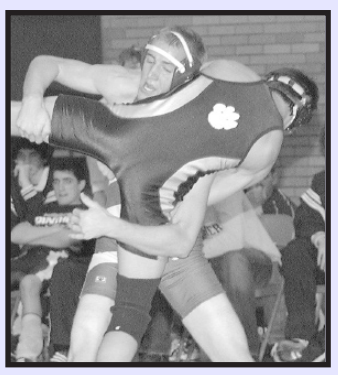




THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday December 17, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Larry Mills

Briefly

Free concert cancelled

The free Country Christmas Concert, scheduled for Thursday night, has had to be canceled due to the re-scheduling of a high school vocal concert. Show promoter, Larry Henderson said, "Of course, we're disappointed — we know a lot of people were looking forward to this. We put on a good show last year and had a better one planned for this year." Mr. Henderson's singing partner is Lee Ann Shearer. They perform in the area as Larry and Lee Ann. Al Leiker, owner of ThunderChord Guitar, Norton, was sponsoring the show for the second year.

Schools get out early on Friday

Northern Valley schools will dismiss classes at 1 p.m. and Norton schools will dismiss at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21 for Christmas vacation. Both schools will resume regular schedules Monday, Jan. 7

Boosters meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, boys basketball coach Doug Reusink and girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka will report on their team's latest competition and preview upcoming contests. All fans of Norton Community High school sports are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight —Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly sunny, with a high near 41. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. **Wednesday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. **Thursday night** —Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. **Friday** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy with a high near 40. **Friday night** — A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 19. **Saturday** — A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 30. **Saturday night** — A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Kingham report:

Friday High 20, Low 10
Saturday High 21, Low 14, Snow 6"
Sunday High 32, Low 5
Monday High 36, Low 16
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Light of the world, open our eyes to signs of your light and love around us and to opportunities to share your light with others. **Amen**



Lion Duane McEwen loaded a box with canned goods to be used in filling Christmas baskets. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Luke Keilig, son of Lions Club member, Mark Keilig, pitched in to help put hams in dozens of Christmas Food Baskets. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Lions do good deeds

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Even though several inches of snow blew through Norton Friday night, Saturday morning found a dozen or more Norton Lions Club members carrying boxes of Christmas goodies to about 90 households in the county.

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City talks about consolidating city county law enforcement

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The Norton City Council is looking into consolidating its police department with the county sheriff's department. In doing so, it had its Public Safety Committee meet with representatives of the county commission and sheriff's department Monday afternoon. After reviewing consolidation agreements from other counties in Kansas, Councilwoman Donna Foley asked both members of the police and sheriff's departments what they thought of consolidating. Sheriff Troy Thomson said this is not

the first time law enforcement consolidation has been brought up. He said they've discussed it about four other times, but initial meetings were as far as it went. The basic gist of it, he said, is that the city will be giving up a certain amount of control to get rid of a headache. He said if they did do this, the city wouldn't see any savings for about five years. He said the police department budget is different from the sheriff's department budget; both cover different things like animal control and insurance. Sheriff Thomson said parameters would need to be set; the city would need (Continued on Page 5)

School looks at student credit recovery program

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The Norton School Board might be implementing a credit recovery program using the new learning center. Superintendent Greg Mann said the board policy for the program, if approved, will allow students to make up credits so that they could graduate with their class. He said the district has been doing something like this for a long time with the seniors. But, they are having more students falling behind faster. What this new policy would change would

be to allow students to start credit recovery at the end of their freshmen year, rather than waiting until they're seniors. Also, he said the policy would only allow a student to re-take a class once during school hours. After that, they will have to make up the credit outside of school, which is where the learning center comes in. He said the student would not be able to go elsewhere to take the class until the student had taken it at least once at the high school. (Continued on Page 5)



Alvin Smith and Christen Skrdlant claimed two of the three remaining \$50 instant prizes Monday. Mr. Smith picked up his ticket from Cindy Lowry at Kowpoke Supply. Mrs. Skrdlant went shopping at Kellie's



Alltel, where she received her ticket from Nicole Wolf. — Telegram photos by Christie Anderson

Christmas On Us wraps up with grand prize drawing Thursday

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This is it! The final days of Christmas On Us are upon us and someone will

be going home with \$1,200 before the week is over. The grand prize drawing will be held this Thursday at the Norton County

Courthouse. The drawing will begin promptly at 7 p.m., so don't be late. Make sure to bring your tickets, because the winning ticket must be present to

take home the \$1,200 prize. As for the instant winners, so far this week, two of the remaining three have (Continued on Page 5)