

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Tuesday

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Melvin Harper

Briefly

Senior bingo set for Thursday

Christmas Bingo for Seniors will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. There will be lots of prizes and refreshments for everyone.

'Meals' program needs volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels this week. If you can help, please call Alice Hawk at the Norton County Hospital, 877-3351.

Boosters meet on Wednesday

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson will report on his team's season opening championship in the Hoxie Invitational and preview the Clay Center Invitational this Saturday.

Norton head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink and head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka will preview the upcoming season as well as the opening games this week in the Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland, which begins Thursday.



Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 33. Northwest wind around 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly sunny with a high near 47. **Wednesday Night** — A 30 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy with a low around 28. **Thursday** — A chance of snow, mixing with rain after noon. Cloudy with a high near 43. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. **Thursday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 22.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 12, High 36
Saturday Low 24, High 38, .25 Rain
Sunday Low 20, High 35, 1/2" Snow
Monday High 22, Low 59
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, during this season give us eyes to see all around us signs of Christ's love breaking into the world.
Amen

Contest a cookie lover's dream

By VERONICA MONIER
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Cookie lovers get set... the first ever Christmas Cookie Contest is here.

The contest, which is being sponsored by *The Norton Telegram*, with help from The Norton Theatre and The Sewing Box, will be on Wednesday.

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 as 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 Wednesday. 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. by the public. 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 of 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 (Continued on Page 5)



Grant gains grade school fitness program

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Last spring Eisenhower Elementary's physical education teacher, Joan Bolt, attended a convention where she was introduced to the Geo Fitness Exercise Program. She applied for a grant last summer.

Mrs. Bolt said, "I knew it would be a great addition to the elementary PE curriculum. When I heard about the grant, I was very excited to apply."

She said only two elementary schools in the state won this grant. "What an honor to be one of the chosen schools," she said.

Geo Fitness introduces rhythms, circuits, cross curriculum, games and cardiovascular endurance. These are just a few of the different applications made possible with the program's materials. The nearly \$2,800 grant included two varieties of individual, nine (Continued on Page 5)

Children at Eisenhower Elementary followed the dance instructor on the screen as they practiced dance and exercise moves. The program was made possible by a grant given to the school.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton man earns pick-em championship

By DICK BOYD
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David Riemann, Norton, edged Randy Springer, Hoisington, to become the champion of the 38th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Norton Telegram*.

Three winners each week received a total of \$30 in scrip money but Riemann has received \$50 in scrip money in addition to a trophy with his name engraved on it.

The battle for the championship couldn't have been much closer. Both Ri-

emann and Springer ended the 12-week contest by picking a total of 98 winners of high school and college games. Judges then had to go to the number of correct picks of winners of the 12 tiebreaker contests. Each had correctly chosen the tiebreaker winner six times.

Next, judges checked to see how close each came to picking the actual scores of the tiebreaker games. Riemann was off by a total of just 66 points and Springer missed the actual scores by 118 points.

"There's a lot of luck involved but I'm sure happy to win it," said the modest Ri-

emann, who has been one of the veteran players of the contest for many years. In fact, this is the second time he has won the overall Pick-Em championship.

Both Riemann and Springer averaged just over 8 correct out of a possible 10 games each week for just over 80 percent accuracy.

Giving the top two fans a run for their money was Craig Foley, Norton, who was correct on 97 games to finish in third place overall.

Fourth place went to Jim Springer, Long Island, with 96 correct. Tim Moore

and Nancy Moore, both of Hoisington, tied for fifth place with 95 wins each.

Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; Bob Covington, Almena and Georgie Rora-baugh, Norton, tied for seventh place with 94 wins each.

Rick Green, Norton, finished in 10th place with 93 wins.

The other top placers were: Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Nathan Morse, Norton; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Baylee Miller, Norton, 92 each; Tom Baumann, Norton; Denise Bailey, Norcatur; (Continued on Page 5)

Concert celebrates Christmas

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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"We had so much fun last year, we thought we'd try it again," said Larry Henderson, producer of the free Country Christmas Concert. The concert is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20 in the East Campus Auditorium.

Mr. Henderson said many of the same acts are coming back for an encore performance. He and his singing partner, Lee Ann Shearer, will be headlining the

show, performing several old standards plus some Christmas songs.

He said Al Leiker, owner of ThunderChord Guitars in downtown Norton, will again sponsor the show. Mr. Leiker, himself a performer, will sing a few songs. Other repeat performers will be pianist/vocalist and recording artist Linus Sarver from Osborne and Karen Medlock, Norton.

Additions to the entertainment line-up (Continued on Page 5)

Scheduling conflicts worked out

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton County Horse Council and the Elmwood Park Speedway worked out their scheduling conflicts at Monday's Parks Committee meeting.

Dolt Bolt, Elmwood Park Speedway, said they wouldn't have a final schedule until sometime in January.

Cindy Wagoner, Norton County Horse Council, said on two of the conflicting dates, May 17 and July 12, they would be done by 4 p.m.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said if they were finished by 4 p.m., then the

speedway could get its cars in after that. The biggest thing is that the livestock is out before the noise of the races begins.

Ms. Wagoner said the event on June 7 and 8 was potentially a good revenue maker and that they would rather not give up that weekend. She said it's an overnight event.

She said the events on June 21 and Aug. 23 are both in the evening.

Mr. Bolt said they could look at changing the June 21 race to the next day, which would be a Sunday.

The Aug. 23 race is the speedway's big- (Continued on Page 5)

Taking names...



Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children at the Gingerbread House located on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse. Little Brooklyn Rutherford, four months, was not bothered by all the fuss. She is the daughter of Corey and Lynnette Rutherford, Norton.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts