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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

### January 19, 2007

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ray Koel

### Briefly

## Singing couple comes to Norton

Who doesn't remember the 60s songs, "This Magic Moment" or "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"? The man who made those songs famous will be singing in Norton.

The popular nightclub singer, Frankie Valens, and his wife, Phyllis, have a music ministry that began in 1990. Mr. and Mrs. Valens will be performing at 7 p.m., Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at Norton First United Methodist Church.

Their family concert will include classical, contemporary, southern gospel and traditional music. Each will sing solo, they will sing together, present concert piano numbers, hand-signing and skits.

Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be taken for the Valenses.

## Firemen heat up the kitchen

It's time for the Norcat Rural Fire Department's Annual Pizza Fund Raiser.

Today is the deadline to order your pizzas. Payment is by donation only. The pizzas will be delivered Jan. 28.

All pizzas are 12 inches and can be ordered with a combination of: beef, sausage, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, cheese, mushrooms, green peppers, onions, black olives and sauerkraut. Specify if you want them delivered hot or ready to pop into the freezer.

To order call Darren Wentz, 693-4558, or Mark Bailey, 693-4400.

## Fabulous fashions on display Sunday

Norton junior and senior high students will get a chance to sneak a peek at the latest formal attire during Prom Preview.

The preview, which is sponsored by the Norton KAY Club, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the junior high gymnasium.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows around 14. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow in the morning then snow likely in the afternoon. Snow accumulation around 1 inch. Highs in the lower 30s. **Saturday Night** — Cloudy with snow likely. Moderate snow accumulations. Lows around 18. Chance of snow 70 percent. **Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow in the morning.

## Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low -2, High 21  
Wednesday ..... Low -1, High 32  
Thursday ..... Low 16, High 33  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, help us learn to be patient and to trust in you at all times and in all circumstances. **Amen**

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## Top speller going to county bee

By JIM SPRINGER

A large crowd watched 33 contestants participate in the 2007 Northern Valley Spelling Bee held Tuesday in the Long Island school.

Grades four, five, six, seven and eight had their classroom champions there to compete. At the end, two eighth graders, Matthew Dole and his twin sister, Staci Dole, battled it out in 12 rounds to decide the Northern Valley School champion.

Matthew was declared the winner when Staci misspelled "scissors". He correctly spelled that word plus the next word, "hundredth", to secure first place.

Seven students battled for the next places in the contest to advance to the county competition. Tyler Montgomery, seventh grade, edged out Ashley Constable and Sean Braun to be the third junior high representative to advance to the county level.

Meanwhile, Alex Stevens, fifth grade, Olivia Lowry, sixth grade, and Alex Tharman, sixth grade, nudged out Erika Chandler to advance to the 2007 Norton County Spelling Bee.

Daniel Field went out one round earlier on "molecule". Hunter Chandler, fifth grade, also made it six rounds. Others participating included: Tommy Hanes, Kynzie Stevens, Regan Simpson, Aaron Pinzenscham, Brant Cox, Ame

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Eighth grader Matthew Dole stepped up to the microphone and correctly spelled "hundredth" to become the Northern Valley Spelling Champion. His twin sister, Staci, fouled out on "scissors". — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Credit Union holds annual meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

The United Northwest Federal Credit Union of Norton and Oberlin had a great year.

Board Chairman Jim Green said at Monday's 58th annual meeting that last year was the best year financially the credit union ever had. He said they have put in a new computer system and have gotten the online banking set up so that customers can check their accounts from home.

"We (he and his wife) check ours from home all the time," he said.

"And we also keep an eye on our son's accounts, who's in college," he added with a chuckle.

Mr. Green said the credit union offers free checking to college students, which can't be found at a lot of banking institutions. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of all of the services available at the credit union.

Manager Mark Keilig thanked everyone for coming as the start of his manager's report and said the credit union had a very successful year in 2006. He said the economy gained momentum, which increased rates. But, he said, rates have since leveled off.

He said they have upgraded the credit union's computer system, which allowed

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Acting very nonchalant, Jeff Porter dialed his cell phone as he donated blood at the Red Cross Bloodmobile Wednesday. Tom Brannan, in the background, was next in line. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Blood drive draws in a good-sized crowd

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Another successful drive is in the bank — the blood bank.

With 141 potential blood donors showing up for Wednesday's Red Cross Blood Drive, Norton was again well-represented. Only three donors were deferred, and the total number of usable pints was 138 — two units

short of the goal.

Blood drive coordinator Laura Gilhousen said, "With the weather and sickness, I was afraid we might not have a good turn-out. But, everyone was just amazing to make the extra effort and come out."

Canteen workers served water, juice, coffee, sandwiches and cookies to every-

one who donated blood. The sandwiches were provided by the Norton Thrift Shop and the cookies were provided by Busy Beavers, Prairie Dog and Busy Jayhawkers 4-H clubs.

Mrs. Gilhousen said the blood drives will be held more frequently and more volunteers are needed. If you can help, call her at 877-3665.