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Briefly

Yard waste pick-up ends this Thursday

The last day the City of Norton will pick up yard waste will be this Thursday, December 2. So be sure to get all leaves and grass clippings to the curb by 8 a.m.

The Norton Solid Waste Department will no longer be open on Saturdays beginning Dec. 11. The last day to take your loads out will be December 4 before noon.

Kansas veterans rep will be at city office

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the City Office to assist veterans and their dependents with claims Tuesday, Dec. 7.

If you are unable to contact her at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Kids wrestling club meeting next week

Norton Kids Wrestling organization meeting and sign-up will be Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Norton High School Wrestling Gym.

Blue Jay Boosters meet Wednesday

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

Winter sports coaches will be present to preview their seasons. Speaking will be Doug Reusink, head boys basketball coach; Kevin Jilka, head girls basketball coach and Bill Johnson, head wrestling coach.

All Blue Jay Booster meetings are free to the public and you do not have to be a member to attend.

Markets

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Wheat	\$5.95
Milo	\$4.51
Soybeans	\$11.44
Corn	\$4.86

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 10. **Wednesday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 48. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 22. **Thursday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 47.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 23Low 17, High 32
Wednesday, Nov. 24Low 27, High 41
Thursday, Nov. 25Low 10, High 35
Friday, Nov. 26Low 16, High 49
Saturday, Nov. 27Low 23, High 59
Sunday, Nov. 28Low 28, High 56
Monday, Nov. 29Low 26, High 40
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, forgive us when we hold tight to harmful emotions. We are good at rationalizing and justifying our actions. Help us to let go of our pride and hurt, to focus on others rather than ourselves, and to see beyond hurtful words. Amen.



Students participate in the question and answer session that followed a presentation from Senator Ostmeyer on Monday at Eisenhower Elementary.

The senator spoke to the fifth and sixth grade students as part of the America's Legislators Back to School Program.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Students get lesson in legislative process

By HARRIETT GILL
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Eisenhower Elementary School fifth and sixth graders enjoyed a presentation by State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, R-Grinnell, on Monday.

Sen. Ostmeyer is taking part in the "America's Legislators Back to School Program."

The program is sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt coordinated the visits and said it's important because the students are the next generation of leaders.

The aim is to provide opportunities for legislators to meet with young constituents to create a better understanding of the legislative process.

The Senator gave the students a brief explanation of how the legislative process begins in Topeka, the passage of bills, the importance of working with other senators and how important it is to listen to the voters.

Ostmeyer said he enjoys speaking to students because it's important for them to understand the legislative process so they feel involved later as voters.

He told the students to enjoy being a kid.

A lively question and answer session

followed his presentation. One student asked, "How much money do you make?"

Ostmeyer replied that senators make from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

To the question, Where do you live in Topeka? Ostmeyer said that he and his wife rent a home in Topeka for around \$500 a month from a retired teacher who goes to Arizona for the winter. He said, "We basically home-sit for him."

He stressed the importance of having a good education.

"I did not attend college, it wasn't because my family could not afford to send me, we had a profitable dairy. I just didn't think it was necessary. I did not give my

seven children that option, they went to college and received a good education," said Ostmeyer.

Ostmeyer told the students that he became involved in public service first with Farm Bureau.

He went on to become a school board member and county commissioner.

He served two terms in the House of Representatives before being elected to the Senate.

Senator Ostmeyer represents the 40th district in the Kansas Senate which includes 18 counties in Northwest Kansas, including Norton County.

He was elected November 2004 and is currently serving his second term.

Extra crispy



Norton City Firemen were called to a fire at the Norton McDonald's a few minutes before 6:30 a.m. Friday. The fire did some damage to the restaurant; however, it was allowed to remain open. Michael Winters, general manager of McDonald's said he mentioned to a co-worker that he could smell some-

thing but didn't know what it was. A customer came in and asked Winters if he knew the structure was on fire. There were six employees and four customers at the restaurant at the time.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Black Friday sales varied in local shops

By JUDY SHERARD
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Some shoppers took advantage of the nice weather to stay home and shop for Black Friday savings.

Russ Erbert, owner of Russ' Jewelry and Repair, said business was good in his store. It kept the six people he had working for Black Friday and the store's 22nd anniversary sale, busy all day.

"We had eight to ten people in the store all the time for three or four hours," he said.

Along with regular customers looking for hints for loved ones' Christmas gifts, Erbert said there were some new faces.

"Even Saturday was good. If you have a good product and be nice to people, they'll come back."

Cindy Boller, who owns Destination Kitchen along with Georgia Mann, said the store had quite a few shoppers on Friday.

Though they were busy all day, Boller said sales were down from the two previous years the store has been open. However, sales for the month of November are on target with previous years.

"We're seeing people buying useful every day things as gifts," Boller said.

A lot of people come in and look around, and perhaps compare prices, before coming back to make a purchase, she said.

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