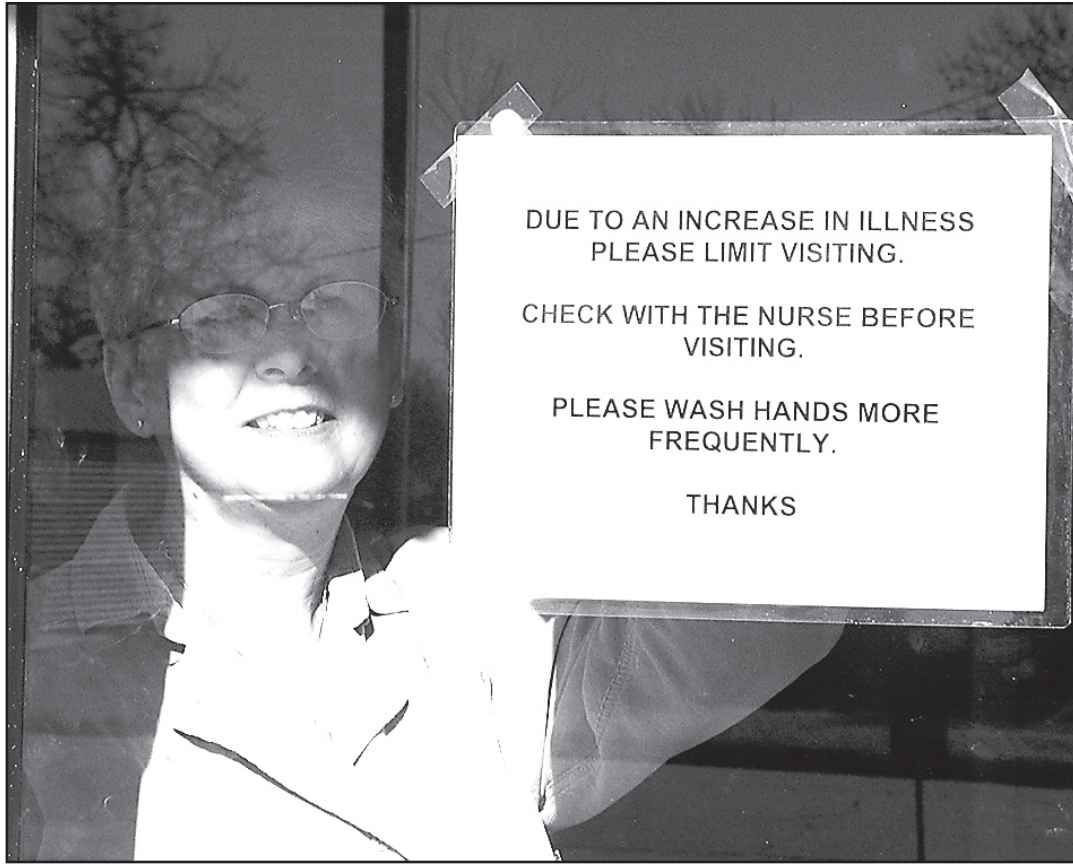


# Caution



JoLynn Lockhart, office manager at the Andbe Home, posted a sign on the entrance doors Thursday. According to Mrs. Lockhart, about 12 residents and 3 staff have the flu or cold. Ms. Lockhart said this is just a preventative measure to keep the residents from catching the bugs, which are usually much harder on elderly persons than younger people.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

# School reminders

**NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS**  
**Monday, Jan. 12** — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13** — Inservice at Hays; High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14** — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD; Northern Valley School Spelling Bee in the gym at Long Island, 2:15 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 15** — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD; High School Scholars' Bowl meet at Osborne, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 16** — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD; Superintendents' meeting at Phillipsburg and Glade, 9 a.m.; Kansas Writing Assessment Workshop in Hays, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17** — High School Basketball Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Palco, TBD.  
**NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Monday, Jan. 12** — Jay Singers, A.P.; Junior Class Prom Meeting, A.P.; MCL Scholars' Bowl at Norton, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13** — MCL Meeting at Plainville, 9 a.m.; Cheerleaders, A.P.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14** — Junior Class Prom Meeting, A.P.  
**Thursday, Jan. 15** — KAY Meeting, A.P.; Scholars' Bowl at Osborne, 4 p.m.; Wrestling vs. Smith Center and Trego, here, **Senior Night**, 6 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 16** — High School Wrestling at Newton Tournament of Champions, 11:15 a.m.; High School Wrestling at Elm Creek, Neb., 2:30 p.m.; Artist of the Month, A.P.; Jazz Band Rehearsal, A.P.; High School Basketball vs. Trego, there, "C" Team, Junior Varsity

and Varsity, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 17** — High School Wrestling at Newton Tournament of Champions, 9 a.m.; MCL Basketball Tournament Feather Bracket Games, TBA.  
**NORTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13** — KAYS, A.P.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14** — Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 15** — MCEL Basketball Tournament at Stockton, TBA.  
**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13** — 2nd Grade CBMs; 5th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, TBA.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14** — 3rd Grade CBMs; 6th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, TBA; TEAM, 3:40 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 15** — IEP Day; 3-4 Grade Level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

# School menus

**Monday, Jan. 12**  
 Northern Valley — Breakfast — Cherry coffeecake, hash browns, ham slice, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Hamburger on a bun, french fries, buttered spinach, pineapple chunks and milk  
 Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Apple and cinnamon muffin square, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Soppo joe on a roll, carrot sticks, hot roll with margarine, brownie, fruit, or chef salad, and milk  
 Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Monkey bread, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cocktail and milk.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
 Northern Valley — Breakfast — Oatmeal with toppings and toast, scrambled eggs, peaches, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Ham and scalloped potatoes, whole wheat rolls, buttered green beans, frosted pears and milk.  
 Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — French toast stix with syrup, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Corn dog, frozen peas, hot roll with margarine, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.  
 Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Sausage gravy, biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, jell-o with pears, cornbread and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
 Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast casserole, toast, fruit punch, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Soft shell taco, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, apple crisp and milk.  
 Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast casserole, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Slivered ham sandwich with cheese, lettuce and tomato, potato salad, pudding delight-fruit puff, or chef salad, and milk.  
 Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Banana bread, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Pigs in a blanket, french fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce and milk.  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
 Northern Valley — Breakfast — Monkey bread, scrambled eggs, orange slices, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Cheeseburger pockets, ranch wedges, baked beans, fruity jell-o and milk.  
 Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Hot cereal and toppings, fruit or juice, or cold cereal and toast with margarine and jelly,

and milk — Lunch — Steak fingers, whipped potatoes and gravy, carrots, hot roll with margarine, fruit or chef salad, and milk.  
 Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Sausage patty with biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, warm peas, peaches, peanut butter twist and milk.  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
 Northern Valley — Breakfast — Ham and cheese bagel, hash browns, grape juice, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Lasagne, tossed salad with dressing, buttered cauliflower, garlic stick, vanilla pudding and milk.  
 Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Cinnamon bun, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Pizza, garden salad, peanut butter cookie, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.  
 Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Hot french toast, warm maple syrup, pears, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Cavatini, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread and milk.

# Business spotlight

Business in the Spotlight — January 2009  
**Business Name:** Norton Cleaners & Laundry  
**Owners:** Tom and Diana Montoia  
**Address:** 206 E. Washington, Norton  
**Phone:** 785-877-2701  
**Website:** None  
**Type of Business:** Dry cleaners and bulk laundry  
**Date Established:** 1996  
**Business Description:** none necessary  
**Q: Why did you decide to start your business?**  
**A:** Like so many individuals, starting and owning your own business seemed like the thing to do in 1996. The independence of being your own boss, it's not what it is cracked up to be; getting up before most people are even out of bed; opening before dawn; working in extreme heat no matter the season.  
**Q: Why did you choose Norton?**  
**A:** My wife decided to be her own boss after a few months of working in someone else's business in the laundry department. My aunt just so happened to have the perfect business. It was something we could both do, and granted it's not hard work if you don't mind the steam and the hours.  
**Q: How long did it take for**

you to get from the idea to open doors?  
**A:** It took five months after making the decision and securing a down payment.  
**Q: What has been your greatest success?**  
**A:** One would find it hard to believe, but our greatest success is the fact that we're still open. This business has about bankrupted us a couple of times, but somehow we endure. The fact that we branched out early in the beginning has helped. We have dry cleaning stores in Hill City and Phillipsburg.  
**Q: What has been your greatest challenge?**  
**A:** The garments brought in for cleaning, pressing, sewing or what have you. Putting out a quality product is the key. We attended a few classes, and with the help of a garment specialist we can usually have them cleaned in a couple of days.  
**Q: What would you do differently?**  
**A:** One of the things we'd do differently is not buy from family — we were so gullible back then.  
**Q: What is your vision for the future for your business?**  
**A:** We'll continue to produce quality products as long as our health and sanity lasts. Our customers will always have a spot or a wrinkle or a wedding or a

funeral or a good pressing that needs our help.  
**Q: What do you see in the future for the business economy of Norton County?**  
**A:** We're a farming community and Norton has a few other businesses that don't pertain to the farmer. Norton will continue to grow at a slower pace than Hays or any town of that size. The more people, the more economy. So the attraction for younger citizens is a must. A junior college, a prison (which we have), an academy — surely there's something to attract those that need the jobs.  
**Q: What is most rewarding about being a business owner in Norton County?**  
**A:** The people of Norton are the most rewarding part of owning a business here — and the days we can work a miracle on that garment that appeared to be uncleanable.  
**Q: What advice do you have for other business owners in Norton County?**  
**A:** Run your own business — don't expect others to do your job. Be friendly, remember the customer isn't always right but you can let them think so. And if you're starting a new business, don't do a ribbon cutting for at least two years. You're in business to make money, not to give it away on the first day.

# Missing man found during welfare check

On Monday, Jan. 5, Police Chief Pat Morel and officer Jody Enfield found the body of Rodney Strickland in his home at 402 West Pearl Street while doing a welfare check.

Mr. Strickland had been reported missing by a friend. Dr. Jeff McKinley, Norton County's Coroner, pronounced Mr. Strickland dead at the scene.

Mr. Strickland's body was transported to the Norton County Hospital by Enfield Funeral Home. Dr. McKinley was unavailable for comment.

# FYI

**CALLING ALL KIDS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TELEGRAM'S COLORING CONTEST!**  
 If you colored a picture for The Telegram's coloring contest, you will receive two prizes when you come in to the Telegram's office to pick up your picture.  
 Participants, even if they did not win first, second or honor-

able mention, will receive a token for a free treat at Dairy Queen and a candy cane.  
 Thank you to everyone who colored the beautiful pictures!  
 Duplicate Bridge met Wednesday evening with three tables. Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz took first place. Carla Latimer and Bob Jones took second place.

# Correction

In the Norton AYSO Soccer ad in Tuesday's paper, fundraising first place winner Dru Kasson was listed as the son of Matt and Jennifer Kasson. Dru is the daughter of Matt and Jennifer Kasson. The Telegram regrets the error.

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 AT THE Norton Rural Fire Station

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**January 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 9:30 am in Arapahoe at the Ella Missing Center**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 2:00 pm in Norton at Prairieland Electric Meeting Room (park on east side)**  
 Call us for directions and for more information:  
 Tim—Scott—Fran at 800-228-1352.  
**Ag Valley Coop Ph. 308-927-3681**  
**P.O. Box 68 1-800-228-1352**  
**Edison, NE 68936**

# READERS

The Norton County Horse Council will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norton City Building.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
**Solomon Valley Rural Fire District No. 3**  
**Monday, Jan. 12, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station in Lenora, Kansas**

NOTICE OF 60TH  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, January 19, 2009**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall**  
**104 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas**  
**Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 14**  
**\$1.00 PER PERSON**  
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