

Tuesday
February 8, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Henry Austerman

Briefly
Free lunch

set for Thursday

The annual Customer Appreciation Pancake and Sausage Day will be from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Norton American Legion. Chris Cakes will once again be at the event flipping pancakes.

There is no charge to eat as the day is sponsored by area businesses.

Benefit planned for baby boy

A soup lunch to benefit Colby Menagh, infant son of Corey and Amie Menagh, will be held Sunday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Little Colby was born with heart problems. The benefit is sponsored by the Norton United Methodist Church. They will be serving chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, chili, relishes and dessert.

Booster club to meet Thursday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will report on recent competition by their teams and preview upcoming action.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Decreasing clouds. Lows around 9 with northwest winds around 5 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 13. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy in the morning, then clearing. Highs in the mid 30s with southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Howell report:

Friday High 63, Low 33
Saturday High 61, Low 29
Sunday High 33, Low 20
Monday High 30, Low 14
1.5" Snow
Week ago High 44, Low 35
Month ago High 35, Low 14
Year ago High 28, Low 11
February precipitation50 inch
Year-to-date precipitation 1.00 inch
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for this day and all its blessings. Help us to recognize your abundant grace, and show us how to use your gifts in loving others. Amen



Farm group celebrates food day

It takes 37 days for Americans to pay for year's groceries

The year is only 37 days old. In that amount of time, the average American will have earned enough money to pay for his food supply for the entire year. So says statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

Norton County Farm Bureau celebrated by declaring Feb. 7 as "Food Check-Out Day". They also presented four shoppers, one in each of the county's groceries, with a \$50 bonus to help stretch their food budget even farther. The board of directors also decided to give a donation to God's Pantry, a community food bank operated by Norton's Trinity Episcopal Church.



Monday was Food Check-Out Day in Norton County, sponsored by Norton County Farm Bureau. Megan Mapes, (above) Farm Bureau board member, greeted Norton Shop and Save customer Raymond Ankenman, Norton, as he walked in the door. Marcella Stenger, (right) Edmond, was the lucky shopper at Jamboree Foods. Farm Bureau employee, Patsy Maddy, handed her a check for \$50. Elaine Johnson (top) surveyed the selection at the Almena Market.

— Photos by Susie Marble and Carolyn Plotts



Snow storm gives crops needed winter drink

By VERONICA MONIER

It's cold, it's white and it seemed like Norton got a lot of it. But, in reality, the city only got about three inches of snow this weekend.

Meteorologist Dave Thede with the National Weather Service in Goodland said that was about what was expected. He said the northwest corner of the county got three to four inches, while the southeast corner received a little less.

Snow, said County Extension Director Keith VanSlike, is always a good thing to get during this time of year.

"Snow means moisture," he said. "This time of year, there isn't a whole lot else going on so we might as well get some moisture. The wheat is dormant and can use the insulation."

Mr. VanSlike said the county is doing better this year, where moisture is concerned. He said the end-of-the-year count showed that the area was only two and a half inches below the 30-year normal precipitation. The county is still trying to play catch-up with the moisture, but it's a big improvement over the past couple of years.

Typically, he said the snow in December, January and February isn't the best for moisture. But, this snow had more moisture than the last one.

Because it was wetter, it was a little bit haphazard on the livestock, he said. But, most calves and cattle are comfortable in freezing weather as long as they are down



The Norton city crews were out in force trying to clean up the piles of snow left in the middle of the roads after they had been scraped on Monday. Once the dump trucks were filled, they made a trip to Elmwood Park to add to the already large pile.

— Photo by Veronica Monier

in a protected area. This time, some of the calves got wet, he said, but ranchers know to check on them.

Norton can expect more snow, said Mr. Thede.

He said the county is in a winter weather advisory, which started last night. Today

should bring another three to five inches, he said, which should have started coming down around midnight.

Mr. Thede said Wednesday and Thursday are expected to be dry with temperatures in the mid-20s on Wednesday and mid-30s on Thursday.

He said there was a slight chance of rain Friday, with a chance of more snow on Friday night.

The county should see a gradual warming trend throughout the week, but it probably won't be anywhere near the balmy weather the county had last week.

Hessian fly causes death of wheat

Wheat fields across the area are looking good so far. The wheat is up with good stands. However, Hessian fly has appeared in some fields with the potential for serious consequences.

According to Phil Sloderbeck, K-State entomologist, fall infestations of Hessian fly can lead to the death of wheat plants or death of individual tillers on the wheat plant, depending on the stage at which it became infested. If larvae infest plants early, death of the whole plant is typical. If the plant has begun to tiller by the time of the infestation, there is a good chance some of the tillers will survive.

Sloderbeck indicated most of the fields with noticeable problems have been where wheat was planted no-till into last year's wheat stubble (continuous no-till wheat), which is unusual in western Kansas, and planted before the Hessian fly-free period. This was possible due to the moisture the area received late last summer. Multiple factors combined to lead to this problem.

First, undisturbed stubble allowed for good survival of any Hessian fly in the field last summer.

Second, moisture that allowed producers to think about continuous cropping the fields would have also been advantageous to the Hessian fly.

Third, most of the fields reported so far were planted prior to the "fly-free date" (early planting favors Hessian fly).

Fourth, mild fall weather was probably favorable for Hessian fly development long past the normal fly-free date. (Note that in years where the fall weather is abnormally mild, like 2004, even planting after the fly-free date is not a 100 percent guarantee.)

Finally, most of the varieties currently grown in Kansas are susceptible to Hessian fly.

If producers notice wheat plants or tillers dying this winter, they should be checking to see if there are Hessian fly pupae under the leaf sheaths at the base of the plants. Without looking, many producers will probably assume

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the wheat is dying from some other source, or just blame poor stands on winter injury.

Once infected, little can be done to save the wheat plant. If stands are very poor, fields will probably be destroyed.

However, in those fields where some of the tillers die, a decision may be more difficult. Spring infestations will depend on both the presence of overwintering pupae and spring weather. If 10-20 percent of the tillers are infested with larvae-pupae counts up to 4 per plant, you could expect a heavy spring infestation, but if weather is hot and dry, then damage could be less.

For more information on Hessian fly, please download the publication entitled "Hessian Fly" at the web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ or visit your local extension office.

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Sports fans began to gather at the Norton Theatre for the closed circuit broadcast of Sunday's Super Bowl game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England

Patriots. Young volunteers (above) manned the theater's concession stand before kickoff.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Super party helps theater make repairs

Even near-blizzard conditions on Sunday could not dissuade the true sports fans from attending the first annual Super Bowl party at Norton Theatre.

The big game was projected onto the screen by Mortensen Computer Services.

Party goers sampled roast pork sandwiches from a hog donated by Steven L. Cox Associates, Long Island, and prepared by Nicci

Stutsman of The Station in Alma.

Pizza Hut donated relish trays and other refreshments came from Western Distributing and Coca-Cola Enterprises.

Prizes or underwriting for the fund-raiser came from Jamboree Foods, Engel's Sales and Service, Walter Motor Co., Norman Walter, Norton Home Store, EndZone Sporting Goods, Hall's

Clothing, Moffet Drug, Twice Sold Treasurers, Pamida, Rojas Mexican Food, Russ' Jewelry, Master's Touch Fitness and Massage, Nex-Tech and Elicia's Hair Design.

Motion picture companies Warner Brothers and Dreamworks also sent gifts to give away.

The twin cinema sustained several thousand dollars worth of damage when the building next

door caught fire a little over a year ago. Insurance has not paid for the needed repairs.

The Super Bowl party was one several fund raisers to help recover losses.

Manager Kim Wicker said, "The support of our sponsors is what made the party a success. There is already talk of another party next year. We raised over \$1,000 and that is great."



Mike Cliff and John Ruder weighed a coyote that Mr. Ruder and his partner, Gary Bikeman, brought in for the 4-H Shooting Sports annual coyote and crow calling contest. The animal weighed 35 pounds.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Coyote, crow hunters bring in 10 animals

The 56 people participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports annual coyote and crow calling contest probably appreciated the nice weather on Saturday, considering that they were out hunting from dawn until dusk.

The contest, which is one of the biggest fundraisers 4-H Shooting Sports has, brought in \$280 this year, said shooting instructor John Baker. The 28 two-person teams brought in five coyotes and five crows.

Winners of this year's contest were: biggest coyote — Russ Erbert and Chris Cox, 37 pounds; most crows — Rick and Brandon McChesney, two; overall winners — Jim Linier and Ron Chester, Phillipsburg, first place, \$110; Justin Kline and Darcy Settrini, Smith Center, second place, \$82; Jim Railsback and Roger Archer,

Norton, third place, \$60; John Ruder and Gary Bikeman, Norton, fourth place, \$34; and Erbert and Cox, Norton, fifth place, \$26.

Donating door prizes were Norton Homestore, Russ' Jewelry, Kowpoke Supply, Garrett's Heating and Plumbing, Rural Telephone, Ace Hardware, Pizza Hut, Engel's Sales and Service, Norton Shop and Save, Jamboree Foods, Western Distributing, Sander's Furniture, Jackrabbit, Computer Pro, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, The Bank, Mortensen Computer Service, Dale's Fish and Fun, and Jimmy Daniels.

"Thanks to all the businesses who donated this year and to everyone who participated for helping out the 4-H Shooting Sports program," said Mr. Baker. "We try to have fun with this."

Chocolate to help youngsters

You can satisfy your sweet tooth at the first annual Chocolate Auction from 4-8 p.m., Saturday at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg.

The benefit for the court appointed special advocate (CASA) program in Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Graham, Smith and Osborne counties.

The Chocolate Auction will recognize volunteers and bring more awareness to the program and encourage others to volunteer.

There will be silent and live auctions with Monte Jessup, professional auctioneer from Alma.

There will be a chocolate fountain provided by Dru Potter; hors d'oeuvres by Anna and Jan, along with champagne, wine and punch.

Auction items will be listed in a catalog attendees will receive at the door. Donated items include Nascar truck race tickets with VIP parking; a one week stay at a condo in Breckenridge, Colo.; a Kansas State football signed by Coach Bill Snyder;

Prints by Joan Lumpkin, Craig Krizek, Mike Boss and Caroline Nies; jewelry; theater tickets; a coin set from United Northwest Credit Union; dinner packages; bed and breakfast stays; spa packages; and, of course, chocolate items.

Sponsors for the evening are Dru's Delicacies of Hill City; New Age Industries, Norton; Sprint; and other area businesses.

Music will be provided by Jane and Amanda Wahlmeier, Kim Munyon, Bennet Lowry and Morris Engle.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance from chairwomen Elaine Mann at 877-2019 or Joan Mann at 877-5618 or at the door.

Wednesday deadline for Heartland SHARE

The deadline for ordering the February Heartland SHARE food package is noon Wednesday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Senior Center.

The February package contains 12 ounces deli-style turkey, 14 ounces Swedish meatballs, 19.5 ounces Totinos ham and cheese sandwich bites, 1 1/2 pounds Sea Gem fish, four 4-ounce boneless center-cut pork chops, potatoes, broccoli, baby carrots, green peppers, onions, lettuce, apples, oranges, Del Monte pineapple chunks, and a Betty Crocker brownie mix.

Energy assistance available

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program, paid for by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, will be available through Thursday, March 31.

Anyone who is interested in applying for the service can get an application at one of the regional service centers in Colby, Dodge City, Garden City, Goodland, Great Bend, Greensburg, Hays, Liberal, Phillipsburg and Pratt.

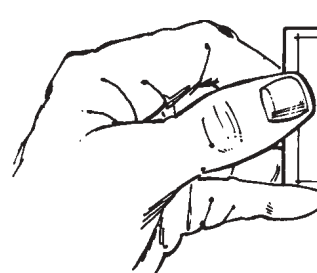
For \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive the food or SHARE. You can order as many as you want.

You may also order a meat only package for \$10.50 plus one volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE, you may order as many February specials as you want. You will have a choice of two specials. No. 1 costs \$12 plus one additional volunteer hour. It includes six, 8-ounce choice fillet or beef steak, individually wrapped and boxed. No. 2 is a 4.25 boneless gold-foil wrapped turkey breast for \$14 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Applications may also be requested by phone at 888-369-4777 and will be mailed upon request. Proof of income and most current gas and/or electric bill will be needed to determine eligibility. Applications have been mailed to all previous participants.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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See the Pancake Man Flip Pancakes Right Before Your Eyes!!

