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## Tuesday

November 27, 2007

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Pat Douglas

### Briefly

## Thursday is 'Buy Local' Day

Shoppers, don't forget that Thursday is Buy Local Day. Retailers around the county are staying open late and offering great bargains to entice people to "browse in-town and shop local". Look for "Buy Local" signs in participating business windows and support your local retailers.

## Quilters gather in Long Island

The Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3, at the Community Building in Long Island. Members whose last name starts with "A through L" are to provide finger food for the Christmas party. Hostesses are Dixie Covington, Jo Pakkebie, Shari Archer and Irma Lee Gebhard.

## Boosters meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will preview the upcoming seasons. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to attend.

## Veterans offered help on Dec. 10

A Veterans Service Representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in Norton on Dec. 10, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the city building. The representative will assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits. Appointments are preferred, although walk-ins are accepted. Call (785) 625-8532 for additional information.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 26. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 48. Breezy with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 18. **Thursday** — Partly sunny with a high near 45. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 20.

#### Kingham report:

Thursday ..... Low 10, High 35  
Friday ..... Low 14, High 37  
Saturday ..... Low 19, High 33, 4" Snow  
Sunday ..... Low 16, High 45  
Monday ..... Low 23, High 44  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Loving and faithful God, we thank you for the goodness you send us through our friends. May we daily make room for you as you come to us in them and honor you by faithfully befriending others. **Amen**



## Cookies help local food bank

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Bakers get ready... the first ever Christmas Cookie Contest is just around the corner.

The contest, which is being sponsored by *The Norton Telegram*, The Sewing Box and The Norton Theatre, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5.

It is a fund raiser for God's Pantry in Norton and will be held at *The Telegram* office, 215 S. Kansas Ave.

Anyone can enter the contest with as many different types of cookies they want. The cookies just need to be homemade. Each entry will cost \$5 and will need to be at *The Telegram* by 10 a.m. on Dec. 5. Each entry also needs to have at least two dozen cookies, so that there are plenty for the judging.

Judging will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day with the public as judges. Anyone can vote and can do so as many times as they want, either for an individual cookie or for multiple cookies. Each vote is 25 cents and the cookie that raises the most money wins.

All proceeds from the contest will go to God's Pantry.

Not only will participants be helping out a good cause, but bakers will also have the chance to compete for a year bragging rights and some great prizes.

The first place cookie maker will receive an apron embroidered by Kay Strevey, a 2007 Taste of Home Cookbook and four tickets to The Norton Theatre.

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Cheri Renner and her daughter, Peyton, 9, work together on a batch of homemade cookies. The two are perfecting the recipe in anticipation of entering *The Telegram's* first annual Christmas Cookie Contest on Dec. 5.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Radiology weighs pros, cons of going digital

By VERONICA MONIER  
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The radiology department at the Norton County Hospital is looking at getting new equipment.

Mitch Bartels, supervisor of the radiology department, told the hospital board last week that his department is considering new equipment, which will enhance radiology.

The equipment, he said, is a digital radiology system and a digital archive. The new system would make it so that the hospital no longer had to use films for X-rays, with the exception of mam-

mograms.

He said it will also allow the hospital's doctors to have almost immediate access to the X-rays. The specialist doctors would also be able to log in to the system to see the X-rays.

Mr. Bartels said the images in the digital archives would be kept for five to seven years. There would be a back-up system in Utah and a separate back up of that system as well.

He said the Hays Medical Center received a grant and is sharing it with seven northwest Kansas hospitals. The Norton County Hospital can spend up

to \$70,000 from the grant. The cost for the computed radiology system and the picture archiving and communication system is \$69,100.

He said the old film digitizer is also on its last leg and will be brought up for purchase later. He said there may be some other support equipment needed, but they will know more after Dairyland comes to see about converting it to their system.

Mr. Bartels said he will get a purchase order ready so that the board can act on it at the December meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that in October, the hospital

had 355 patient days; 65 admissions; 4 births; 21 surgeries; 4,073 out-patient procedures; 1,207 Doctors Clinic visits; and 595 in-patient procedures. This brings the year to date totals up to 1,517 patient days; 264 admissions; 14 births; 83 surgeries; 15,022 out-patient procedures; 4,783 Doctors Clinic visits; and 2,515 in-patient procedures.

- Approved the purchase of a NuStep machine for the cardiac rehabilitation department.

- Approved the write-off accounts and sent the bad debts to the collection

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## Christmas On Us contest gets off to good start

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Two lucky ladies have already claimed their \$50 prizes this week. Will anyone else find their lucky number and claim the rest of the prize money?

JoAnn Roberts of Norton was the first to present her winning ticket at *The Norton Telegram* Monday morning. Her winning ticket, No. 042751, came from Norton Shop and Save. She found the lucky number in the ad for Kowpoke Supply.

Mrs. Roberts said she hasn't really thought about what she is going to spend her winnings on yet.

"I'll probably buy groceries," she said.

Norton's Teresa Daniels was the next to claim \$50 in scrip money. Mrs. Daniels found her winning ticket number in the ad for Sander Furniture. She picked her ticket, No. 042053, from Norton Shop and Save.

Keep looking in Friday's ads to find the remaining instant winner numbers for

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Teresa Daniels (left) and JoAnn Roberts (middle) were the first to collect \$50 for finding their ticket numbers hidden in special Christmas On Us ads, which ran last Friday. Both winning tickets came from Norton Shop and Save, where Rich Hageman, owner, (right) was happy to give the lucky ladies a hand.

— Telegram photos by Christie Anderson