

Tuesday
December 5, 2006

A taste of the Orient

Norton, Kansas
Home of George Rossi

Briefly
Telegram invites all to open house

The Norton Telegram will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the front lobby to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holidays.

People can nibble on cookies and sweets, and drink cider and coffee while enjoying the lobby's Christmas decorations. Also, drawings will be held for a one-year and a six-month subscription.

The open house would be a good occasion for people to stop by and pick up any pictures they may have left at *The Telegram*.

Development will discuss bio-fuel

The Norton County Economic Development director, Wade Carter, invites the public to attend the next board meeting and learn more about bio-diesel fuel.

Mr. Carter said the meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Community Room of the Norton Public Library.

Santa making another trip

If you missed Santa last week, don't fret. He and Mrs. Claus will be back in Norton from 6 to 7 p.m. this Thursday night on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse in his gingerbread house.

After meeting with Santa, the whole family can jump in the sleigh and take a ride around the block with Santa's elves.

Representative coming to help vets

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City office from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 to assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are accepted. Call 785-625-8532 for information.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows around 16. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny and colder with highs in the upper 30s.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 18, High 42
Saturday Low 17, High 36
Sunday Low 9, High 34
Monday Low 20, High 47
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, we place the broken pieces of our lives in your hands so that they will be reworked into something beautiful. **Amen**



With confidence Kolton Harting, (above) showed his classmates, Garret Otter, left, and Toby Nickell, center, how to use chopsticks during Friday's Japanese meal at Eisenhower Elementary. It was a novel approach, but Cody Temmel (left) used the two-handed method to eat with his sticks. Perhaps not the purpose for which they were intended, (below) but Rickele Green found something to do with her chopsticks. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Eisenhower teacher takes students far and wide

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Art teacher, Diane Lambrecht, created a unit of study on Japan and the Japanese culture for her students at Eisenhower Elementary.

During their study of Japan, students made kabuki masks, origami (paper fold-

ing), and quilling

The unit culminated Friday with a Japanese meal served to all the students at the school.

As a special treat, each student received a pair of chopsticks as a souvenir. The fifth and sixth grade classes were allowed to

eat their lunch with them. Perhaps, tried to eat their lunch with them would be a better description.

Mrs. Lambrecht said, "I really appreciate all the extra work Ruby Cook (the school's head cook) and her staff did to help the kids enjoy another culture."

She said Mrs. Cook came up with the idea of a Japanese meal and researched the menu.

Students, staff and parents dined on rice with teriyaki chicken and stir fried vegetables, oriental bread, fresh kiwi and a macadamia nut cookie.

Extension holds annual meeting

By KEITH VANSKIKE, County Extension Director

The Norton County Extension Council held its annual meeting Nov. 27 at the Norton County 4-H Building.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize the education programs of K-State Research and Extension, introduce the new members of the council, and elect the 2007 executive board.

The meeting was opened by President Dave Donovan and Secretary Kim Wicker giving roll call. The guests were Magistrate Judge Deb Anderson, Commissioner John Miller, Area Agronomist Brian Olson, and Multi County Specialist in Food, Health and Safety Tranda Watts.

Keith VanSkiike, Norton extension director, gave the accomplishment report for the local extension programs involving agriculture, 4-H and youth, community development, and family and consumer sciences. Ms. Watts reported on her work in the area with foods, health and safety issues.

Mr. Donovan, who is also board chairman, awarded the 2006 Extension Appreciation Award to Phyllis Harting. Ms. Harting gave many years of service to the council's executive board, family con- (Continued on Page 5)



Carol Fischer, Phillipsburg, browsed the shelves at Twice Sold Treasures last week looking for the perfect gift. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Holiday shoppers buying local, staying in Norton

By VERONICA MONIER

Things seem to be going well in downtown Norton as shoppers gear up for the Christmas season.

Several businesses downtown were polled by *The Telegram* to see how things are going. This is what they said:

Darla Dole, Decor & More, said her shop has been busy with people Christmas shopping. People, she said, have been buying a wide variety of the home decor and gift items she has available.

Mary Oswald, Twice Sold Treasures, said, "It's going really, really well. We've had a lot of locals come in and I've met some really wonderful people from out of town." She said they are selling a little bit of everything, but Fiesta Ware seems to be a popular choice this year.

Annette Puent, Amy's Fashions at LuJon's, said they've had a lot of big sales, which have drawn people in. People seem to like the large selection of jackets, she said.

Al Leiker, ThunderChord Guitars, said this week and last week have been pretty good. He said they've sold a few guitars and bases, and lots of mi- (Continued on Page 5)