

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Home of Jean Johnson

### Briefly

## College crowd to hear Norton group

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The Norton Community High School chorus will be stepping up a couple of notches when they sing the national anthem at Gross Memorial Coliseum on the campus of Fort Hays State University on Friday, Dec. 5.

They will sing The Star-Spangled Banner not once, but twice.

According to Brad Haynes, assistant athletic director at the university, the chorus will perform the national anthem before the Fort Hays State University women's basketball game at 5:30 p.m. and before the men's game at 7:30.

The basketball Tigers will be hosting the University of Nebraska-Omaha and ushering in the first games of the MIAA conference season. Both the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks and Fort Hays State University Tigers were in the NCAA Regionals last year. The university is expecting a big crowd for this conference opener.

The assistant athletic director also said that members of the chorus will be selling tickets for the game throughout the Norton community and that 50 percent of the ticket sales will go directly back to the Norton chorus.

"This is a great opportunity for your businesses to directly support your local youth," Mr. Haynes said.

## Hospital board to meet Wednesday

The Norton County Hospital's board will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Among some of the agenda items are: audit presentation, information technology equipment proposal, risk management plan, statistical/financial reports, operating room equipment, employee group health plan, medical staff applications, quality improvement summaries, board member reports, CEO report, and other business.

## Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 25. Blustery with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Saturday - Sunny with a high near 46. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 25. Sunday - Sunny with a high near 64. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 27.

## Kingham report:

Tues., Nov. 11 ..... Low 31, High 41  
.60" Rain  
Wed., Nov. 12 ..... Low 29, High 58  
Thurs., Nov. 13 ..... Low 40, High 66  
.10 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for letting us feel your protection and the light of your love in the midst of our struggles.  
**Amen**

## Standing proud



Sergeant Brandon Williams, Staff Sergeant Art Miller and Specialist Wayne Davis made up the Color Guard during the Veteran's Day parade in Norton on Tuesday afternoon. See Section B for additional photos. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

# Norton County farm family honored

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Dan and Sue Skrdlant, Norton County, were honored as Kansas Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year for Farm Bureau's 10th geographic district of north-west Kansas. The Skrdlants received their award during Kansas Farm Bureau's 90th annual meeting in Manhattan on Nov. 8.

One family in each of the Kansas Farm Bureau's 10 geographic districts is selected each year for the Farm Family of the Year award. The award recognizes families for their service and leadership in agriculture, Farm Bureau and their communities.

The Skrdlants have two children, Katelyn, 7, and Colby, 3. Mrs. Skrdlant home-schools both children.

Patsy Maddy, county coordinator for the Norton County Farm Bureau Association, encouraged the Skrdlants to fill out the forms to enter the contest.

"They are really active in the community and in Farm Bureau, and I thought they had a really good chance of getting it," said Mrs. Maddy.

"It was a very long and detailed application, but I'm glad we did it. We never thought we would get it," said Mrs. Skrdlant. "The day before we got the letter in the mail telling us we were chosen, we had found out we're going to be having a baby!"

The Skrdlants are especially active in their county Farm Bureau. They have

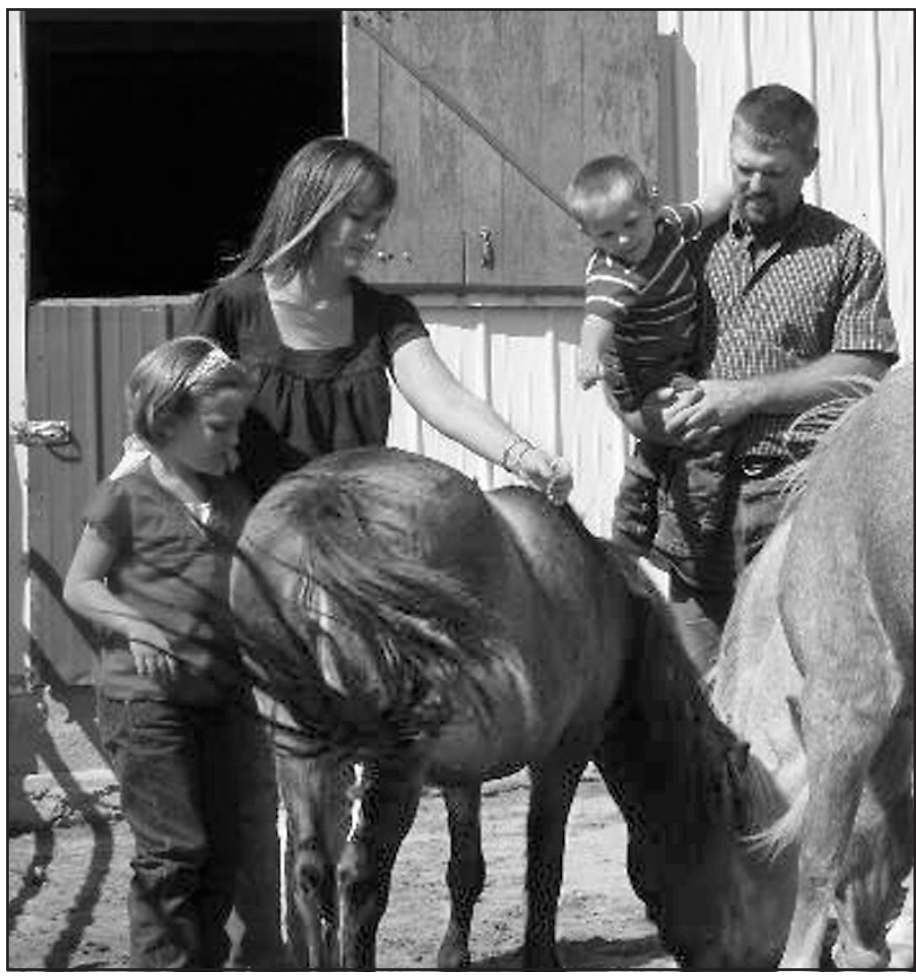
each held a wide range of leadership positions in the Norton County Farm Bureau, including serving in officer positions and as key committee chairpersons. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Skrdlant have co-chaired their county Young Farmer and Rancher Committee and have lobbied in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Farm Bureau-member driven policy. They have held leadership positions on the statewide Young Farmer and Rancher Committee and Mr. Skrdlant currently serves on the Kansas Farm Bureau Feed Grains Advisory Committee.

The Skrdlant family is also featured on the cover of the Winter 2009 issue of Kansas Living, the Kansas Farm Bureau membership magazine. The issue focuses on contributions made by farm families.

Community service has been an important part of the Skrdlant family's life. They are each active in the Norton Christian Church. Mrs. Skrdlant has served as a member of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Telethon boards. Mr. Skrdlant serves on the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance board. Together, the Skrdlants have volunteered for a host of community projects including The Rock and helping with FFA events.

For being chosen as the Farm Family of the Year, the Skrdlants will go on an all-expense paid trip to tour farms in

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Sue and Dan Skrdlant, their daughter, Katelyn, and son, Colby, were honored as one of ten Kansas Farm Bureau 2008 Families of the Year at the Kansas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Nov. 8 in Manhattan. — Courtesy Photo

## How did that happen?

# Every kid in class had the same letter missing from assignment

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Do you know what is missing from this group of words? Try this hint: Think of what is common to most words, and most groups of words. Don't know? It's the "e."

Corey Roy, Principal of Norton's school for young kids, found out about a book, "Gadsby," a fascinating book by American author Ernest Vincent Wright that is 50,000 words long, all lacking this special letter. His book is grammatically spot-on. According to Wikipedia, Mr. Wright quit our physical world at about

66, around Gadsby's publishing.

"I'm proud of what my kids did," said Mr. Roy. "I thought this was a fun way to follow what Mr. Wright did, writing a book without any 'e's.'"

Mr. Roy had his pupils invent groups of words or paragraphs using words that do not contain "e."

Here are the submissions:

- I play softball. I think it is a cool sport. You can go to a shop and buy what you want. I think Toys Go Out is a good book. — no name
- Our dog has a tail that is long. His tail always wags up and down. What a dog

Spot is. Spot wants to run in a park. I watch Spot play with his ball. — no name

• My dad plays golf. My dad is good at it. Golf is a fun sport. My dad plays golf a lot. I did try to play golf. I was not good at it. You should try playing golf! I think you would think it's fun, too — I do! Though I am not good at it. I think it's fun! — by Kylie Perez

• You can go to a party in a car. If you do not go by car you can walk. It is fun to go to a party by any form of transportation. — no name

• How do you do that? All last month an ant got food. — Caitlyn Cox

• I don't do drugs. I don't want my buddy's to do drugs. — Tevin Petrie

• Did I look at this man? No, I did not. I wish I could, but woulda, coulda, shoulda. I want to look at him but I look at him in my mind and I think I know what that man would do at daylight and night. — Piper Smith

• Should I sing a song or play? I can play tag with dad and Miah. — Kade Melvin

• Norton school is fun. I think it's big! It's not as small as my old school. — no name

• I had to stay with my mom on Mon-

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