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Norton, Kansas Home of Cherie Keiswetter

Briefly Santa will visit Almena Thursday

Santa Claus will make his final appearance in Almena at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Almena school. The whole community is invited. There will be drawings and prizes.

Bus business slates open house

A new business to lennings will hold an open house from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6. Bus and Coach International will be showing off its new facility in the remodeled Jennings school build-

ing, 307 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Everyone is invited.

Christmas dinner open to everyone

A Christmas Dinner will be held at noon, Monday at the Norton United Methodist Church. It is for anyone who might be alone Christmas Day and would like to spend it with others. This meal is sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Meat and drinks provided, but everyonnne is asked to bring two side dishes. For more details call Karla Reed at the Chamber office. 877-2501

The spirit of Christmas



Country concert to lift the spirits

A free gift of a Country Christmas Concert is being given to the Norton community by the singing duo of Larry and Lee Ann. Larry Henderson and Lee Ann Shearer invite everyone to a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the East Campus Auditorium. Other entertainers include Troy and Kelly Leiker, Karen Medlock, Al Leiker, Linus Sarver, Kayla (Doering) Tiemeyer and the Atwood High School Show Choir. You will hear country, gospel and Christmas music at the concert sponsored by ThunderChord Guitar.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Freezing rain. Ice accumulation around one quarter of an inch. Chance of precipitation 90 percent. Wednesday — Breezy, snow, sleet, freezing rain in the morning then snow and sleet in the afternoon. snow and sleet accumulation up to 7 inches.

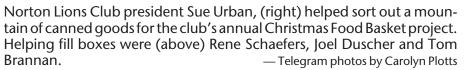
Kingham report:

Friday	Low 27, High 59
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	Low 20, High 43
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(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, no matter where you take us on the journey, help us to reveal you to those we encounter on the way. Thank you that even in times of trial, we can trust in your love for us. Amen



Lions give a helping hand for Christmas

By CAROLYN PLOTTS turned out early Saturday morning to time.' spread a little Christmas cheer through-

out Norton County. Club president Sue Urban said about 90 households benefited from the group's annual service project.

campaign is a great community project to homes with children.

and the Lions Club is proud to be a part of Dozens of Lions Club volunteers it. We had a great turn out and a great

> Tom Baumann is the project chairman. He said this was the 53rd year the club has distributed food baskets.

This year, Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone got involved with the organization and She said, "The Christmas food basket donated new toys to the Lions to deliver



Gardeners can share the joys of the green thumb

By KEITH VANSKIKE, **County Extension Director**

K-State Research and Extension, the Northwest Area office and Norton County Extension are seeking applicants for its Master Gardener Program.

Master Gardeners are K-State Research and Extension volunteers who enjoy volunteering their time and gardens, while sharing their skills and knowledge to help others grow and learn about horticulture topics.

Extension master gardeners receive a basic horticulture course in exchange for hours of rewarding volunteer time. As an Extension Master Gardener you

advance training, a resource manual and abilities. Some common activities inparticipate in field trips.

The training classes will be held in line, attending a speakers bureau, Phillipsburg and are from 9 a.m. to about hosting a demonstration garden, 4 p.m. each Tuesday, starting Feb. 1 and teaching gardening to children and running through March. Instructors will participating in the county fair, or an be state extension specialists and county educational garden tour. extension agents. Topics will include general culture, soil fertility, insects, diseases, extension master gardener, please annual and perennial flowers, trees, vegetable fruits an nuts, household plants, turf and general maintenance and landscape design. Total cost for program registration is \$75; there are educational scholarships ter Gardener program is a cooperative of \$50 each offered for up to two people. project between Norton County Ex-

Master Gardeners can volunteer in one tension and Kansas State University will receive a 40 hour short course, of many activities, tailored to individual Research and Extension.

clude manning a telephone response

If you are interested in becoming an contact the county extension office at 785-877-5755. Deadline for applications is Dec. 29.

The Norton County Extension Mas-

Congressman beginning his 'listening' tour

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Congressman Jerry Moran has posted the upcoming schedule of his eleventh annual Big First Listening Tour.

He will continue his tradition of visiting communities in each of the 69 counties of the First Congressional District and is beginning his annual tour now due to the uncertainty of the voting schedule for the beginning of 2007 under the new incoming leadership.

"Traveling the state on my annual tour provides a great opportunity to listen to Kansans," Mr. Moran said. "I continue (Continued on Page 5)