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Briefly

Health Insurance seminar Thursday

Insurance Central will hold another Health Insurance Seminar on Thursday at the Norton Library Community room starting at 7 p.m.

Potato bar set for this Thursday

The Norton Senior Citizens Community Center will be having a potato bar on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Free will donations accepted.

Cowboy poet to visit Norton

The Norton County Arts Council will present "Tumbleweed" Phil Crawford, the cowboy poet and musician on Saturday night at the East Campus auditorium with the performance starting at 7 p.m.

School bond issue meeting to be held

USD 211 will hold a school bond issue meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 4 p.m. at East Campus. The public is highly encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Bible study classes are being offered

Tom and Deb Martin and Charles and Daloris Alexander are inviting you to an exciting Bible study. Classes start March 6 on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call the Martins at 308-268-4479 or the Alexanders at 785-877-2924.



Wednesday - Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late and a high of 58. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a mix of rain and snow after midnight. Low of 32 with a 50 percent chance of precipitation. Thursday - Light snow during the morning, then a high of 45. Thursday Night - Mainly clear with a low of 28. Friday - Partly cloudy with a high of 54. Friday Night - A few clouds with a low of 26.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.43
Milo.....	\$4.10
Soybeans.....	\$12.60
Corn.....	\$4.27

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear God, when we are afraid and don't know what to do, help us to be like the Israelites and trust you -- despite our fears. Amen.

An Olympic tradition...



The Norton Andbe Home residents enjoyed some added activities as they held their own winter olympics this past week. This year's events included ice hockey using a swim noodle and balloons, igloo building using sugar cubes and icing, a biathlon involving a filled balloon toss and staff members, a team figure dance, bob mouthing which was stuffing marshmallows in one's mouth, down hill skiing done with shaving cream and dominoes and the team string event. Four teams participated. Including the results from the igloo building, the yellow team ended up with three golds, three silvers and

one bronze. The blue team had two gold, four silver and a bronze. The green team got two gold, one silver, a bronze and an honorable mention for the igloo contest and then the black team brought home one gold, a silver and four bronze medals. Residents and staff are seen here doing the team string event. From the left front are; Bernetta Benham, Nina Melroy, Mable Nyland, Alice Kuyper and Lavonia Snodgrass. The back row includes from the left: Della Connell, and staff members Wiyanna Paxton, Brian Hartman, Melissa Fowler and Stephanie Pfortmiller.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

USD 211 to change schedule next year

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Next year Norton school students will have longer school days but a shorter school year. Presently, students begin school at 8:30 a.m. and get out at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, ratified the agreement with the National Teacher's Association at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 10, to begin next year's classes at 8:15 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The longer school days, however, will mean the

school year will be six days shorter.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the reason for the change is primarily a supervision issue. "At the elementary school, a lot of the kids are already at school at 8:15 a.m., which we supervise," said Mann. "The teachers are teaching at that time." The same is true at the junior high. According to Mann, a majority of the junior high students are at the school at that time, but not so much for the high school students.

The change in schedule will also

save the district a little money, because buses will run six fewer days and meals will be served six fewer days. "It's not a huge savings but a savings nonetheless," said Mann.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the school board will hold a community meeting at 4 p.m. at the East Campus Auditorium to present the issues involved in the April 1 Bond Election. There will also be tours of the school buildings for those who wish to see the facilities, before and after the meeting, at 2 and

6 p.m.

In other board news:

-voted in favor of republishing the At-Risk budget as amended and that the hearing on the amended budget be held on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alice Tweed Center.

-approved the alternate classes for Fine Arts and Science as recommended for 2014-15. Fine Arts classes approved are Architectural Drafting,

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Possible new legislation to expand businesses

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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There is a chance that a sales tax exemption for new or expanding businesses may come before the legislature this year, Norton City and County Economic Director Scott Sproul told the county commissioners last Monday and his board on Tuesday.

"It's idle conversation at this point,"

Mr. Sproul told his board but said that he wanted to know where the city, county and his board stood on the matter before saying that Norton is interested in it or not.

The idea, he said, is to offer a sales tax abatement on construction materials for new or expanding businesses. The thought is that only those businesses that are investing between \$250,000

and \$3.5 million would qualify, he said, and it would only be a one-time thing.

He noted that there would be a loss of sales tax at the time but that should be made up by the extra business in the community over time.

Board member Jerry Jones asked if that would include local sales tax also such as the one that the City of Norton passed to pay for its new swimming

pool.

"We passed the sales tax for the swimming pool, the state didn't," he noted.

Mr. Sproul said he didn't know but it would be a good thing to check out.

Board member Donna Foley said she liked the idea.

"I think, in theory, it's a good idea (Legislation - Continued on Page 5)

A night of dancing...



Norton schools held their annual Snowball dance on Saturday. Everyone was dressed to the nines and ready for a good time. Seen here is Don Burge greeting the students, Tevin Brown and his date Miah Melvin as well as Alex Hjort and Audrie Burge line up to pay to get in.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Harlem Ambassadors are coming to Norton

Hoops and hijinks are coming to Norton on Friday, March 28th when our very own local challengers, the NWKS Jubilee Jammers, take on the Harlem Ambassadors in a comedy basketball show the whole family will enjoy. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Stull Gymnasium, Norton. However, don't miss the Twistin' Tumblers (little kids gymnastics team) which will perform before the game at 6:45 p.m. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lenora Jubilee Association.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks, hilarious comedy routines, music, dancing and games for the kids.

"At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team too,"

Coach Ladè Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show, and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

"We have scoured the region for players to take on the powerful Ambassadors," said Maggie Basgall. "Come to the game and cheer on our enthusiastic local talent from Norton: John Ruder, Chris Henson, Scooter Matchett, Megan Walter, Ben Cole, Tyler Rutherford, Dakota Criqui, Andrew Walter, Michael Stephens, JaLynn Urban, Craig Knapp, Larry Lands, & Toby Kuhn; Lenora: Missy Rumback & Dustin Juenemann; Hoxie: Dani Pratt; Almena: Lance Kinderknecht & Logan Kats; Logan: Michael Delimont; and Hill City: Scott Schulz!!!"

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