



THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Norton, Kansas
Home of Lanny Davis

Briefly

Chamber hosts Christmas dinner

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 25 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at noon.

This dinner is for anyone who cannot be with loved ones on Christmas Day. A full holiday menu of turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complete the feast.

There is no charge for the dinner, however donations will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to help with the meal preparation, serving and clean up. Anyone interested in helping should contact Karla Reed at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office, at 785-877-2501.

Grade school concert Dec. 17

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding its annual Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 17. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

Meeting to be for financial aid

A financial aid informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at Norton Community High School in the high school music room. A representative from Education Quest, Kearney, Neb., will discuss the process of applying for Federal Financial Aid.

High school juniors and seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Parents of college students are also invited. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-2009 school year will be available at this meeting. If you have any questions, call Shane Miller at the high school, 877-3338.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Occasional snow possibly mixed with freezing rain, becoming all snow afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible. **Tonight** — A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy with a low around 12. **Wednesday** — Partly sunny with a high near 28. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 14. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 34.

Kingham report:

Friday Lo 29, High 32, 2 1/2" Snow
Saturday Low 17, High 19
Sunday ... Low 12, High 20, 2 1/2" Snow
Monday..... Low 7, High 34
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for today and for your saving grace. Help us all to be better neighbors today. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**



Winter weather finally comes to Norton

By VERONICA MONIER
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Winter has finally come to Norton. The county had a brief visit from Jack Frost the day after Thanksgiving, but it quickly melted.

But, Mr. Frost came back for a more extended visit Friday. Over the past weekend, Norton has seen anywhere from one to three inches of snow, depending on where you are in town.

Monday evening brought freezing rain and a winter storm warning, which was expected to last until Tuesday. The National Weather Service in Goodland's warning said widespread freezing rain should be expected with significant ice accumulation likely.

Meteorologist Kelly James said the freezing rain, which began Monday, should change into a wintry mix of freezing rain and snow, which will continue into Tuesday.

On Tuesday, she said, expect snow. Overall, they are estimating three to six inches of rain and snow.

People should be careful when they have to drive, she said. With the rain and snow, visibility will be very poor and added to the icy roadways, extreme caution should be taken.

"If you don't have a reason to go out, don't," she said. "It's a good time to stay home and inside."

Andrew McMullen was the lone sledder at Elmwood Park Monday afternoon. Andrew took advantage of the snow before the freezing rain came, sledding down the hill, then climbing back up it again.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Board updated on airport

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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The Norton City/County Airport Board met Monday night for the first time in two months. All members of the board were present, except for Ron Briery who had an excused absence.

Chairman of the board John Miller gave an update of the airport concrete project. He said he met with Tom Bennett of B & G Consultants for a pre-construction conference in September. Mr. Miller said George Laliberte, the State Director of Aviation, had asked

Mr. Bennett to write a state grant to help fund the project. As of yet, no word has been received regarding the approval of the grant. Mr. Miller said it is hoped the state will help pay for the balance of the project.

Mr. Miller said he has signed the forms prepared by Mr. Bennett to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for non-priority airport money. He said the application makes the airport eligible to receive about \$71,000.

The board discussed the proposed (Continued on Page 5)

Sheriff gets 'computer cop'

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The Norton County Sheriff's Department is getting a new program to help monitor communication and chat lines.

Sheriff Troy Thomson told the Norton County Commission at its Nov. 26 meeting that his department has been looking at a program called computer cop. The program costs \$4,250 and the sheriff wanted to know if the county could afford it.

The software is to monitor communication and chat lines with juveniles. Sheriff Thomson said that over the past couple

of months, he has had several parents in his office who were worried that their children were using chat lines.

Sheriff Thomson said the computer cop program will monitor the chat line use.

The commission voted 2-1 to buy the program and charge for the software with Commissioner Leroy Lang voting no, while Commissioners John Miller and Richard Thompson voted yes.

Sheriff Thomson spoke with the commission about department operations and discussed some financial information that the commission had requested.

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Three new instant winners claimed their \$50 prizes Monday. Betty Ambrosier (left) picked her winning ticket from Steve Streck; Tami Broeckelman with Nex-Tech gave Carol Olliff her winning ticket; and



The Norton T-Shirt Company's Pennie Delimont (right) passed on a winning ticket to Pamela Keenan.

— Telegram photos by Christie Anderson



Three more claim Christmas On Us prize money

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Another three women have claimed their \$50 instant prizes for Christmas On Us so far this week.

People still have until Thursday to find their winning numbers in last Friday's ads.

Betty Ambrosier was the first to bring in her winning ticket, No. 065161, Monday. She received her ticket by shopping at Hall's Clothing. Mrs. Ambrosier plans to help Santa with a little shopping and "to do something nice for someone" with her winnings.

Next in was Pamela Keenan. She

received her ticket, No. 144058, from Norton Shirt Company and plans to spend the money at Norton Shop and Save.

Carol Olliff, the third of Monday's winners, plans to buy something nice for herself. She received her ticket, No. 755691, from Nex-Tech.

As of last Thursday, a total of 11,361 tickets had been collected from participating merchants. Each ticket equals \$10 spent locally, which adds up to approximately \$113,600 spent in town.

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