



Tuesday

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Ruth McMulkin

Briefly

Fair association meets Feb. 20

The annual meeting of the Norton County Amusement Association will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Norton County Economic Development Office, 115 N. Norton. The public is invited to attend.

TV guide was in Monday's paper

The weekly *Norton TV Listings* will not be found in today's *Telegram*. However, they did appear in Monday's *Telegram Extra*. The change was necessary due to a four-page promotion in today's *Telegram* supporting the Norton Community High School wrestling team's appearance at the state championships at Gross Memorial Coliseum, Hays, later in the week. The Blue Jays qualified 11 wrestlers for state. "We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused, and we don't intend for it to be habit-forming," said the newspaper's publisher Tom Dreiling.

Kids wanted to enter art contest

The Eagles Club is holding its 32nd annual "What I Like Best About My Hometown" art contest for third through sixth graders. Young artists entering can use acrylic, watercolor, crayon or pen and ink. In each grade level, there will be a \$200 first place prize, a \$100 second place prize, a \$75 third place prize and a \$50 fourth place prize. There will also be a \$500 Best of Show prize awarded. Entry forms may be requested from Lee Smith, Aerie Secretary, 607 N. State St., Norton or Barb McKie, Auxiliary Secretary, Rt. 3 Box 24, Norton. Entry deadline is May 1. For more information, call Mr. Smith at (785) 874-4841 or Mrs. McKie at (785) 877-3340.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Patchy freezing fog after midnight. Partly cloudy with a low around 12. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly sunny with a high near 21. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 15. **Thursday** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 29. **Thursday Night** — A 20 percent chance of snow. **Friday** — Partly sunny with a high near 40. **Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 22.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 13, High 41
Saturday Low 21, High 56
Sunday Low 31, High 41
Monday Low 20, High 39, few flurries
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, please help us to see opportunities to share our faith today, and give us strength to seize them. **Amen**



Champion emerges from county bee

By VERONICA MONIER
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It took 20 rounds, but Norton County now has its 2008 spelling bee champion.

Fifteen students from Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High School, Northern Valley Grade School, Northern Valley Junior High and Lenora Grade School competed for the bee title last Wednesday at East Campus Auditorium.



Montgomery

Round one started with words like "throat", "agreed", "voice" and "fluffy". The words became progressively harder with each round, going from "muscular" and "stomach" in round three to "sarcasm" and "expertise" in round five.



Maddy

By round six, there were only three contestants left — Marisa Maddy, Eisenhower Elementary, sixth grade; R.J. Ellis, Norton Junior High, eighth grade; and Tyler Montgomery, Northern Valley Junior High, eighth grade.

For 14 rounds, the three spelled increasingly difficult words like "exonerate", "trachea", "subterfuge", "gargantuan", "heliotropism", "geodesy" and "glissade" with no one coming out on top.

Finally, in round 20, R.J. correctly spelled "dungaree".
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After 20 rounds of spelling, R.J. Ellis (left) won the county spelling bee with the word "dungaree". Coming in second was Tyler Montgomery and in third was Marisa Maddy.
— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Severe weather on its way

By TOM DREILING
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The time is fast approaching for *Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week* and *Storm Spotter Classes*, notes David Floyd, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Goodland National Weather Service office.

He said awareness week will take place March 10-14, and the highlight will be the tornado drill on March 11 at 1:30 p.m., "when the National Weather Service offices serving the state issue a test tornado warning through normal communication channels." He said the warning will air on all radio and television broadcast stations, as well as NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio.

He said everyone should treat the test warning as if it were an actual emergency and review preparedness procedures. Mr. Floyd said all communities are being encouraged to sound their tornado sirens at that time.

Storm spotter classes will begin March 3 and wrap up on March 31. In the Norton area, the classes will be held at the following locations:

- Norton, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Prairie Land Electric Co-op (downstairs), 1101 W. Highway 36.
 - Hill City, March 5, 6:30 p.m., Frontier Stage, 321 E. Main Street.
 - Oberlin, March 26, 6:30 p.m., Gateway Building, 1 Morgan
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Council looks at Sunshine's roof

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton City Council will decide Wednesday whether or not to give Sunshine Learning Center money to replace its roof.

At Monday's Finance Committee meeting, Sunshine Board President Tiffney Yeager said she didn't know if Sunshine Learning Center qualified for the Hansen Foundation grant money, but that it was a good opportunity to let some of the council know about what Sunshine does.

She said they try hard to keep their

hourly rate affordable and are a non-profit organization. She said they are one of the few places in the area that has a drop-in service available. They own their building, she said, and so are responsible for maintenance. If they had the money, she said she would like to see Sunshine move to a new, larger building with more outdoor play area available.

"We can only take so many children with the space we have," she said. "If we had more space, we could take more children. We feel like our job is to provide a service for families and employers in the community. If we could grow, we

would be willing to do so."

Sunshine Director Jennifer McKenna said, right now, the learning center has 64 children that attend on a weekly basis which involve 46 families from Norton and the surrounding communities. She said they have 10 people on staff, who all have to meet continuing education requirement each year.

Because they are non-profit, she said everything they make, they put back into the daycare. They offer two levels of preschool and are always open, regardless of if staff is missing or not. She said they are
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Blood drive exceeds goal by two units

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Blood donors at the Wednesday, Feb. 13 Red Cross Blood Drive exceeded the goal of 127 units by two. Blood drive coordinator Laura Gilhousen said she was very pleased with this drive partly because donors did not have to wait to give blood. She said everything went smoothly.

Mrs. Gilhousen said 145 people came to the National Guard Armory to give blood but a few had to be deferred for one reason or another. She said, "It could be something as simple as taking medications, having a cold or getting a flu shot." Of the 145 prospective donors, six were first-time donors.

It takes a lot of people to make the blood drive a success. Mrs. Gilhousen
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LeeAnn Shearer, Norton, offered her arm as a blood donor at the Feb. 13 Red Cross Blood Drive held at the National Guard Armory. Mrs. Shearer was one of 145 potential donors who came to donate.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts