

Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Cynthia Glennemeier

Briefly
City picking up fallen branches

The City of Norton will pick up all branches and limbs broken during the recent ice storm. Residents are asked to place the branches close to the curbside. City crews with a loader will pick them up as quickly as possible.

Church showing free movie

CrossRoads Church, 313 W. Lincoln, Norton, is sponsoring a free showing of the movie, "Facing the Giants" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 at the church. To learn more about this family-friendly, faith-filled movie call Terry Laughlin at 877-2416

Congressman coming to Lenora

Congressman Jerry Moran will visit Norton County during his 11th annual Big First Listening Tour. Congressman Moran is visiting communities in each of the 69 counties of the First Congressional District and will be in Lenora Friday.

Mr. Moran will be at the Lenora Community Center, 110 N. Main, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday. Area residents are invited to attend.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Norton County Hospital needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of Jan. 1 through Jan. 7. Call 877-3351 and ask for the Dietary Department.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Winter storm watch. Partly cloudy, lows 20. NW wind 5-10.
Thursday — Cloudy. 50 percent chance snow. Freezing rain. High, mid 30s. NE wind 10-35, gusts 30-35
Thursday night — Snow, possible 3 in., low 20, winds N 15-20, gusty, 80 percent chance snow. **Friday** — snow, blowing snow, high 25, NE winds to 35, 80 percent change additional 3 inches snow

Kingham report:

Friday High High 34, Low 19
Saturday High 35, Low 19
Sunday High 37, Low 20
Monday High 34, Low 18
Tuesday High 45, Low 17
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to put aside our anger and love one another. **Amen**

Adding a little spice



Nik Armbrister was intent on decorating his gingerbread house last week at Eisenhower Elementary. His mother, Michelle, gave him a helping hand when he needed it. Making gingerbread houses is an annual activity at Eisenhower for the school's first grade classes.
— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

'Twelve Days' winners chosen

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and 47 local businesses have wrapped up the annual Twelve Days of Christmas give-away.

There were 32 lucky winners this year, with 22 people winning \$50 each and another ten winning \$200 each.

Two \$50 winners were chosen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Nov. 27 to Dec. 20. The final ten \$200 winners were chosen on (Continued on Page 5)

Students challenged to acts of compassion

By VERONICA MONIER

The students of the Norton and Northern Valley school districts, as well as the community at-large, will be challenged to be more kind and compassionate.

Melissa Ross, counselor for the Norton kindergarten through eighth grade classes, told the school board that "Rachel's Challenge" will be coming to Norton on Feb. 5.

The program, which was started by Rachel Scott's father and family after she was killed in the Columbine shootings, is based on acts of kindness and compassion. She said Rachel did a lot with kindness and compassion before she was killed and her family wanted to pass on her legacy.

"The thought is that one act of kindness or compassion will spread to many people," she said.

Ms. Ross said the program is expensive but worth it. She has raised the money needed to get "Rachel's Challenge" in Norton.

In February, a "Rachel's Challenge" coordinator will put on a program in Norton for students in sixth through twelfth grades from both the Norton and Northern Valley schools, she said. After the presentation for the general student population, a second, smaller presentation will be held for the school leaders. A final presentation will be held for the community that night. She said each presen-

tation will come with workbooks, which will, hopefully, help the program continue in future years.

In other business, the board: Received a check for \$7,304.89 from Jon Boxler, representing EMC Insurance. The check was the district's portion of the safety group dividends paid to the 300 schools in the Safety School Program in Kansas. He said a total of \$1,733,890 was paid to the schools in the program.

Learned that PBS will be using a performance by the Norton band in a segment promoting music education. It will also include several interviews, including two from Jill Lively and Doug Sebelius, both (Continued on Page 5)



A member of the Stop Violence group at Norton Correctional Facility, Robert Yoder, right, helped unload boxes of groceries the inmates donated to God's Pantry. Elaine Mann, center, a volunteer at the food bank helped NCF employees, Sondra Petrie, far left, and Sandi Ross, who delivered the food.
— Telegram photo by Sherry Hickman

Community helped by prisoners

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It's difficult for men in prison to do something good for someone. But, men in the Stop Violence program at Norton Correctional Facility found a way to reach out to the community.

Robert Yoder, spokesman for the men in the minimum security part of the program, said, "We met each week and tried to think of things we could do to better our standing in the community."

Their idea was to organize a food drive to benefit God's Pantry, the local food bank hosted by the Trinity Episcopal Church.

With advice from Sondra Petrie, minimum security Stop Violence coordinator, and Sandi Ross, medium se- (Continued on Page 5)