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Briefly

Telegram notes holiday deadlines

Telegram ad deadlines for the holidays: To run an ad in the Friday, Dec. 31, edition we must have the copy no later than noon Tuesday. To run an ad in the Monday, Jan. 3, Norton Extra or Tuesday, Jan. 4, edition of the Telegram, we must have it no later than Thursday, Dec. 30. To run an ad on Friday, Jan. 7, we must have the information no later than noon Wednesday, Jan. 5

Clinic to be closed today and Saturday

The Norton Doctors Clinic will be closed today and Saturday and also closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1. The clinic staff wishes you and your family a safe and healthy holiday season.

State park office to close until Jan. 3

The Prairie Dog State Park office will be closed from today to Monday, Jan. 3. The park office will begin accepting camping reservations and selling long-term camping permits beginning on Monday, January 3 for the 2011 camping season. License bargain sales began Dec. 15, when all 2011 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks licenses, permits, and other issues went on sale and are valid for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011, adding more than two weeks to their value. This includes hunting, fishing, park licenses and permits. Licenses and permits can also be purchased online. Cabin reservations can be made 364 days in advance through <https://reserve.ksoutdoors.com> or through the park office.

Library to close through Tuesday

The Norton Public Library will be closed today for Christmas then open up again on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and then they will be closed again on Dec. 31 for New Year's then re-open again on Jan 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Markets

Thursday, December 23, 2010
Wheat \$7.08
Milo \$5.15
Soybeans \$12.50
Corn \$5.48
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight- a slight chance of rain and snow before midnight, than a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low of 16. North wind 5-10 mph and a 20% chance of precipitation. **Friday** - Partly sunny with a high of 35. North wind 10-15 mph. **Christmas Eve** - Patchy fog after midnight. Low of 13 and north wind 5-10 mph. **Christmas Day** - Fog before 9 a.m. Mostly sunny, 32.

Kingham Report

Monday, Dec. 20.....Low 19, High 40
Tuesday, Dec. 21Low 19, High 43
Wednesday, Dec. 22.....Low 16, High 30
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the best gift of all, Jesus Christ, who brings us light and love today and every day. Amen



Students offer music for holidays

Bringing holiday cheer to relatives and friends, the fifth and sixth-grade bands and Eisenhower Elementary School students presented a winter concert on Monday. Shania Burns, Taylor Wahlmeier and Jena Risewick (from left, above) were part of the sixth-grade band while (at right) singers shown are (front row) Trenton Wright and Miah Melvin, (second row) Levi Kendel and Tyus Henson, (third row) Kendra Cadwalader and Colt Dunaway and (fourth row) Kade Unterseher and Tyler Karabin.

— Telegram photos by Dana Paxton



After their graduation ceremony, Alysia Shearer and Michelle Whittenberg congratulate each other with a hug at the reception held in their honor at USD 211 Learning Center, Norton.

Center needs roof, new name

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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The Norton County Senior Citizen Center needs two things — a new roof and a new name.

Center Director Ramona Pabian spoke with the Norton County commissioners last Monday about the center, the county transportation system and image problems with both.

The center needs a new roof, she said, but she was not asking the county for the money, she said, just telling the commissioners what is happening. She said that the center is looking at ways to raise the money — including selling rafters.

“It’s a lot easier selling rafters for \$150 each than a roof for \$60,000,” Pabian said.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said that she would buy one.

The commissioners also suggested that she look at foundation grants and private donations.

The senior building now has a sign that says Norton County Senior Center, Pabian said. That should be changed to Community Center, she said, because only a few of the activities at the center are for seniors.

She said there are more than 21 activities that occur in the building and only two are for seniors: exercises and noon meals

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School surveys help board with its goals

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Climate surveys of Norton Schools were identified in the board of education goal setting sessions for the 2009-2010 school year. The Norton Community High School survey was completed in the spring of 2010 and the results were reported to the Board of Education in April. Surveys for Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High were completed in December.

The Board of Education was presented the results of the Climate Surveys on all the Norton Schools at the regular meeting of the board on Monday.

Sample sizes were: Norton Commu-

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Two receive their degrees from local Learning Center

By HARRIETT GILL
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Norton Community High School’s Learning Center celebrated the graduation of two students on Dec. 15.

Alysia Marie Shearer and Michelle Christine Whittenberg were the latest students to complete the requirements for a high school diploma from the district.

Jennifer Boller, president of the Norton Board of Education, welcomed the graduates. She remarked on the dedication that both had shown to the community, family and friends in their accomplishment.

Michelle Whittenberg, shared her adventure in the pursuit of her diploma.

“It has not been easy for me to do,” she said. “I have a full time job, five children, a husband and a house to take care of. It has taken me about two and one half years to finish my schooling, but I am done now.”

She included in her remarks that she only had two credits toward a diploma when she started the classes at the learning center. Twenty one credits are needed to receive a high school diploma from the Norton Community High School.

“I was thinking, Wow, am I crazy or what?” she said. “I know that some people think they don’t have time, and I tell them I don’t want to hear that, because I have finished mine with hard work and they can, too. I want to be an inspiration to them and to my children.”

Mrs. Whittenberg went on to thank the staff at the learning center for their support and help to her to achieve a high school diploma.

Superintendent Greg Mann presented the learning center class of 2010.

Danna Kelly introduced the students and Jennifer Boller presented the diplomas. A reception for the graduates followed the ceremony at the learning center.

The Learning Center is part of the Norton Community High School and its students must complete the same requirements to graduate and receive a diploma from the district.

If you would like to get your high school diploma, contact the Learning Center and speak with Danna Kelly or Sherry Hoover at 785-874-4333 or drop into the office at 126 S. State St., Norton.

