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Briefly

Chamber to host Christmas dinner

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 26th Annual Christmas Dinner at noon on Dec. 25 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 805 Wilberforce in Norton. This dinner is for anyone who cannot be with loved ones on Christmas Day. A full holiday menu of turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter will be provided.

Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complete the feast. There is no charge for the dinner, however donations will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to help with the meal preparation, serving and clean up. Anyone interested in helping should contact Karla Reed at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office, 785-877-2501.

Telegram has new holidays deadlines

There will be no paper published on Friday, December 25 or Friday, January 1. To make sure you get your December 28 or January 4 ads in we must have them no later than Thursday, December 24 and December 31.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
December 18, 2009

CORN	\$3.86
SOYBEANS	\$8.91
WHEAT	\$4.30
MILO	\$3.62

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Norton, Kansas
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weather forecast

Tonight - Snow. Low around 25 with winds NE at 12 mph. Chance of participation 90 percent. Wednesday - Cloudy, blowing snow with a high of 30, low of 21. Winds N at 10 mph. Chance of participation 90 percent. Thursday - Cloudy, 30 percent chance of snow. High 23 and a low of 13. Winds NW at 28 mph. Friday - Partly cloudy, with a high of 20 and a low of 12. Winds NW at 16 mph. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high of 25 and a low of 12. Winds NW at 10 mph. Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high of 29 and low of 10. Winds N at 7 mph.

Kingham report:

Friday, December 18.....Low 27, High 43
500 precipitation
Saturday, December 19...Low 18, High 40
Sunday, December 20...Low 27, High 46
Monday, December 21...Low 28, High 47
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Help us, O God, to celebrate your gift of love by sharing it with others.
Amen



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Annual Christmas Concert held Monday

Eisenhower Elementary School held its annual winter concert at East Campus last night. (Above) Students in grades first through sixth sang Christmas songs during the concert. (Right) The fifth and sixth grade bands also performed several carols.

—Telegram photos by Dana Paxton



Winter weather expected Businesses close for holidays

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson cautioned against travel later in the week due to a winter storm watch in effect tonight through Thursday night.

He said the National Weather Service, Goodland, issued a winter storm warning beginning tonight.

The storm appeared to be moving into the area slower than expected which will cause an increased chance of freezing

drizzle tonight. Snow is expected to begin tomorrow morning.

Thomson said the heaviest snow is expected Wednesday with eight or more inches expected to fall. Winds are expected to be between 40-45 miles-per-hour Wednesday night, which could cause near blizzard conditions.

Light snow is expected to continue through Thursday.

"If you must travel, it is recommended to do this before the freezing drizzle

moves into the area. Make sure you leave extra time for travel, and make sure that you have a full tank of gas and an emergency kit," Thomson said.

Cities in northwest Kansas included in the winter storm warning include: St. Francis, Atwood, Oberlin, Norton, Goodland, Colby, Hoxie, Hill City, Sharon Springs, Oakley and Quinter, among other areas. Parts of Colorado and Nebraska were also included in the warning.

Businesses close for holidays

By HARRIETT GILL
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Most businesses will be closed on Christmas Day with a few exceptions. Drivers will find that Love's and Norton Total will be open. All area grocery stores will be closed as well as restaurants and discount stores. Many are also shutting their doors early on Christmas Eve to allow their employees time with their families.

Norton City and County offices will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. The Norton Post Office will be open regular hours on Dec. 24 and will close on Dec. 25.

The Doctors clinic will close at 2 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will be closed on Dec. 25.

Norton area businesses with early closing hours on Dec. 24 are:

Convenience stores: 1st Stop Closing at 10 p.m. on Dec 24 - open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec 25.

Grocery stores: Jamboree's hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Main Street IGA's hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; In Almema, the Almema Market will be open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Lenora's Country Corner hours are

Council agrees to equipment purchase

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The power plant was the focus of last Wednesday's city council meeting when City Administrator Rob Lawson reported the recorder broke and a new one would need to be purchased at an estimated cost of over \$7,000.

Lawson said the recorder monitors power coming in from Sunflower Electric as well as power the city sends out.

"It monitors what comes in at the power plant," Lawson said.

He told the council going without the recorder is like driving in the rain without windshield wipers. The recorder monitors voltage and other elements at

the plant.

Lawson said they had enough money to purchase another recorder.

"We need to move on this. We have the money," he said.

MidStates Energy Works quoted a price of \$5,415 plus installation, which would be approximately \$7,015 for a Honeywell recorder.

He said the city could be in trouble if there was a power outage and they needed to generate power.

"It is needed. It monitors every second of the day," he said.

"If we have the money and can do it, we should," said councilman Joe Leroux.

A motion was made to accept the es-

timate and approve the purchase of the Honeywell recorder at an estimated cost of \$7,015. Vote taken, motion passed.

In other council business:

• Mayor David Corns presented Marlin Bozarth an award of appreciation for 60 years of business at Bozie's Barbershop in Norton. The mayor congratulated Bozie for being in business for so long. Bozie thanked the city.

• The mayor reported sales tax receipts collected in October were \$20,390.63. County sales taxes collected totaled \$14,730.82 for a total of \$35,121.45.

• A motion was made to accept the re-appointment of Wally Burton and Karla

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