

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Briefly

## Church choir set to hold concert

The Norton Church of God Choir under the direction of Mary Luehrs will perform the Christmas musical, "His Name Is Jesus."

The performance will be held on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the Church of God. Special numbers will be performed by Dwight Williams, Larry Hillman, Bev Burns, Donna Severns, Mary Boller, LaJuan Gregerson and Jennifer Boutwell. Narrators are Phil Loughry and Jane Burton. The community is invited to attend this special musical event.

## City offices to be closed for holiday

The Norton City Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec 26 for the Christmas holiday. Recyclables will not be picked up this week. Monday's refuse route will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 29.

## Games postponed until January 26

The Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball games versus Stockton in Norton, which were scheduled for Tuesday of this week, were postponed until Thursday, January 26 due to inclement weather.

## Elementary concert set for this Monday

Eisenhower Elementary students will perform a concert on Monday evening. The concert is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium.

## Markets

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Wheat . . . . .	\$5.75
Milo . . . . .	\$5.28
Soybeans . . . . .	\$10.38
Corn . . . . .	\$5.64

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear with lows in the lower 20s. Saturday - Sunny with highs in the upper 40s. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with lows in the lower 20s. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the lower 50s. Sunday Night - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Monday - Partly sunny in the morning.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, Dec. 13 . . . . .	Low 28, High 38
Wednesday, Dec. 14 . . . . .	Low 33, High 42
Thursday, Dec. 15 . . . . .	Low 23, High 39

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

God of our joy, we thank you for the joy we find when we walk with you in trust and obedience. Amen

# Learning Center awards two diplomas

By Carleen Bell  
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Marking the fifth graduation ceremony for the center, the Norton USD 211 Learning Center held a graduation ceremony Wednesday evening, awarding diplomas to two students.

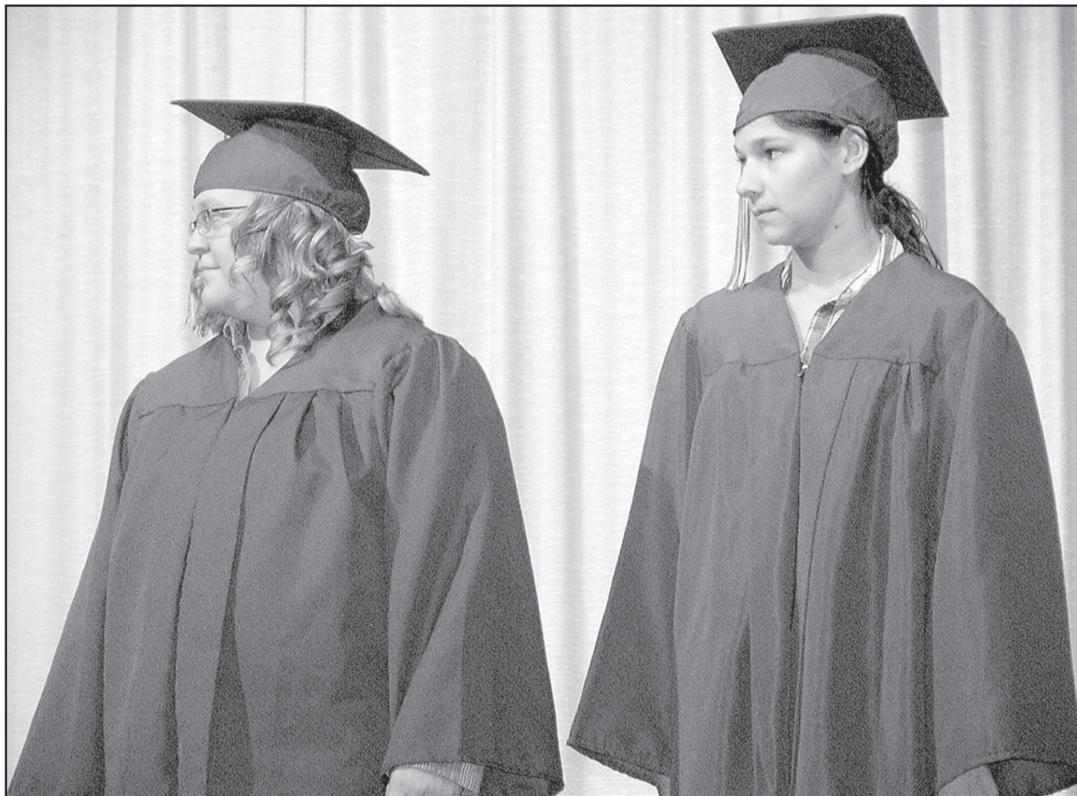
The students recognized were Mandi Lynn Brill and Natasha Yost, who have earned enough credits through the learning center to be awarded their high school diplomas.

Learning center Director Danna Kelly, one of the speakers at the ceremony, explained that the center opened in Aug. 2007 and has enrolled 235 students, consisting of adult students and current high school students. With the two most recent graduates, 14 adults have completed graduation requirements at the learning center.

Most of the students of the learning center are "non-traditional" adult students who, for a variety of reasons, are working toward completing their high school diplomas. The students come from varied backgrounds and situations, but are able to work at their own pace to complete their degree requirements.

Along with Kelly, Scott Ellis, President of the Norton USD 211 School Board, gave welcome remarks at the ceremony and Norton Superintendent Greg Mann presented the center's December class of 2011.

The processional and recessional music were played by JoAnn Boston.



Celebrating their graduation from the USD 211 Learning Center, Mandi Lynn Brill and Natasha Yost wait to receive their diplomas Wednesday evening at the East Campus auditorium. The two graduates were recognized in a graduation ceremony Wednesday evening and are now considered high school graduates.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

# Norton resident wins Pigskin Pick-Em contest

By Dick Boyd  
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Taryn Graham, Norton, edged a handful of other football fans to win the championship of the 42nd annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the Norton Telegram.

Taryn correctly picked 84 winners of high school and college football games during the 12-week contest. She entered every week and, on five contests, she missed just one game. She was the weekly winner in the final contest of the season.

As the 2011 champion, Taryn received a handsome trophy engraved with her name along with \$50 in scrip money as her prize.

Three winners each week received a total of \$30 in scrip money.

This year's competition for the grand prize could not have been closer. Abby Rice, Norton, wife of last year's

champion Chase Rice, was right behind Taryn with 83 wins!

Tying for third place with 81 wins were Steve Vollertsen, Norton and Jennifer Boller, Norton.

Five fans tied for fifth place with 80 correct picks: David Riemann, Norton; Trey Millan, Norton; Amanda Ray, Norton; Jim Springer, Long Island and Sandi Winchell, Almena.

Three more tied for 10th place with 79 correct. They are Jeris Norman, Norton; Chase Rice, Norton and Tom Baumann, Norton. Tying for 13th with 78 wins were Fig Millan, Norton; Kerri Ray, Norton; Barbara Springer, Long Island and Iris Mastin, Oberlin.

In 17th place was Erin Foley, Norton, with 77 wins. Tying for 18th with 76 each were Keely Millan, Norton; Regina Beikman, Norton; Tiffney Yeager, Norton; Barbara Brooks, Clayton and Lori Pasilas, Stockton.

Twenty-third place was a tie between Jared Foley, Wichita; Chad Gasper, Norton; Kelly Sweet, Norton; Rick Green, Norton, all with 75 correct.

Tied for 27th place with 74 correct were: Chelle Millan, Norton; Doug Ray, Norton and Wilma Wiseman, Norton.

Other top placers were: Nathan Morse, Norton, 73; Monica Wilson, Norton, 73; Linda Covington, Almena, 72; Jacob Green, Norton, 72; Mary Ann Hager, Norton, 72; Paige Lowry, Norton, 72; Dalton Miller, Norton, 72; Travis Ray, Norton, 72; Tiffany Welch, Logan, 72; Dustan Daniels, Norton, 71; Anastasia Foley, Norton, 71; Craig Foley, Norton, 71; Shelby Jones, Norton, 71; Lynn Nelson, Norton, 71; Keegan Smith, Norton, 71; Bob Covington, Almena, 70; Charlotte Gasper, Norton, 70; Tom Davis, Norton, 69; Douglas Daniels, Norton, 69; Baylee Miller, Norton, 69; Virginia Carlton, Norton, 69; Gaylene Cuzick, Norton, 68; Joni Hilburn, Norton, 68; Lisa Shearer, Norton, 68; Dalton Smith, Norton, 68; Mitch Tegtmeier, Eudora, 68.

More top placers were: Brenda Husted, Almena, 65; Kenney Leiker, Hays, 65; Diana Smith, Norton, 65; Vallene Berry, Norton, 64; Ann Becker, Lenora, 63; Wilson Ellis, Norton, 63; Misty Nuzum, Norton, 62; Julie Hilburn, Almena, 61; Charlotte Stephenson, Norton, 61; Lexie McDowell, Hill City, 60; Devon Gasper, Norton, 59; Hank Kaiser, Long Island, 58; Ja'Nee Moore, Almena, 58; Scott Ellis, Norton, 57; Deb Thiele, Norton, 57; Andrew Lantz, Norton, 57; Craig Knapp, Norton, 55; Albera Geil, Almena, 54; Cory Martin, Almena, 53; Ashley Brown, Norton, 52.

### Thanks!

Many thanks to all the fans who enjoyed entering the 2011 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and many thanks to the following sponsors: Nex Tech, Long Island Feed and Grain LLC/Island Insurance and First National Bank and Trust, Jamboree Foods, Moffet Drug, Valley Hope Association, Main Street IGA, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Engel's Sales and Service Center Inc.

# Christmas on Us draws no winners

Another week of the Norton Telegram's Christmas On Us promotion wrapped up Monday, and this time, drawing no instant winners.

Wrapping up the final week of finding numbers in the sponsor ads, the Norton Telegram's Christmas On Us promotion has drawn two more \$25 instant winners this week, bringing the total to six winners so far.

During the week of Dec. 6 through Dec. 12, a total of 6,114 tickets were distributed, meaning \$61,140 was spent locally during the week.

Over the course of the six-week Christmas on Us promotion, a total of \$1,200 will be given away with one \$500 winner, one \$100 winner, seven \$50 winners, and 10 \$25 instant winners, which come from the numbers found in the advertisements in each Tuesday edition of the Norton Telegram.

This past Tuesday was the final edition where numbers would appear in advertisements, but anyone with numbers matching Tuesday's edition has until Monday at noon to bring their winning tickets to the Norton

Telegram.

Shoppers also have until Wednesday to get more tickets at participating sponsors. The tickets given out between Monday and Wednesday will be put into the grand prize drawing on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Participating businesses have posters in their windows and shoppers will receive one ticket for each \$10 they spend at the participating business and tickets can also be obtained at the Norton Telegram office with no purchase necessary. The customer will keep one copy of the ticket and the Norton Telegram will keep another copy.

The grand prize drawing will be held at the Norton Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Any unclaimed instant winners will be drawn at that time, as well.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and present at the drawing with the winning ticket to claim a prize. By claiming a prize, winners agree to have their photo taken and published in the Norton Telegram.

# Authorities warn against scams

After several Norton residents and businesses have received suspicious phone calls in recent weeks, officers of the Norton Police Department are warning area residents to be extra careful about sending money to unknown sources.

Police Chief Pat Morel reported recently that elderly citizens in Norton have been getting phone calls from people claiming to be relatives stranded overseas and requesting money to get them out of trouble. The callers ask the potential scam targets to send money through Western Union or similar money wire service, sometimes thousands of dollars, and after the money is sent, there is no way to recover it or track where it goes.

Morel said that three different individuals have been contacted recently and at least one person was scammed out of several thousand dollars. There are ways, however, to avoid falling victim to the scam. Morel recommended that anyone who gets a

call requesting money should check for themselves if any family or friends are traveling or stranded somewhere.

"You need to check first hand to see if the need is legitimate," Morel said. "Call your grandchild and see if he really is traveling. Check it out before you send money anywhere."

Along with the "stranded relative" claim, some local businesses have reported recently that they are receiving phone calls from an unknown person claiming to collect donations for a military organization to pay soldiers who aren't getting paid.

Pat Hewitt, Sergeant First Class of the Kansas Army National Guard, reports that the National Guard is unaware of any soldiers currently not being paid and the calls requesting donations are most likely scam calls.

Anyone who believes they have received a scam phone call is asked to contact local law enforcement to report the situation.



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