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Briefly

Living Nativity date changed

The First United Methodist Church has decided to change the date of the Living Nativity due to the cold weather. It will now be on Sunday Dec. 15 not 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.

Golden Glow to hold a dinner

Golden Glow will hold their Christmas Dinner at the Norton Community Center on Monday night starting at 6 p.m. and serving until the food and people are gone. They will provide the turkey, potatoes and gravy along with stuffing. They only ask that those that come bring a side dish. Live entertainment will be provided.

Chess club set to meet on Monday

The Norton Chess Club will meet on Monday starting at 4 p.m. and running for an hour. An after-school snack will be provided.

Free computer classes offered

Mortensen Computer Services continue to hold their free classes every Tuesday night at 4:30. Bring your laptop and get your questions answered. They will also bring you a Verizon representative on Friday, December 13 to answer your phone questions.

Markets

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Wheat	\$6.79
Milo	\$3.94
Soybeans	\$12.63
Corn	\$4.18

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op



Saturday - Mostly cloudy with highs around 20. Saturday Night - Intermittent light snow or snow showers becoming steadier. Sunday - Periods of light snow with a high of 19. A 50 percent chance of snow accumulating 1 to 3 inches. Sunday Night - Cloudy skies early. Monday - Mostly sunny with a high near 20.

Prayer

Thank you, Father God, for knowing our failings and frailties and loving us anyway. Strengthen us by your spirit to grow in our Christian life with confidence and hope. Amen.



This is the scene of an accident that took place at the intersection of Holme and State Streets in Norton last Friday night. Officer Wes Dubois checks over the truck that ran a stoplight that caused the accident. Thankfully there were no serious injuries. - Telegram

Everyone walks away from accident

The intersection of Holme and State Streets in Norton was the scene of a two vehicle accident last Friday night.

The incident took place at 7:35 p.m. when a 2003 Ford pickup driven by Ramon Leyva of Hastings, Nebraska experienced difficulty with his truck and proceeded into the intersection

under a red light and was struck by a 2002 Chevrolet pickup driven by Toby Nickell of Norton.

Leyva was traveling south and ran the red light which led to him being hit by Nickell who was heading east. Leyva had three occupants with him, one with lacerations, who was taken to the

Norton County Hospital and the other two needed no medical attention.

Nickell was alone in the vehicle when Leyva pulled in front of him making it impossible to avoid hitting him. Nickell hit Leyva, spinning Leyva's truck around onto the hospital lawn. Nickell's vehicle came to rest at

the southwest corner of the intersection at the Alta parking lot. The vehicle he was driving was owned by Larry McMullen of Norton

Leyva was cited for failing to stop at a red light and Nickell was cited for no driver's license.

The Bank in Oberlin named one of the best

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An Oberlin bank has been named by federal examiners one of the best in the country for investing in and serving the communities where it operates.

The Bank received its second straight "outstanding" rating after a recent examination done for the Community Reinvestment Act, a federal law designed to encourage banks to help people in their own area, including those with

low to moderate income, obtain loans and deposit accounts.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., commonly known as the FDIC, the agency which insures bank deposits, reported that The Bank shows a strong commitment to the area, making loans to farms and businesses of all sizes.

Of 244 banks in Kansas examined by the agency, only seven received the outstanding designation and all but one of those are in the eastern part of the

state, the agency said.

It was the second time in a row for The Bank to receive the designation. The last time it was examined for the reinvestment act was in 2007, and it got an "outstanding" then also.

One of the main ways that The Bank is able to loan money to people in northwest Kansas is through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, which has designated it a preferred lender.

Board Chairman Bob Gaskill said The Bank is the largest maker of Farm Service Agency loans in Kansas and has been working with that agency for at least 35 years. They have few losses with FSA loans, he added.

"The Bank prides itself in helping young farmers get started," said President Gary Walter. "This is done utilizing the Farm Service Agency Guaranteed Loan programs."

The Bank also makes loans through

the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development's Business and Industry and Guaranteed Housing programs.

The examiners reported that they reviewed sample loans of small farms and small businesses. The report noted that seven automated teller machines are located throughout the area and that loans are being made in "distressed and underserved" (rural) areas. Distressed areas are those with a high unemployment or poverty rate or those losing more than 10 percent of their population, a problem across the area.

The bank operates 12 locations in eight counties with assets of more than \$300 million. Headquarters are in Oberlin, with branches in Norton, Jennings, Norcatur, Selden, Colby, Oakley, Quinter, Winona, Atwood,

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Norton man interviewed by Channel 12 news



On Tuesday, the local Norton author, song writer and singer Larry Henderson was invited to visit with KWCH News out of Wichita, also known as CBS Channel 12 Eyewitness News, a Fox Affiliate. His patriotic poem, Eagles Tear, has gained national recognition and they wanted to hear his story. A poem written after seeing a photo of an eagle with a tear in its eye prompted Henderson to write the poem about 9-11. He has written many things throughout his life but this one along with the poem Kansas and A Heroes Veins have touched so many.

Henderson said that it is exciting to see where things might go, he actually has some work in the Oakland, California museum. In reference to the Eagle's Tear, Henderson had this to say, "Although 9-11 happened way back in 2001, that day is still in the minds, hearts and souls of everyone and will be remembered for a very long time."

Arts Council lighting contest now underway

The Norton County Arts Council is once again holding its Christmas lighting contest.

From now until noon December 13, you can pick up ballots from the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, The Almena State Bank, both locations, Nex Tech in Norton and Lenora and at the Norton Telegram or you can cut a ballot out of the Norton Telegram. Then all you have to do is drive around and look at each of the displays, pick the one you like best, write it on the ballot and return it to any of the above locations or mail it to either the Norton Telegram or the Arts Council at P.O. Box 225 Norton, Kansas 67654.

The winners will be contacted and announced in the December 17th issue

of the Telegram. Prizes are being given out, \$100 in Chamber bucks for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Last year we had eleven entries total and it was as if the whole town was a much brighter place. This year we have seven entries so be sure to get out and view the displays and vote.

Entries include, JD and Julia Daffer at 307 S. Norton, Bill Hadley at 607 N. Jones, Travis Chisham at 110 E. Park, Michael Woodyard at 610 W. Woodsfield, Joe Annon at 403 W. Wilton, George and Donna Land at 805 Sun Avenue and lastly, we are happy to have an Almena entry, Blaine and Susie Marble at 7940 Road E9 in Almena.

SEVENTH ANNUAL - Cookies, Candy, Cakes/Cupcakes or Bread Contest Monday, December 16 -- See ad in today's edition for all the details

COLORING CONTEST: Stop by the Telegram or Almena Market to pick up Coloring Sheets -- Lots of great prizes donated by area businesses!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST Addresses and ballots available at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, The Norton Telegram, Nex-Tech, Lenora or Norton and Almena State Bank, Almena or Norton.

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