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Briefly

Live Nativity set for Sunday at church

First United Methodist Church is scheduled to have their Live Nativity at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13. The nativity was postponed on Sunday due to the weather. Up-to-date information can be found on the church's LED sign west of town on Highway 36.

Santa to be home on Thursdays

Santa will be home on the Norton County Courthouse lawn, 105 S. Kansas, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. His last appearance will be Dec. 17. Letters to Santa can be dropped off at Santa's mailbox located outside of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office, 104 S. Sate Street.

Booster Club sets next meeting

The next meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in the high school cafeteria.

Norton wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will give updates on season opening competition.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meetings.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
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- CORN \$3.16
- SOYBEANS \$9.73
- WHEAT \$4.31
- MILO \$2.98

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weather forecast

Tonight - Snow likely with blowing snow before midnight. Wednesday - Mostly sunny and cold with a high near 10. Thursday - Mostly sunny.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 Low 25, High 55
 Wednesday, Dec. 2 Low 20, High 36
 Thursday, Dec. 3 Low 11, High 27
 Friday, Dec. 4 Low 6, High 34
 Saturday, Dec. 5 Low 15, High 44
 Sunday, Dec. 6 Low 19, High 26
 Monday, Dec. 7 Low 4, High 18

Snow Accumulation Sunday through Monday totaled 5 inches
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for overlooking our flaws and for loving us despite our shortcomings. Amen



More than five inches of snow was dumped on Norton Sunday. On Monday cleanup began with plows going through streets and city crews removing snow. Crews were expected to be busy as snow rolled through

the area through Tuesday.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Winter weather falls on Norton

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Winter weather moved into the area early this week with several inches of snow being dumped on Norton Sunday and more winter weather expected to move into the area Tuesday.

The National Weather Service in Goodland reported 5.7 inches of snow falling Sunday, causing numerous delays

and cancellations yesterday morning. Norton Community Schools was delayed by an hour, among other cancellations.

The weather service reported a winter storm warning in effect from 3 a.m. - midnight on Tuesday. Today's storm was expected to produce an additional 6-12 inches. Winds up to 40 miles-per-hour were expected to create areas of blowing

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The first round of storms hit Norton Sunday, covering streets with several inches. An estimated 12 inches was expected to fall on Tuesday.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Commission discusses funds for project

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Two projects are under construction west of town with Norton County Commission discussing funding for millings as well as the removal of the hill on west Washington Street where the Lutheran Church and new Emergency Medical Services building are under

construction.

During yesterday's Norton County Commission meeting, Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said there are two ways to fund the project.

In an interview with The Telegram after the meeting, she said, barring any unforeseen circumstances, Norton

County was allocated \$23,000 in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Economic Development Bond program.

The money will be used for the millings on roads surrounding the new medical services building.

The commission also discussed removing the hill (County - Continued on Page 5)

Third annual cookie contest was a success

The Norton Telegram's third annual Cookie Contest was held last Friday at The Telegram's office, bringing in almost \$400 for God's Pantry.

There were 16 entries, and a great variety of cookies to try.

"Every year for three years we have done this for no other reason but to help God's Pantry. All money raised goes to God's Pantry which in turn helps those individuals and families who may need a little extra help feeding themselves," said Dana Paxton, Norton Telegram general manager.

"Times are tough for everyone but a little harder for some. We are proud to say that we raised almost \$400 with our efforts this year," she said.

God's Pantry Chairwoman Elaine Mann said the pantry is taking more cash donations. They keep money in reserve

in case there is a disaster and food is needed.

"This is wonderful. The money will be well spent," Mann said.

Mann said last year the pantry averaged \$1,000 per month on groceries. This year they are averaging \$1,500. She said the increase is due to more people seeking aid as well as an increase in grocery prices. God's Pantry is a temporary resource for emergency situations.

It provides food for a family of four for a week.

Paxton said she wanted everyone to have the opportunity to help so two age categories were included: 12 and under and thirteen and up. There were three places for each age group.

Joyce Lofgreen won first with her Cranberry Melt-A-Ways. Second went to (Contest - Continued on Page 5)



Collin Simmons took third place in the cookie contest for his Soft Lemon cookies. He received a blanket, two tickets to the Norton Theatre and hand towels, which he planned to give to his mother.

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