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## Friday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Bobby Annon

### Briefly

## 'Classic' set for Tuesday night

All Norton wrestling fans are invited to the annual Blue and Yellow Classic at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening in the Norton Junior High Gym

Norton Community High School wrestlers will compete in some of the ranking matches which will determine varsity competitors in Saturday's season opening Hoxie Invitational Tournament.

"We have a lot of new faces," said head coach Bill Johnson. "Our newcomers are looking to make a name for themselves. We encourage fans to come out and see our wrestlers battling it out."

There is no admission charge.

Ranking matches will continue throughout the week during regular afternoon practice sessions.

## Hidden tickets inside today

You might already be a winner.

Christmas On Us tickets from participating merchants were collected Wednesday and taken to *The Telegram* office.

Three instant winner tickets were drawn and are hidden in today's Christmas On Us ads. Read the ads closely and find the numbers. If you have a winning ticket bring it to *The Telegram* office no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 29 to claim \$50 in Christmas On Us scrip money.

## 'T', 'V', 'W' tags due on Nov. 30

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "T", "V" or "W" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags will be next Friday, Nov. 30. Bring your current proof of insurance so that the vehicle identification number, policy number and current expiration date can be verified. Computers are shut off at 4:30 p.m. daily for balancing. The county treasurer's telephone number is (785) 877-5795.

Driver's license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring your social security card or something that has your social security number on for verification.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Lows around 19. Southwest winds around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

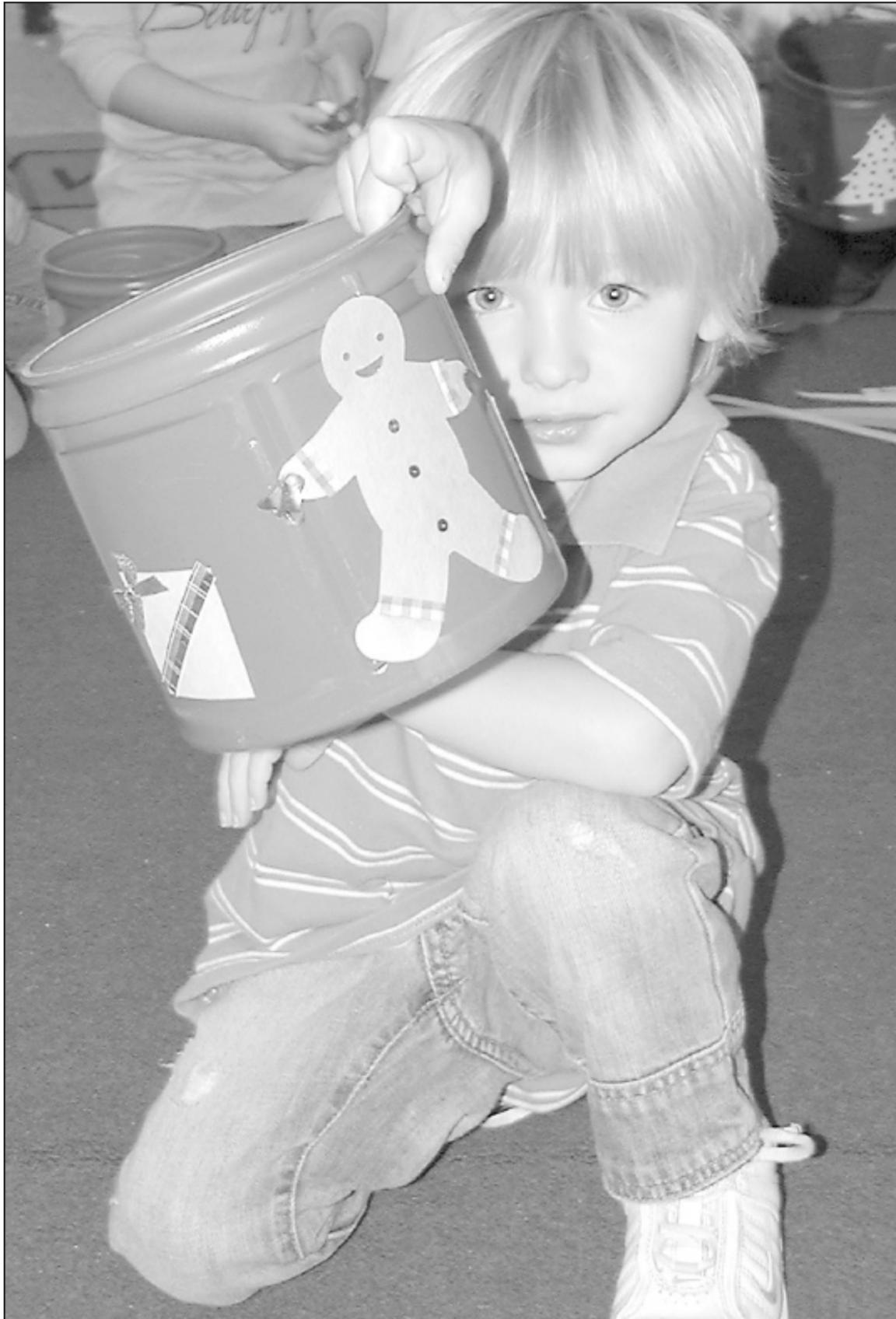
#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 35, High 57  
Wednesday ..... Low 25, High 34  
1 inch snow

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

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the wonderful gift of life, for each new day, and for all the blessings that come with it. **Amen**



## Lions Club gathering for baskets

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Every year for 53 years, the Norton Lions Club has sponsored a Christmas Food Basket project. Lion member and project leader, Tom Baumann, said Lion Dale Brunson started the project in 1954. Mr. Baumann said the goal remains the same as it was in 1954 — to help whoever needs it. Last year over 100 families were helped.

The office of Social Rehabilitative Services provides the names of needy families to Mr. Baumann. School officials, friends and personal referrals add other names to the list. To add a name to the list, call Mr. Baumann at 877-5111.

This year, new collection canisters, made by children at Sunshine Learning Center, will be distributed throughout the community. The canisters are bright red with gingerbread men, Christmas trees and candy canes. Look for them at the grocery stores, restaurants, Moffet Drug Store and Dollar General. The public is invited to help fund the purchase of groceries used to fill the food baskets.

Dollar General is teaming up with the Norton Lions to help bring Christmas joy to area children. The store on State Street in downtown Norton will have a special basket set aside to receive new toy donations. The toys will be included in the food baskets.

On Dec. 15, Norton Lions will meet at the Valley Hope Association Information Services building at the corner of Main and Wabash to assemble and distribute the food baskets.

Showing off his handiwork, Dauson Normile, 4, is proud of the collection canister he decorated for the Norton Lions Club. Dauson is the son of Jessie Normile.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Christmas lights up the town

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Watch closely because when the sun goes down tonight, the Christmas lights in downtown Norton will go on. And, that signals the official opening of the Christmas holiday season.

Last week, city crews completed the task of installing all the traditional Christmas banners and lights on U.S. Highway 36, State Street and some of the cross streets in the downtown area.

The county courthouse is completely decorated and Santa's gingerbread house is ready and waiting for his visit. Santa is planning to arrive in his big red sleigh at 6:30 p.m. today. Mrs. Santa will be with him and they will both greet children in the gingerbread house. In case of inclement weather, Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet the children inside the courthouse.

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will be serving hot chocolate and cookies on the ground floor of the courthouse.

Thursday evenings have been designated the late shopping nights during the holidays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the gingerbread house and sleigh rides will be given on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

## Shopping locally does a world of good

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Norton County businesses and the community-at-large have an opportunity to help one another. Helping that opportunity along is Buy Local Day, which will be held next Thursday, Nov. 29.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker said Buy Local Day is just what it sounds like; county residents shopping locally at hometown stores.

One of the primary concerns of Buy Local Day, she said, is educating the public about why it is so important to shop locally.

"Each dollar spent in a community circulates an average of seven times in that community," she said. "Norton County is fortunate to have the variety of retailers that it does."

Consumers should participate because it keeps money circulating in the county,

helping boost tax dollars, which in turn helps maintain roads and public utilities and services, like the county's parks.

Retailers, she said, should participate because it shows their commitment to the community and their customers.

Ms. Becker said she is encouraging participating retailers to stay open late and have sales on that day.

"You never know," she said. "You might find the perfect Christmas gift for a family member or friend. And at the same time, you help keep open a local retailer."

When deciding where to shop, she said people should keep in mind that local businesses produce jobs, income and tax receipts for their communities. Local businesses are more likely to use local ads, banks and other services, thereby helping yet more businesses in the community.

Also, she said supporting local businesses preserves the economic diversity and the unique character of a community, and it is good for the environment, because it cuts down on fuel consumption by cutting down on the distance shoppers travel.

She said in today's market, it's hard to beat the bottom line. But, by shopping locally, you get the customer service you don't find elsewhere and you help your community at the same time.

The Norton, Almena, Lenora, Edmond and Clayton mayors, along with the Norton County Commission, have all signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 29 as Buy Local Day in an effort to support their local businesses.

Ms. Becker said shoppers interested in shopping locally should look for the Buy Local signs in their local retailers' windows.

## Council passes ATV ordinance

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On Tuesday the Norton City Council passed the ordinance allowing all-terrain vehicles to be driven on city streets.

The ordinance says that people wanting to drive their all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on city streets need to have them inspected by the Norton Police Department. The ATVs also need to be insured.

Once the ATV is registered with the city, anyone in the family who is a licensed driver over 18-years-old can drive it in the city.

The ordinance also allows for work-site utility vehicles to be driven on city streets. Those also have to pass inspection.

Councilwoman Donna Foley asked if there had been any public comment about the ordinance.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said there had been, but it had all been positive.

After showing the council the new registration sticker, he said a former police officer suggested that they have something on the registration form saying that the police can pull an ATV

over anytime for any reason. The former police officer said this would allow them to pull over someone who they suspect is underage.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said legally, the city couldn't do that, because you can't ask someone to waive their probable cause. It's a constitutional right, she said.

And, if the police suspect that it's a minor driving the ATV, that gives them probable cause to pull the ATV over.

The council waived the formal third reading of the ordinance and then adopted it.

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