

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Tuesday

November 26, 2013

### Briefly

#### Telegram closed on Thanksgiving Day

The Norton Telegram will be closed on Thursday for the holiday but we will be open on Friday. The staff at the Norton Telegram would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

#### Santa Claus open house on Friday

Santa and Mrs. Claus will hold an Open House at the Norton County Courthouse on Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be sleigh rides, refreshments and, of course, Santa will be there to greet the kids.

#### Nov. 30 is Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday is November 30. Residents are encouraged to buy from Norton's small businesses which are essential for economic growth.

#### Schools closed for Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving break for both Norton and Northern Valley Schools will start on Wednesday with no school Wednesday through Friday. Both schools resume their regular schedule on the Monday following Thanksgiving.

#### Theatre open on Thanksgiving Day

The Norton Theatre will be open on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and will show 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire' and 'Frozen' in 3-D. See ad on page two for more details.

### Markets

Monday, November 25, 2013

Wheat.....	\$6.84
Milo.....	\$3.94
Soybeans.....	\$12.63
Corn.....	\$4.14

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tuesday night - Clear low of 19. Winds North at 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday - Sunshine, highs in the mid 40's and low in the upper 20's. Wednesday night - Generally fair, low of 28 with winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Thursday - Mix of sun and clouds with a high in the mid 40's and low in the upper 20's.

### Prayer

Whether we are glad or grumpy, God, help us always to be aware of that for which we can be grateful. Amen.

## The results are in...



Norton City/County Economic Development held a community meeting at The Rock on Monday, Nov. 18 to discuss the market study results. (Pictured) Scott Sproul, Economic Development Executive Director, talked to the crowd prior to a powerpoint presentation. Helmer Consulting, LLC was hired to conduct a retail market analysis

for Norton and to provide ideas for strengthening downtown Norton. For more information on the market study results, contact Norton Economic Development at 785-874-4816.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Final week of Pigskin was toughest

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The 12th and final week of the Norton Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest proved to be the toughest of the 2013 season for football fans.

Only one fan, Ann Becker, Lenora, missed as few as one game and is the winner of the \$15 scrip money first prize. Ann's only miss was the Oklahoma State upset of Baylor.

Seven fans missed two contests and were in the running for the next two prizes. Lisa Shearer, Norton, won the second prize of \$10 in scrip money. She was the only one of the seven to

correctly pick Arizona State to defeat UCLA in the tiebreaker game.

Dustan Daniels, Norton, won third place of \$5 in scrip money because he was closest to the actual scores of the two tiebreaker teams. Arizona State won the game 38-33 and, although Dustan chose UCLA, he was just 10 points off the actual scores of the two teams.

The other fans who missed two games and were wrong on the tiebreaker winner and points by which they missed the tiebreaker were Nathan Morse, Norton, 11; Scott Kentfield, Norton, 19; Bruce Rushton, Norton,

20; Baylee Miller, Norton, 25; Keegan Smith, Norton, 29.

Correct on all but three contests were: Sylvia Svenson, Delphos; Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Kacie Boydston, Long Island; Trey Millan, Hays; Scott Ellis, Abby Rice, Charlotte Stephenson, Trent Alexander, Crystal Freudenburg, Dalton Miller, Doug Daniels, Dalton Smith, Keely Millan, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Alberta Geil, Alma; Tiffany Yeager, Diana Baumann, Steve Vollertsen, Tom Davis, Chase Rice, Sharrelle Shinn, Chelle Millan, Ken Gregoire, Travis

Ray, Jeris Norman, Len Coady, all of Norton.

Missing five contests were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Tiffany Becker, Dorothy Becker, both of Logan; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Haley Graham, Maria Tipton, both of Alma; Niles Peterson, Shawnee; Makayla Alexander, Kelli Alexander, Charlotte Gasper, Shelby Jones, Kerri Ray, Doug Ray, Amanda Ray, Bill Nelson, Chad Gasper, Deanna Gallentine, Virginia Carlton, Regina Beikman, Tobi Bollor, Nish Millan, Fig Millan, Taryn Graham, Andrew Ellis,

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# Emergency management is up to speed

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Norton County is up to speed on everything it needs for its Local Emergency Planning Committee, the county commissioners learned at last week's meeting.

Justina Smith, county emergency management director, told the commissioners that after an exercise, that was scheduled for that evening, all the necessary work would be done for the committee.

"We are good to go with all our cer-

tification for LEPC," she told the commissioners.

All the annual notices have been done and the group has several new members, she said.

Ms. Smith also gave the county a draft of her working calendar for the rest of this year and the first six months of 2014.

She has a lot of training for various county departments, many meetings to attend both in Norton and out of the county and several exercises planned for Homeland Security.

Weather spotter classes are already being set up, she said. The first year these were done there were about 45 people attending, she said. The second year it was up to 80. More people are interested in helping out and knowing what to look for during bad weather.

She noted that the weather service is also giving out more specific warnings. Instead of saying that there is dine-size hail expected, the service will say that and add what type of damage that size hail might cause.

Ms. Smith said that right now she is

trying to get identification cards for all emergency workers and other county employees, who might need them — like the commissioners, who are technically head of the county emergency services.

Ms. Smith said that the emergency medical service personnel, road department workers, health department personnel, firefighters and law enforcement officers all need the identity cards.

Some have gotten them, she said, and some are still in the process. The county fire departments, which are mostly volunteer, are probably the hardest to pin

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# Road and bridge department gets floor lift

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The Norton County Road and Bridge office will be getting new carpeting soon.

The county commissioners accepted the low bid for commercial-grade carpeting with no padding for the office area only (not the break-room area) at their meeting last Monday.

Don's Floor Covering of Norton was the successful bidder with \$1,262 for the carpeting.

The commissioners all agreed that the office area at the road and bridge department needed to be redone.

"It's pitiful," remarked Commissioner R.A. Peterson.

Since the break room has a painted floor, the commissioners agreed with road and bridge Office Manager Becky Wilson that that area should just get repainted and it would look fine.

The commissioners suggested getting a prison work crew to do that job.

In other business, Mrs. Wilson reminded the commissioners that she has been on the job for three months now and asked that they do a job review of her work.

She said that her husband has a line on a job in Norton and that they have

their home in Kensington, where she is living now, on the market and are looking for housing in Norton. She said that when the house sells in Kensington, the family will probably move into a rental in Norton. At least, she said, that is her hope and plan.

The commissioners also reminded her that all road and bridge employees need to clock in and out and remember to do so for lunch breaks and other personal time.

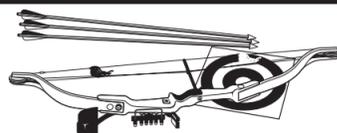
She said she would remind the crew to do so.

## Santa is coming to town Friday

There are big changes coming to Santa's schedule in Norton this year. Santa will no longer be visiting on Thursday evenings to better work with people's schedules. Santa and Mrs. Clause, will be available in their house located on the Norton County courthouse lawn on Friday, Nov. 29 for the Open House from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Sleigh rides will be available during these times and dates as well.

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