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Cookie Contest

Check out all the details of *The Norton Telegram's* first Christmas Cookie Contest, a fund raiser for God's Pantry

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Corey Roy

Briefly

Eisenhower receives top marks

School, students earn both excellence, governor's awards

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Eisenhower Elementary is among the top schools in the state.

Last Wednesday, Superintendent Greg Mann and Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy gathered the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes in the grade school's gym to congratulate them on their honors.

Last year's third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes earned four Awards of Excellence for their performances on state assessments. The school also won the Governor's Achievement Award.

Mr. Mann told the students they were given cookies and longer recesses that day because of their performances on the state assessments.

"We want to thank you for your hard work," he said. "That's why you guys got cookies and longer recesses. Your teachers got doughnuts and meat and cheese trays for their hard work."

Eisenhower Elementary, he said, was one of 51 schools out of over 900 in the state to receive Awards of Excellence.

"Give yourselves a hand," he said.

This is the second year Eisenhower has earned Awards of Excellence. Last year, the school earned five awards.

But, Mr. Mann said, that is not why they gathered the students.

"You're here now today for being recognized by the governor for being on of the top 54 schools in Kansas," he said.

He said three things were needed to receive the governor's award.

The first is the school has to meet adequate yearly progress, which involves a bunch of numbers and statistics that they didn't need to get into, he said.

Second, he said, the school has to meet the Standard of Excellence, which Eisenhower did in all four grades in both reading and math. And last, he said, the school has to score within the top 5 percent of all the schools in the state.

"You guys are among the top 54 schools in the state," he said. "Third graders, you guys are a part of this now."

Mr. Roy encouraged the students to

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Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy showed his third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes the plaque they received for winning the Governor's Achievement Award last Wednesday. Winning the award established Eisenhower as one of the top 54 schools in the state

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Three women give doctors a helping hand

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Norton has always been fortunate to have fine medical personnel on staff at the clinic and the hospital. That number has recently been bolstered with the addition of three new staff members.

Kristen Vogel,
Physician's Assistant

Kristen Vogel graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1998 as the class valedictorian. She graduated from Kansas State University in 2002 with a bachelor's of science degree and a degree in life science. While attending college, she worked in a phlebotomy and plasma clinic. She said, "I knew I wanted to be a physician's assistant since I was a sophomore in college."

Miss Vogel completed her internship

in Norton in July. She officially started as a physician's assistant on Oct. 4. She said, "I'm 27 and I'm ready to settle down and have a life."

She still lives in Phillipsburg but because of her two, 24 hour shifts, she can stay in a hospital room while she is on-call for the emergency room.

Despite the fact that she was told the floor on which her room is located is haunted (and a nurse jumped out and scared her), she said, "The nurses have been absolutely great. They understand I'm new and still learning. They have all been very welcoming."

She said the thing she likes most about being a physician's assistant is the follow-up care she is able to give her patients. She said, "I like small towns. You can get to know your patients and get to

know the family dynamics."

All her family lives in Phillipsburg and she has a 14 year old brother still at home. "He was only five years old when I left home for college," Miss Vogel said. "I love being able to go watch him play sports." She also has a one year old niece.

She is single but raises Jack Russell terriers and has a mother dog with four puppies. Besides her family Miss Vogel enjoys reading and walking her dog.

Patricia McCartney,
Nurse Practitioner

The military has played a large part in the life of Patricia McCartney, Nurse Practitioner.

During her college career she joined the Army Reserves. After earning her bachelors and masters degrees in nurs-

ing from Fort Hays State University, Ms. McCartney went on active duty. She was stationed in Hawaii during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm where she treated the wounded after they were evacuated from the fighting.

"Maybe that's why I like the high drama of emergency medicine," she said. She has worked in Norton County Hospital's emergency room since August of 2006. She started at the clinic in October of this year. She is also an Emergency Medical Technician in Phillips County.

Ms. McCartney sees regular patients at the clinic besides being the medical director of the Norton Ambulance Service. She said, "I really enjoy my job. I love being in the clinic. It allows me to follow up on my ER patients. I see everything from

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California man wins final pick-em contest

By DICK BOYD

The fan from the farthest distance was the football expert in the 12th and final Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the *Telegram* last week as Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif., missed just one game and was closest to the score of the tiebreaker game.

Foley, who will receive \$15 in scrip money for the first prize, missed just the Texas Tech win over Oklahoma, as did every other entrant.

Indiana defeated Purdue 27-24 in the tiebreaker game and Chris picked it 30-21, or a total of just 6 points off the scores of each team.

Two other fans also missed just the Texas Tech game and judges went to the

tiebreaker again to decide second and third. Darrell Moore, Alma, won the \$10 scrip money second prize for picking Indiana to win by 31-28 or a total of 8 points off.

Third place scrip money of \$5 goes to Baylee Miller, Norton, who chose Indiana to win by 21-7 or a total of 23 points off. Baylee also placed second in the second week of the contest.

Missing just the Texas Tech win but picking Purdue to win the tiebreaker game were: Nancy Moore, Hoisington; Lynn Nelson and Douglas Daniels, both of Norton.

Correct on all but two games were:

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Some businesses staying open for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a traditional day spent with family. Most Norton businesses will observe the day by being closed.

Banks

All Norton County banks will be closed Thursday. All will be open for a regular business day Friday.

Service Stations

Love's Convenience Store and Norton Total will be open their regular 24 hours a day. Countryside Sales and Service will be closed Thursday, however, their card controlled pumps will be open. First Stop Convenience Store will be open from 5 a.m. until midnight

Thursday.

Grocery Stores

Jamboree Foods and Norton Shop and Save will both be closed Thursday. So will Country Corner in Lenora. Alma Market will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday and remain closed until opening Friday morning.

Restaurants

Adventures, Attitudes, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut/Taco Bell, Pure Prairie, K & S Center, Whitefield's Coffee House, all of Norton and Time Zone Bar and Grill in Lenora will be closed Thanksgiving Day. Town and

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Trivia part of Farm/City Week

This is Farm/City Week. All week, during partyline on KQNK, Norton County Farm Bureau will ask ag trivia questions. Listeners have the opportunity to win prizes. Coupon books are now available to Farm Bureau members at the office.

New support groups to meet

Two relatively new support groups are meeting tonight. The Cancer Survivors Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Norton County Hospital.

The Grief Support Group will also meet at 7 p.m. in the library of the Norton Christian Church.

Calendar shows historic side

"Remembering the Historic City of Alma" calendars are on sale now for \$10 each. Each month features a historic picture from around the city. All proceeds will benefit the Community Improvement Plan of Alma.

Purchase yours today at the following locations: Alma State Bank in Alma or Norton: Rita's Beauty Salon; Body Essentials Beauty Salon; and the Alma Senior Citizens Center.

You may also have your calendar shipped or mailed for the cost of the postage. For more information, call (785) 669-2846.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight—A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. **Wednesday**—A slight chance of snow before noon, then a chance for flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Wednesday night**—Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. North wind around 10 mph. **Thursday**—Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. **Thursday night**—Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Kingham report:

Friday High 68, Low 30
Saturday High 66, Low 36
Sunday High 70, Low 42
Monday High 79, Low 44
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, help us to see the needs of your children and to respond to them.
Amen

Happy Thanksgiving!