

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Northern Valley students recognized



The Northern Valley schools recognized all students that either received exemplary status on the state assessments the past year, or were part of a class that earned a standard of excellence during the intermission between the girls and boys varsity basketball games on Friday, Jan. 18 in Alma.

The 3rd Grade Class received the Challenge Award and Standard of Excellence in Math as well as the Challenge Award in Reading. Individuals that received exemplary awards are: Ashton Hall-Math, Graeme Raburn-Reading and Math, Stuart Rose-Reading and Math, Ava Schemper-Reading and Math and Devin Shearer-Math.

The 4th Grade Class received a Standard of Excellence in Math and Reading as well as the Challenge Award in Math and Reading. Individuals that

received exemplary awards are: Carson Buffington-Math and Science, Shayla Cline-Reading, Math and Science, Jasmine Covington-Reading and Math, Matthew George-Reading, Math and Science, Zach Hall-Math, Hunter Hogan-Math, Savannah Kindall-Math, Isabelle Schemper-Reading and Math, Gunner Yocum-Reading and Science and Asia Yost-Reading.

The 5th Grade Class received a Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math as well as the Challenge Award in Reading. Individuals that received exemplary awards are: Caden Bach-Reading, Aidan Baird-Math, Paige Baird-Reading and Math, Sydney Brands-Reading and Math, Ross Cole-Math, Eden Combs-Reading, Kale Cox-Reading and Math, Zoe Cox-Reading and Math, Makenna Hammond-Reading

and Math, Micah Kasson-Reading and Math, Brianna Sammons-Reading and Math, Riley Sides-Reading and Math, Nick Stutsman-Reading and Math, Jaycon Miller-Reading.

The 6th Grade Class received a Standard of Excellence in Reading. Individuals that received exemplary awards are: Shane Cozad-Reading, Katie Johnson-Reading, HalLee Linner-Reading, Chaylee Lowry-Reading.

The 7th Grade Class received a Standard of Excellence in Math and Reading as well as a Challenge Award in Math and Reading. Individuals that received exemplary awards are: Kylie Kinderknecht-Reading and Math, Drake Shearer-Reading and Math, Jonathan Towery-Reading, Math and Science, Carson Wallace-Reading and Math, Brittany Wright-Reading.

The 8th Grade Class received a Standard of Excellence in Reading. Individuals that received exemplary awards are: Colten Bach-Reading and Math, Brooke Baird-Reading and Math, Trey Hall-Reading and Math, Eli Lowry-Reading, Brianna Martin-Reading, Michaela Sorenson-Reading, Shayna Vincent-Reading and Math.

High School students that received exemplary awards are: Hunter Chandler-Reading and Math, and Ian Vincent-Math.

Northern Valley Elementary School received building wide Standard of Excellence in Reading, Math and Science.

Northern Valley Junior High School received building wide Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math.

- Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

### Briefly

#### County spelling bee set for Wednesday

The Norton County Spelling Bee will take place this Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the East Campus Auditorium.

#### Town Hall meeting set for Thursday

Congressman for the First District of Kansas, Tim Huelskamp will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday Jan. 31 at the Town and Country Kitchen in Norton starting at 2 p.m. Plan on attending and letting him know your feelings on the direction Washington is headed.

#### Fundraiser Friday for Post Prom

Norton's Post Prom Sloppy Joe Supper will be held on Friday, Feb. 1 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Norton Community High School cafeteria.

#### Disc Golf tourney to be held Saturday

The Norton Disc Golf Club is hosting a Winter Food Drive Disc Golf Tournament at Elmwood Park on Saturday, February 2 at 10 a.m. Registration will be at White Field's Cafe from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$20.

#### Vets can get help with their claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the Norton City Library to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, Feb. 5. If unable to contact her at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572

### Markets

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Wheat	\$7.79
Milo	\$6.97
Soybeans	\$13.99
Corn	\$7.32

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of snow. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 36. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 21. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high of 34. Thursday Night - Fog overnight.

### Kingham Report

Friday, Jan. 25	Low 20, High 53
Saturday, Jan. 26	Low 15, High 54
Sunday, Jan. 27	Low 23, High 46
Monday, Jan. 28	Low 27, High 44

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the comfort you send us through our friends. Help us to be sensitive to others' pain and to accompany them through hardship. Amen.

## Emergency medical services report to county

By Cynthia Haynes  
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The Norton County Emergency Medical Service didn't break even last year but it did come in under budget for both payroll and expenses and collected about half of its \$500,000 budget.

Two week's ago, Emergency Management Services director Jane Wyatt came to the county commissioners meeting and talked about the problems and challenges for the service.

Norton County has six full-time emergency medical workers besides Mrs. Wyatt, who is a nurse. The service also has numerous volunteers but not all of them are available all the time due to work, school and family obligations, she said.

Volunteers are also scattered out over the county and there are three people taking the latest emergency medicine class and they will be able to volunteer when they are done.

The full-time people are divided into two teams, she said. The state requires that the system have two people available for 911 calls at all times, she said. That is in addition to the people needed to do ground and air transfers and to help on standby at football games, car races, wrestling tournaments and the fair. There were 42 standbys last year, she said.

The system brought in \$274,000 last year and billed more but, like all ambulance services, had quite a few write offs.

Aside from always needing more volunteers, Mrs. Wyatt said, the service has been running into a lot of people who refuse to be picked up after the ambulance arrives. The service doesn't charge for this but it costs to go out on any call.

Mrs. Wyatt said that it costs a minimum of \$120 to do a call and most of the refusal calls seem to come at night.

"Sometimes they're just lonely," she noted. "Should you have to do that. No. Do you do it because you live in a community. Yes."

There were 81 refusals in 2011 and 52 in 2012, she said.

Other calls included 29 standbys in 2011 and 42 in 2012; 104 ground transfers in 2011 and 110 in 2012; 35 air transfers in 2011 and 32 in 2012; 202 emergency 911 calls in 2011 and 246 in 2012; 18 blood draws in 2011 and 10 in 2012.

There is no charge for refusals.

Standbys are partial paid. Many are community service but for those things that charge a fee - races and games - the cost is wages for two people at time and a half.

Blood draws are usually done for the sheriff's department and the fee is \$56 plus the wages of one worker at time and a half. This saves the county from paying for emergency room and

hospital visits. The emergency medical service also does blood pressure, blood sugar and EKG readings for the sheriff's office and jail at no charge.

Ground transfers run from \$260 to \$600 plus \$15 per mile with the patient.

Air transfers are \$600. These usually take one and a half to two hours to accomplish.

Emergency calls are billed at \$450 to \$600 depending on the care given.

Emergency medical technicians - both volunteer and full time - are required to recertify every two years and depending on their skill level can need anywhere from 16 to 60 hours of continuing education.

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## Famous former Norton Author dies

By Miriam Morgan  
*San Francisco Chronicle*

Shirley Sarvis, a San Francisco food writer, cookbook author and pioneer in the art of wine and food matching, died in her sleep at her Russian Hill home on Wednesday, Jan. 16. She was 77 years old and had been in poor health for several years.

When Ms. Sarvis authored "American Wines and Wine Cooking" with St. Helena wine writer Bob Thompson in 1973, little had been written about how to pair food with wine. Her timing was impeccable - the California wine scene was emerging and few people ventured beyond the standard "white wine with fish, red wine with meat" approach.

"She had a really rare palate - out there in the stratosphere - in terms of her ability to taste," said Annie Somerville, longtime chef of Greens Restaurant in San Francisco. Ms. Sarvis and Chalone Vineyard founder Richard Graff helped pick the wines for the restaurant at a time when "no one knew much about wine with vegetables," Somerville said.

Ms. Sarvis began her food career at Sunset magazine in 1957, moving to the Bay Area after graduating from Kansas



State University with a degree in home economics.

From Sunset she went on to a long freelance career, writing for magazines including Woman's Day, Better Homes and Gardens, and Gourmet, and writing several cookbooks, including "Woman's Day Home Cooking Around the World," "Best of Scandinavian Cooking" (with Vic Bergeron).

"She was very good at interviewing and pulling recipes out of people," said former Sunset food editor Jerry DiVecchio. "She fell in love with flavors and would pursue them to the nth degree."

Ms. Sarvis took that ability on the road, staging food and wine pairing meals and seminars at Bay Area hotels, restaurants and wineries. "She would serve food with three or four wines and discuss the qualities that made them enhance each other, then let the audience come to their own conclusions," DiVecchio said.

In her later years, she remained an avid supporter of the Bay Area food scene, frequenting restaurants and farmers' markets as often as possible.

Ms. Sarvis was born Feb. 21, 1935, in Norton, and is survived by three nieces - Joye Lynne Mock, Jeannie Ownes-Arnold and Janet Laird, all of Kansas. Her only sibling, Phyllis Sarvis Smith, died several years ago.

A public memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. on Feb. 16 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1755 Clay St. in San Francisco, Calif.

Donations in her memory can be made to St. Luke's, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra ([www.philharmonia.org](http://www.philharmonia.org)) or Food Runners ([www.foodrunners.org](http://www.foodrunners.org)).

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## Huskies attend forensic meet in Hill City

The full moon hung lazily over the western horizon as five tired Northern Valley students made their way to the Hill City Forensics Meet on Saturday, January 26. The team members this year are: Eli Lowry, Sarah Baird, Camden Cox, Makayla Smith, Kortney Cunningham, Macy Kasson, Ame Baird, Dakota Hilburn, Alex Tharman, Jon Compton, Lance Armbrister, and Shilo Cline. The kids have been working hard getting ready for the tournaments this year.

The students that were able to make it to the Hill City tournament were: Eli - Poetry, Dakota - Poetry, Makayla - Poetry, Camden - Improvised Duet Acting, and Alex - Improvised Duet Acting. Getting the first meet of the year out of the way really helps ease the nerves a little. After the three preliminary rounds, none of the Northern Valley students made it to the final round; however all showed improvement in their confidence and scores.

Our next meet will be on February 2 in Oberlin. Until next time, stick to the script.

