

**Tuesday**  
December 12, 2006

**Norton, Kansas  
Home of John Tacha**

*Briefly*  
**Eisenhower's  
making music**

On Monday, Dec. 18, the Eisenhower Elementary School, grades one through six, will present its annual Winter Concert, at the East Campus Gym. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the gymnasium doors opening at 6 p.m.

The fifth and sixth grade bands will play a variety of seasonal carols. The vocal portion of the program will include a variety of seasonal and holiday songs.

The public is invited to attend. Another opportunity to hear the Norton elementary students sing a portion of the concert will be on KBSH Hays TV, channel 7, between Dec. 18 - Dec. 25. Following are the dates and times of the telecasts that will be approximately 2 1/2 minutes each. Dec. 18 - two showings between 5 and 9 a.m. and again during the noon news at 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.; two showings Dec. 19 between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and again during the noon news 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.; one showing Dec. 21 during the noon news 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and one showing Dec. 30 during the noon news 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Santa coming  
back to town**

If you missed Santa last week, don't fret. He and Mrs. Claus will be back in town one more time before Christmas.

They can be found in their gingerbread house on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday night.

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

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. West winds around 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds around 10 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. **Friday and Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the upper 20s.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 20, High 58  
Saturday ..... Low 22, High 63  
Sunday ..... Low 24, High 61  
Monday ..... Low 23, High 37  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Dear God, than you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ. Help us to share his light and love with all we meet.  
**Amen**

*Nativity comes alive*



*Church brings  
Christ's birth  
to Norton*

By VERONICA MONIER

The weather was practically balmy on Saturday night when the Norton First United Methodist Church presented its annual Living Nativity.

Volunteers from the church dressed in biblical costumes, turning the north and west parking lots of the church into Judea for the evening. As people drove by they were able to view seven scenes from the New Testament account of the coming of Christ, his birth, life and death on the cross.

The first scene depicted the three wise men following the star. Scene number two showed an angel declaring the good news to the shepherds with their sheep in the hills. The next one revealed Joseph with Mary on a donkey traveling to Bethlehem. The fourth scene showed them being turned away at the inn. Next is the stable scene where the Christ child was born. Then there is the carpenter's shop, where Jesus learned the trade of Joseph. And lastly, the scene at the cross where Christ died.

Putting on this year's production were:

- Living Nativity committee — Richard and Ruth Burd, Dale Carlson, Jill Lively, Chuck and Janet Look, Michelle Marsh and Randa Vollertssn;
- Music — Larry Henderson;
- Animal handlers — Mike

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Shepherds warmed themselves by the fire and spoke of the message an angel had just brought. This was one of seven scenes from the Living Nativity held Saturday by the Norton First United Methodist Church.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

**City taking  
over damaged  
property**

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council has agreed to take over the downtown property that was destroyed by fire earlier this year.

At last week's council meeting, City Attorney Karen Griffiths said Lee and Sioban Hanes, the property owners, had signed the agreement giving the city the property if the city would clean up the mess.

She said the paper work was at the title office and was expected to be finished on Monday. Once that is finished, she said the city can begin the project.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said he spoke with the Norton County Commissioners, who have offered the city whatever help was needed with the clean-up, including providing a lot of heavy equipment.

He said the landfill will take the material that has been separated free of charge. But, Mr. Lawson said, there will still be a lot of debris that they won't be able to separate.

Also, he said, the city is planning to put a locked, chain link fence around the property so that people don't go in at night when crews aren't working.

In other business, the council:

• Heard from Economic Development Director Wade Carter that a bio-diesel seminar will be held today at 6 p.m. in the  
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Lion Ed Witt assembled new benches at Pool Park. The benches were donated by the Norton Lions Club.  
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

*Lions Club adds benches to canopies at swim park*

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

In 1999 Ed Witt, member of the Norton Lions Club, chaired a project to build shelters at the Norton Public Swimming Pool.

This summer Lion Witt took the project one step farther with the addition

of benches under the canopies.

He said it incorporated recycling into the project, too. The uprights on the benches are made of recycled automobile tires and the slats are made of recycled plastic bottles.

Mr. Witt said the City of Norton gave him some help by storing the canopies

after they had been moved to make room for the water slide at the pool. Later, the city also helped him relocate the canopies over the new benches.

The benches and canopies will provide comfortable, shaded seating for many years to come.