

Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Rudy Perez

Briefly

Blood draw to be Feb. 13

The Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital will be holding a blood draw from 7 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the health department. No appointment is necessary. Payment will need to be by cash or check, as insurance billing is not available. Three different profiles will be offered, all of which require fasting after midnight the night before. Profile one is a health profile and a blood count with differentials for \$40; profile two checks the prostate for \$20; and profile three checks thyroid function for \$15. The three profiles can be done individually or can be combined. For more information, contact the health department at 785-877-5745.

Veterans can get help Feb. 12

A Veteran's representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12 to assist veterans and their families with veteran benefits. Those needing assistance completing the annual Veterans' Affairs verification report and medical expense report, please call 785-625-8532 for an appointment. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are accepted.

Students jumping to fight disease

Third through sixth grade students at Eisenhower Elementary School are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease. They are seeking donations to raise money for research and educational programs. Jump for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. For more information, contact Joan Bolt, the physical education teacher at Eisenhower, 877-2122.

'Quadricycle' wins it



Eisenhower names 'Bee' champion

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Eisenhower Elementary School opened the doors wide to the annual spelling bee held to determine the school's representatives to the county spelling bee. This year, 97 fourth through sixth graders signed up for the school bee held Jan. 31 in the school band room. The bee was organized by school counselor Melissa Ross. Judges were Joan Hale, Lynn Hehn and Wendy Haresnape. As the students entered the band room, they drew a number from 1 to 97, and were seated in the chair labeled with the corresponding number. Miss Ross explained the rules and also pronounced the words. In round 1, "bald" was the first word missed. "Cheek" was the first word missed in round 2 and "miner" was the first word to take out a speller in round 3. As the words became more difficult, more contestants were eliminated. "Dental" was the first misspelled word in round 4 and "preserve" was the first word missed in round 5. At the beginning of round 6, the number of spellers had been reduced to 24. "Archery" took out the first speller in that round and "restaurant" tripped up a speller in round 7. Between round 6 and 8, the numbers had been cut in half, leaving 10 spellers going into round 8. "Ventilate" was the first word missed in that round and "epidermis" was the first word missed in round 9 with only 5 spellers left. Sixth grader Kayleigh Norwood correctly spelled "quadricycle" to claim the title of Eisenhower Elementary Spelling (Continued on Page 5)

An Eisenhower Elementary student pondered the word he was given at last Wednesday's spelling bee. Ninety-seven students signed up to compete in the bee. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Airport needs to finish master plan

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Tom Bennett of B G Consultants spoke to the Airport Board Monday evening and said bids for airport improvements need to be let soon. But, before that can happen all the proposed improvements needed to be incorporated into the Master Plan and submitted for approval to the Federal Aviation Administration. That plan includes the layout of the airport, its runways, taxiways and hangars. It also includes the proposed improvements of a refueling

area and hangar approaches. He said Norton City/County Airport has the approval for almost \$194,000 in grant money and the Airport Board will have to match five percent of that amount. When discussing the plans for a refueling station an automatic system was proposed to enable pilots to refuel themselves in the event an attendant was not available. The board unanimously agreed to have Mr. Bennett proceed with the updates and present the plan to the FAA for final approval.

In other business the board:

- Agreed not much could be done about runway drainage issues until spring.
- Approved the installation of new lightning arrester equipment purchased with insurance monies for the damage done to the Automated Weather Observation Station equipment in a lightning strike.
- Agreed to pay \$124 for the airport's radio license.
- Directed legal counsel to inquire about audit fees from Mapes and Miller CPAs.

Art can be seen around the world

By TOM DREILING

A golden opportunity awaits Norton and area art students with a payout far exceeding anything monetary. Imagine your effort ending up in a place where eyes from around the world can enjoy it. Congressman Jerry Moran told (Continued on Page 5)

Speaker gets great response from students

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It's not too often a speaker gets a standing ovation from junior high and high school students. But, that's exactly what happened Monday morning after a presentation by Nicole Nowlen, a survivor of the Columbine shootings. Miss Nowlen spoke to a combination of fifth through twelfth graders from both Norton and Northern Valley schools about a program called Rachel's Challenge that is being introduced into schools all across America. Rachel's Challenge is named for Rachel Scott who was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Miss Nowlen shared video and audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. She spoke (Continued on Page 5)



Students from Northern Valley and Norton schools listened as Nicole Nowlen, a presenter for Rachel's Challenge, explained the organization's concepts of making a difference and affecting change. Miss Nowlen was in the Columbine school library the day of the shootings. She herself was injured. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy and colder with patchy light freezing drizzle after midnight. **Wednesday** — Cloudy and much colder with areas of light freezing drizzle. Highs in the mid 20s. **Thursday** — Flurries and patchy light freezing drizzle.

Kingham report:

Friday Low -7, High 19
Saturday .. Low 5, High 22, Trace of Snow
Sunday Low 9, High 32
Monday Low 16, High 45
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Father God, for giving your son to die for us. Help us each day to make small changes that will free us to be more fully yours. **Amen**