county commissioners Tuesday that the new spray equipment for the alternative cover arrived late last week and that they planned to use it this week. He said they were going to shut down early Tuesday and get it done. "It's 500 gallons and came complete," he said. "I think it's going to be all right. They said if we have any problems to give

them a call and they'll walk us through it." Commissioner John Miller asked where they were on getting more windscreens built. Mr. Archibald said they were in the process of being built. Mr. Miller asked if they were having problems with blowing trash. "A little, but mainly it's swirling trash that goes over the fences," Mr. Archibald said. "But, we've been able to get out there in the mornings and get it picked up." Mr. Archibald said the landfill had an incident on Dec. 23. A woman came out with a washing machine attached to a

dolly. They helped her unload it but then it fell over and put a dent in her truck, he said. "She wanted to know what we were going to do about it," he said. "I told her to get three estimates, but we haven't heard from her yet." Mr. Miller questioned whether the county was even liable. County Counselor Doug Sebelius said even if the county wasn't liable, they still need to contact the county's insurance company. "They may need to know something we (Continued on Page 5)

Emergency Medical Service had a busy year

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Medical Emergency Service has been busy in 2005. The service went out on 434 calls this year, which is just slightly below last year's total of 462, but more than 2003's 394. Volunteers and full-time technicians were called out for 193 Norton emergencies, five non-emergencies in Norton, and 54 stand-bys. They made 22 runs to Almena, 13 to Lenora, two to Densmore, three to New Almelo, two to Clayton, two to Reager, 32 to Hays, 30 to Kearney, five to Wichita,

two to Beloit, two to Salina, two to Topeka, one to Larned, one to Lansing, and one to Lincoln, Neb. Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen said the first responders in Almena cut the scene time from 10 minutes down to four minutes. Several times, he said, Norton ambulances went to Lenora because there was only one responder there. Both units would go to the scene, but the Norton ambulance was needed to transport the patient to the hospital. Norton and Lenora responded to the same scene 10 times.

The service had 10 disregard calls in Norton and another four in Lenora. They had 28 runs to the Norton airport, nine of which the patient was flown to Kearney, another nine to Wichita, three to Hays, two to Kansas City, one to Omaha, and one to Lincoln, Neb. The final three are unknown. The Norton ambulance also drove to the Phillipsburg airport once. Mr. Nielsen said they've made more runs to the prison this year. Three runs were made to the Norton Correctional Facility, but more were made to other pris- (Continued on Page 5)

Deadline for filing is Jan. 24

By VERONICA MONIER

People in Norton and Lenora have a couple of weeks to decide if they want to run for city office. The filing deadline for the April elections is noon on Tuesday, Jan. 24. People who wish to run can file at either the Norton or Lenora city office. In Norton, up for election are Ward I Councilman Jerry Jones, Ward II Councilwoman Donna Foley, and Ward III Councilman Jim Williams. Councilmembers Larry Shepard, Phil Rule and Deborah Anderson are up for election in Lenora. A primary election will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 if more than two people file for one position. Residents have until Feb. 13 to register to vote in the primary election. The general election will be held Tuesday, April 4. Residents must be registered by March 20 to vote in the general election. The boundary of Ward 1 is defined as the area east of State Street to West Woodsfield, then going west on West Woodsfield to North Second Street, then south to West Washington, then east to State Street and south. The boundary of Ward 2 is defined as the area west of State Street, going south to West Woodsfield, then west to West Avenue, north to U.S. Highway 36 and west. Ward 3 is defined as everything south of West Woodsfield and west of Second Street, going west to West Avenue, then north to U.S. Highway 36, then west to the west city limit, then south to the south city limit, then east to State Street, then north on State Street to West Washington, then West to South Second Street and then north to West Woodsfield.

State of curbs is on the city council's mind

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council is discussing into what can be done about the curbs around town that need to be replaced. Councilman Jerry Jones said since the snow and ice have melted, he's seen a lot of broken curbs around town and wondered if the city or homeowners should pick those up. "It's seems like its a safety issue," he said. City Administrator Rob Lawson said he can have city crews pick them up. But, he said, he's been told if the city removes the piece of curb and someone stumbles and falls, then the city is liable for it. Homeowners and business owners are responsible for fixing curbs. He said they had the same problem in St. Francis when he worked there. What they did there, he said, was pick someone to drive around and locate all the curbs that needed to be replaced. The city got a bid and paid for all of the broken curbs to be replaced and then gave the people a year to pay for their part or it would be assessed on their taxes. Mr. Lawson said it started in city council and then a public hearing was held before it was done so anyone could voice a complaint. He said 90 percent of the people said they wanted it done and were happy to pay for it. There were two people, he said, who said they could do just as good a job replacing their curbs as the contractor and also do it cheaper. He said the city gave them a deadline to have it done; both did and both jobs were done up to the city's standards and met all the specifications. He said whether Norton crews were to pick up the curbs or not, it was a safety issue either way and an eyesore as well. City Attorney Chuck Worden said they (Continued on Page 5)

New fitness center open for business

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

"Exercise isn't boring anymore," said Gloria Zwickle, owner of Fit To Go exercise facility at 411 E. Holme, Norton. Mrs. Zwickle said, "With the circuit you're always moving — always changing."

Fit To Go has two work-out rooms. One contains 12 PACE equipment stations and 12 aerobic stations. Robert Cotton, a certified PACE trainer and employee of Fit To Go, said if someone were to complete the circuit three times, it would take between 38 to 40 minutes. He recommends an exercise routine of at least three times a week. "More is better," he said.

Mr. Cotton has enrolled in college courses to become a fitness and nutrition instructor. He has been working with the PACE brand equipment for two years.

The other work-out room is for stationary equipment. It contains a treadmill, two elliptical machines, a stationary bicycle, a gravity machine, two weight benches and a Marcy weight machine. There are televisions in each room and a play area to entertain children with a sofa, chairs, television and video player.

Children can do more than just hang out while their parents do the circuit. With the family rate plan of \$45 a month, the whole family can work-out together. A PACE brochure says, "PACE is safe for kids because there's no weight resistance. Kids love PACE because there's no peer pressure and it's fun."

Mrs. Zwickle invites everyone to come in and try the circuit. She said, "We have plenty of parking and there's no pressure to join. Try it out — see if you like it." There



Betty Cotton works out on one of the PACE equipment stations at Fit To Go, 411 E. Holme. The exercise center opened Dec. 31.

are no contracts to sign and the fee is \$27 per month.

Hours for Fit To Go are 6 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday; and closed Sunday.

To talk to Mrs. Zwickle or Mr. Cotton call 874-4306.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

City council looks at broken curbs

(Continued from Page 1) needed to be careful about picking up the broken curbs, since it is the homeowners' responsibility. The owners, he said, may be waiting for warmer weather when they will try to cement the pieces back together or fix the curb in some other way requiring the broken pieces.

But, Mr. Lawson said, even if picking up the broken pieces wasn't a good idea, some kind of curb replacement project would be.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann suggested the Public Works Committee take a look at the problem and see if some kind of solution could be found.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mayor David Corns that sales tax receipts collected for November were \$15,326.74 for the city and \$11,154.79 for the county for a total of \$26,481.53. He said the year-to-date total was \$343,469.95, which compared to the previous year at \$344,595.95.

- Learned from Mr. Lawson that the city office is now accepting credit cards for payments on utility bills and court costs, since the equipment has been set up.
- Heard from Mr. Lawson that

he wants to meet with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment face-to-face to discuss appealing an administrative order from the state for the time frame that the city has to finish the wastewater treatment plant renovations. He said the new deadlines are not impossible to meet, but it will cost a lot more money to do it that quickly.

- Heard from Mr. Lawson that the city is waiting on one more bid from the last engineering company for the pod replacement at the intersection of State and Main. But, he said, it's looking like the awning at the old Browne's building is going to be a problem.

- Adopted Resolution No. 1-2006, waiving the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2006.

- Heard that the city needs to proceed with demolition on the Donald Hayes properties at 513 and 515 W. Main. Mr. Lawson said Mr. Hayes had until the end of the year to get it taken care of and hasn't done so. He also hasn't contacted the city to make other arrangements.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$69,123.52.

Medical service had busy year

(Continued from Page 1) ons like Wichita and Lansing.

The runs to the prison were paid for by Correct Care Solutions, who pays the full cost for the transport.

Mr. Nielsen said working in a small community is rewarding. It really gives them a chance to get to know everyone, he said.

"Norton is a great community to live in," he said. "The full-time staff and volunteers who dedicate their time are great."

"This is a wonderful job and at times a very stressful job. The next call could be a neighbor, friend or even family member. It's just part of the job."

"Knowing we make a difference and meeting new people is very rewarding."

Recently Mr. Nielsen gave awards to Ruth Schillig, Bill Finn and Dan Yost for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Landfill gets ready to use new cover, equipment

(Continued from Page 1) couldn't think of," he said. "Their policy is to let them know if something happens as soon as possible."

Mr. Archibald said, last week this department had one person on vacation and another who was sick. But, he said, he had people from Noxious Weed come and help him.

Mr. Miller asked if Mr.

Archibald knew when training for the landfill's help is going to be.

Mr. Archibald said he didn't know when it would be and hasn't heard from the Department of Corrections. He said his guess is it would be sometime in February because they try to get it done as early in the year as possible. They try to do it at the same time as other departments.

Mr. Miller asked him to let them

know so that they can decide who needs to be sent to it, such as the noxious weed employees.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Sheriff Troy Thomson that there are five people in the county jail right now — of the five, one is there for a year, one is waiting to be transported to prison, and two have court on Monday.

- Learned from Norton County Health Director Gina Frack that the Advisory Board's annual meeting will be held at noon on Monday, Jan. 23 at the Norton County Hospital.

- Held 15-minute closed session with County Clerk Robert Wyatt and Mr. Sebelius for attorney-client privileges.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; FCCLA Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Junior Class Meeting, a.p.; Kay Board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; Junior Class Decorating, a.p.

Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Wrestling vs. Trego and Smith Center at WaKeeney, 5 p.m.

Friday — FFA Denver Stock Show; Varsity Wrestling at Newton, 11:30 a.m.; Jazz, a.p.; Junior Varsity Wrestling at Elm Creek, 2:30 p.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Trego, Here, 5 p.m.; FCCLA Potato Bar, Cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday — FFA Denver Stock Show; Varsity Wrestling at Newton, 9 a.m.; Mid Continent League Basketball, Feather Bracket

Sunday — FFA Denver Stock Show

Next Monday — FFA Denver Stock Show; Mid Continent League Girls Basketball Quarter Finals, 7 p.m.

Junior High:

Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.

Wednesday — Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday — Mid Continent Elementary League Basketball Tourney at Plainville

Eisenhower:

Tuesday — CBM Testing, Second Grade, morning; Fifth Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, 3 p.m.

Wednesday — CBM Testing, Third Grade, morning; Sixth Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, 3 p.m.; Faculty Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; Grades Third and Fourth Level Meeting,

3:40 p.m.
Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

All Schools:

Monday — Board of Education Meeting, Alice Tweed Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Curriculum Coordinating Council, Alice Tweed Center, 7:15 a.m.

Next Monday — Teacher Inservice, No School

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes with country gravy, hot roll, combo salad, peaches or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Long John, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans, coleslaw with carrots, Jell-O or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili Frito and shredded cheese, garden salad, hot roll, pineapple

chunks or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast tomato with picante sauce, potato puffs, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable salad, hot roll, rosy applesauce or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot cereal with assorted toppings, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Enchilada, lettuce and tomato, hot roll, fruit cocktail or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs/ham, pears, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese, homemade bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal with toppers, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Blue-

berry muffin, peaches, milk; Lunch: Ham and beans, celery stick, cornbread, applesauce Jell-O, cookie, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, milk; Lunch: Barbecue beef, homemade bun, French fried, dill spear, banana pudding, milk

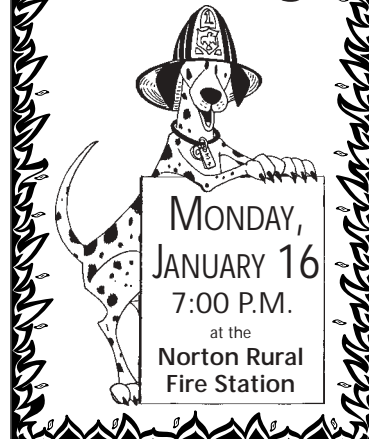
NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High School Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament in Phillipsburg, Northern Valley Girls vs. Logan at 6:30 p.m.; Northern Valley Boys vs. Kensington at 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday — High School Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament at Phillipsburg, Northern Valley Girls vs Western Plains at 4 p.m.; High School Cheerleading Practice at Alma, 7:15 a.m.;

Ruby Payne's Framework for Understanding Poverty at Hays

Public Notice
Norton Rural Fire District Meeting



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Wednesday — Title I Professional Network Meeting at Salina, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday — High School Dance Team Practice in Alma; High School Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Phillipsburg; Northern Valley Boys vs. Logan at 7:45 p.m.

Friday — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Phillipsburg; High School Cheerleading Practice in Alma, 7:15 a.m.

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, cereal; Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, French fries, baked beans, peach slices

Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffles/syrup, scrambled eggs, apple wedge, cereal; Lunch: Sierra chicken, tossed salad with dress-

ing, California blend vegetables, spice cake

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy and biscuits, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Shaved turkey on a bun, tater tots, broccoli, fruit cup

Thursday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, hashbrowns, apricots, cereal; Lunch: Ham-n-scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll/honey butter, beets, fruity Jello-O

Friday — Breakfast: Sausage bagel, scrambled eggs, diced pears, cereal; Lunch: Cavatini, tossed salad with dressing, garlic sticks, cauliflower, apricots

don Anderson.

Mr. Anderson reminded Mr. Waller that his technician's certificate was the first one Mr. Waller had ever signed.

Other counties Mr. Waller visited on his tour were Ellis, Phillips, Decatur, Rawlins and Sheridan.

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