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Briefly

Ribbon cutting set for Tuesday night

There will be a ribbon cutting at the new Bodyworx on Tuesday at 5:30. Come help them celebrate their grand opening.

Cookie and candy walk Wednesday

The First United Methodist Women of Norton will be holding their annual Cookie and Candy Walk Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Chamber after hours on Thursday

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host a special Chamber After Hours, on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. at the Frontier Developmental Center 1104 N. State. Learn more about a new group living arrangement called Our Place, and enjoy a variety of snacks and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Band concerts to be held this week

The Eisenhower Elementary band students will be holding winter concerts this week. The sixth grade will be at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday and the fifth grade will perform at 1:40 p.m. on Friday.

Living nativity on display Sunday

The First United Methodist Church, 805 West Wilberforce, will have its Living Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Drive through the circle drive, then go inside for cookies and cocoa. To be a character in one of the scenes call the Methodist Church at 785-877-2196.

Markets

Monday, December 2, 2013

Wheat.....	\$6.86
Milo.....	\$3.82
Soybeans.....	\$12.60
Corn.....	\$4.02

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 34. Chance of snow 20 percent. Wednesday Night - Overcast with a chance of snow. Thursday - Overcast with a chance of snow and fog early. High of 23. Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow in the evening.

Prayer

Dear God, grant us courage to hope and to persevere through bleak times in our lives so that we may know the joy you offer. Amen.

Holiday happiness in song...



Kindergarteners at Eisenhower Elementary held their Thanksgiving program on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Students from Gail Roy, Julie Schrum and Angela Melvin's kindergarten classes sang several songs for family and friends. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

City council discusses many items

BY MIKE STEPHENS
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Norton City Council President Roberta Ryan presided over the meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, with Mayor Corns arriving later.

Ryan reported that the total economic impact for the Norton area from the Governor's Ringneck Classic was estimated at \$180,413. She also reported the city general sales tax receipts collected in October totaled \$21,030.76, the city pool sales tax receipts totaled

\$31,546.15, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$13,931.87 for a total of \$66,508.78, and the 2013 year to date sales tax receipts total \$621,721.07.

The council approved to sell engine parts and miscellaneous items from the Cooper engine at the power plant to the City of Beloit for a proposed price of \$35,000, unless the air compressor from the engine can be used by the City of Norton. If the City can use the compressor the price would be reduced by \$600.

All future street signs in Norton will have to meet new regulations, according to Donna Foley. The Public Works committee discovered that if any street signs are replaced, they have to meet the new regulations. Public Works supervisor Dan Bainter is working on a plan to acquire the materials for the new signs and how much it will cost to replace the signs in 2014.

Foley also reported that the Parks Committee will meet with the Norton Recreation Commission to see if

the Commission would be interested in overseeing the Norton Municipal Swimming Pool. The Parks Committee will decide on the equipment to purchase for the pool project.

In other council news:
-approved using Hansen Foundation funds to pay for the handicap accessible doors on the Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System. The total owed for both doors in \$6,750.

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School board extends contract another year

By Mike Stephens
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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, voted unanimously to extend the contract of Superintendent Greg Mann through the 2014-15 school year at last week's Monday meeting. Mann's salary and benefits will be determined by the board at a later date.

Also, Superintendent Mann reported to the board that the next meeting of

the Facility Study Committee will be Nov. 18., and that bus number 14 had a cracked turbo and was towed to Kearney, Neb., and repaired and is back in service. Mann also gave a State Assessment update, a budget update, a breakfast usage report, and that the current Local Option Budget computation formula will sunset June 30, 2014, if not extended by the State Legislature.

Board member April Karnopp re-

ported that the Norton Junior High School and Norton Community High School music program on Oct. 24 was a great success. Karnopp also thanked all the veterans that work in the district for their service to the country and to those who have family members currently serving in the military.

In other board news:
-Jill Lively, representing the Wellness committee, informed the board

of the activities during Norton Junior High physical education classes.

-Jeremy Hawks presented the 2013 Communities That Care survey results. -a discussion was held on facility needs and also included a skype conversation with Steve Shogren, U.S.D. 211 bondsman.

-appointed Neva Jo Beydler to the

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Wish list for Santa...



Santa Claus' open house on Friday night at the Norton County Courthouse drew a large crowd of children and parents. (Pictured) Lindsey Atwell gave Santa a card and told him what she wanted for Christmas. Lindsey was visiting relatives with her parents Lance and Christine Atwell of Iowa. There were sleigh rides as well, and hot chocolate and cookies were provided by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

County treasurer's office gets updated look

By Cynthia Haynes

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The Norton County Treasurer and her crew should be sitting pretty once their new furniture arrives.

Treasurer Cynthia Linner has been looking to get new workstations and chairs for her office for several months. At the county commissioners meeting on Wednesday, Mrs. Linner presented a bid from End Zone Sports and Office Supplies of Norton for three workstations for \$12,321 and three chairs for \$1,260.

The old furniture from her office, she said, will be moved over to the appraisers office. That office, Mrs. Linner said, is in need of more workstations, but does not have the budget to buy any furniture.

The bid would include setup for the furniture in both offices, she said, but does not include removal of old furniture from the appraisers office.

"So basically, we would be equipping two offices," Commissioner Charles

Posson noted.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson said that he thought that \$4,000 a workstation sounded really high.

Mrs. Linner pointed out that one of the chairs in her office fails regularly with the occupant suddenly sinking out of sight as the pneumatics fail.

The new furniture would allow customers to sit down instead of standing, she said. With the new pad that records signatures for people dealing with motor vehicles, it makes it more comfortable for them while they are signing and helps so that the treasurer personnel do not have to continually move the signature pad from place to place all the time.

Commissioner Posson said that this sort of thing is expensive.

"Really good workstations are really expensive," he noted.

Commissioner Peterson excused himself for a short time while he went over to the treasurers office to see what

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