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## Friday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Dave Long

Briefly

### Paper takes New Year's off

In observance of New Year's Day, *The Norton Telegram* will not be printed that day. *The Norton Extra* will be printed Monday and delivered to all Norton residents that evening. Rural residents will receive their issue Wednesday, Jan. 2. The next issue of *The Telegram* will be printed Friday, Jan. 4.

### Benefit helps family in need

The "Nick" and Jolene Nichols family are new residents of Norton. Recently, they suffered a house fire and are in need of some help.

Friends of the family are hosting a soup supper benefit from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 at The Rock, located at the corner of State and Main in downtown Norton.

Free will donations will be accepted. Donations may also be made to the Nichols family at United Northwest Federal Credit Union.

The menu will include chili, chicken noodle and taco soups plus homemade cakes and pies.

To volunteer or for more information call Laurie Cliff, 877-2322 or 877-5111.

## A tasty tradition



As is now a tradition at Eisenhower Elementary, first graders invited a family member or guardian to help them decorate a gingerbread house in lieu of having a Christmas party last week. Even though

there are no "official" treats, both the kids and adults get their fill of sweets as the decorations are not only edible, but tasty.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

## Holidays close businesses for second week

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For the second week in a row, businesses have to decide whether or not to take Monday off as a holiday. New Year's Eve falls on Monday with Tuesday, New Year's Day, being the official holiday.

#### Banks

First Security Bank and Trust, First State Bank, Almena State Bank and United Northwest Federal Credit Union have all opted to close at noon Monday.

The Bank will close at 4 p.m. Monday and Bank of the West will be open until 5 p.m.

All county banks will be closed Tues-

day, New Year's Day.

#### Service Stations

Countryside Sales and Service will be closed New Year's Day, but the card controlled pumps will be available. Love's and Norton Total convenience stores will both be open 24 hours a day; First Stop will be open from 5 a.m. to midnight and The Station in Almena will be closed New Year's Day.

#### Grocery Stores

Jamboree Foods and Norton Shop and Save will both be open New Year's Eve until 9 p.m. and be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Almena Market will close at 4 p.m.

New Year's Eve. When the store reopens Wednesday morning, their new store hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. will be in effect.

The Country Corner, Lenora, will close at 5 p.m. New Year's Eve and be closed New Year's Day.

#### Restaurants

Most area restaurants will be open New Year's Eve. Adventures will be open until 8:30 p.m.; Attitudes restaurant will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. and the bar will be open 2 a.m.; Dairy Queen will close at 8 p.m.; Pure Prairie Health Foods will close at 5:30 p.m.; and the Time Zone Bar and Grill in Lenora will be open from 5 p.m.

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## Winter 'Acres' planned for Jan. 22-23

Farmers and ranchers interested in the latest technology, methods and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains can learn about them at the "Cover Your Acres Conference", Jan. 22-23 in Oberlin.

The conference, which will begin with registration from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m., will be held at the Gateway Civic Center. It is sponsored by Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance.

University and industry speakers will give presentations on an array of topics over the two-day conference including: New Corn Seed Traits for No-Till; Improving Your Success in No-Till; Recommendations for Wheat; Outlook for Sorghum, Bioenergy, Food and Export; Grain Marketing and Revenue Protection; No-till Wheat 101; Placement and Rate in No-till and Strip-Till; Benefits of Chloride on wheat and row crops; and What Precision Ag Can do For You.

Other sessions will include: Improving Your Success in No-till; Managing pH in No-till; Comparing (Continued on Page 5)

## City gives more time for water plant

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The Norton City Council is giving BRB Contracting a little extra time to finish the water plant.

Chris Miller with Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm on the project, gave a report on the progress of the water plant. He said they asked BRB to do extra work and, because of that, requested that the city extend the deadline when they approved a change order.

He said even with the extension, they wouldn't have the project completed in time. For every day past the deadline, which is Dec. 31, the city gets back \$500.

However, he said, when they ask a contractor to do extra work, they usually give them extra time. The contractor doing the extra work helped the city, he said. They didn't have to do it.

Councilman Ron Briery said the contractor knew what would have to be done when they put together their bid and should have allowed for enough time to get the work done. He said he worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 43 years and 6 months before retiring and had to deal with a lot of contractors. Contractors, he said, know what they are doing and also know how much time a project will need to be finished.

Mr. Briery said he has to answer to the

taxpayers, who will want to know why the deadline was extended when it could have saved them money to not extend it.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann asked if the delay was the city's fault.

Mr. Miller said the delay was caused by an old, buried line that the city couldn't find and so asked the contractor to find it. They ended up going back to records from the 1930s to find where it was.

Mrs. Mann said if it was the city's fault, then it is the city's responsibility and they should grant extra time to finish the project.

Mr. Miller said he felt that 30 to 45 days, which is the extension he was asking for, (Continued on Page 5)

Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 8. West wind around 5 mph.

**Saturday** — Mostly sunny, with a high near 33. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. West wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday** — Mostly sunny, with a high near 33.

**Sunday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

**Monday** — Mostly sunny, with a high near 33.

**Monday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

**New Year's Day** — Sunny, with a high near 26.

Prayer

All thanks to you, Holy Spirit, who continues to give us life. Help us sense your presence in our lives. **Amen**

# Happy New Year!