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## Tuesday

December 14, 2010

### Briefly

#### Norton boosters to meet Wednesday

The next meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 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.

#### Telegram holding coloring contest

The Norton Telegram is holding its annual coloring contest for children 12 and under. Pictures can be picked up at the Norton Telegram office or the Almena Market. All pictures must be returned to the Telegram no later than Wednesday, December 15 for judging that will take place on Friday, December 17. Please include, name, address, age and telephone number.

#### Football Banquet to be held Sunday

The annual Norton Community High School Football Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Blue Jay Booster Club, will be held on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

A carry-in meal will precede presentations by head football coach Lucas Melvin. All fans are invited and are asked to bring a main dish and side dish or dessert and their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

#### Christmas On Us drawing Thursday

The Norton Telegram's Christmas On Us grand prize drawing will be held at the Norton Senior Center this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. sharp. You must have your tickets with you in order to claim your prize. Any remaining \$50 instant ticket winners will be drawn along with the \$200, \$300 and \$500 grand prizes.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$6.96
Milo .....	\$4.89
Soybeans .....	\$12.19
Corn .....	\$5.24

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 18. **Wednesday** - Mostly cloudy with a high near 44. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 22. **Thursday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 41.

### Kingham Report

Friday, Dec. 10 .....	Low 27, High 61
Saturday, Dec. 11 .....	Low 19, High 27
Sunday, Dec. 12 .....	Low 5, High 28
Monday, Dec. 13 .....	Low 8, High 34

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, ease our minds in an already troubled and dangerous world. Remind us daily that your love abounds to shield us from harm. Amen

#### Direct mail to Santa



This year, the mailbox to send letters to Santa has a new location. It is on the west side of the Norton County Courthouse. Mareesa Hempler puts her letter to Santa in the box while Serenity Porter patiently waits her turn. Several children from the Sunshine Daycare Center showed up to get their letters mailed. When asked if they had all been good, they assured everyone that they had all been very good little boys and girls. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Sheriff says county jail is full

The Norton County jail is full and over full, according to Sheriff Troy Thomson, who says he needs more beds to keep prisoners from having to sleep on the floor.

The jail has nine beds, he told the county commissioners on Monday, but over the last few days the county has had more prisoners than that.

On Friday night, he said, there were nine prisoners. That went up to 12 by Saturday then back to 10 that night. On Sunday night there were eight in the jail and, by Monday morning, the sheriff had eight in Norton and one prisoner who needed to be picked up from the Graham County jail.

To solve the problem, the sheriff suggested that the county get six portable, stackable bunks, which will cost \$1,156.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate asked how much weight and what type of springs the beds have.

"I know of nobody in Norton County who will bust them," the sheriff said about the strength of the bunks and said there were no springs. "They're not pillow tops," he said with a smile.

The commissioners agreed that the sheriff should purchase the beds, which can be stored when not in use.

In other business, the sheriff told the commissioners that he will need to hire a new dispatcher since he has a resignation. The dispatcher will be leaving on Jan. 2, he said, but will help out on weekends through February to help with training for a new person.

Sheriff Thomson said that he would advertise the job.

## Hunter escapes fire that consumed mobile home

There was no one hurt in a mobile home fire last Friday morning in the city limits of Norton. At approximately 3:15 a.m. the sirens went off notifying the city fire department of a fire in a mobile home parked behind Ruth's Antiques and McEwen Auction.

The mobile home was owned by Mark Smith of Kremlin Colorado, an avid hunter who had his hunting dog, Ollie, with him. Mr. Smith comes to Norton a few times a year to hunt and being friends with Duane McEwen has been offered a camping spot next to a trailer where Mr. McEwen stores items for his auctions.

"I smelled shellack and looked toward the kitchen area and saw smoke. All I had time to do was grab my clothes and get out," Mr. Smith said. "As soon as I opened the door, the oxygen came in and it went up in flames."

There was nothing left of the mobile home except a pile of burnt and melted metal sitting on its tires. Mr. Smith had his pickup with a topper parked next to the mobile home and its tail lights were melted and dripping down the back of his truck.

Fire Chief, Mitch Jones said that he thought the fire started in the rear of the mobile home and that it possibly could have been a small heater. "The fire was out and we were back to the fire station by 4:40," Jones stated.



The Norton City Fire Department responded to a fire at a mobile home in the early morning hours last Friday. The mobile home was a total loss for a Colorado man and his faithful hunting dog Ollie.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Norton County sells cardboard and paper for \$10,000

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Norton County received almost \$10,000 for paper and cardboard recycled through the landfill.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the Norton County Commissioners last Monday that he got six loads of cardboard and paper hauled off and got about \$70 a ton for the paper and \$125 per ton for the cardboard.

He said the county had 56.9 tons of

paper and 48.17 tons of cardboard. It got \$3,926 for the paper and \$6,021 for the cardboard.

It took three to four months to collect that much, Archibald told the commissioners.

Commissioner John Miller expressed his appreciation of the work the prison has done to separate the paper and cardboard out for recycling.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt noted that the county is paying quite a bit to have

many of its documents shredded.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate asked if the county could sell shredded paper but Commissioner John Miller said no, it would have to be baled.

Archibald suggested the county could use shredded paper as mulch for grass but Miller said a different consistency is needed for that.

The county would have to purchase a commercial shredder to do all the documents, it shreds, the commissioners were

told.

Archibald asked if the county could pay for such a shredder by getting businesses to use it for a fee.

Miller said that probably wouldn't be feasible because the county couldn't guarantee confidentiality. To have that, Norton would have to put in 24-hour surveillance video, he said.

"I think we have a good deal, now," Commissioner Applegate said and the other commissioners agreed with her.

## Emergency services wants grass for facility

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The area around the new ambulance facility needs grass and last Monday the county commissioners checked on costs and time lines with Emergency Medical Services Director Jane Wyatt and Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald, who deals with similar problems at the landfill.

The area that needs to be covered, Mr. Archibald said, is 1,600 square feet.

He said he has talked to the Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman and figures that the area will need 7.5 pounds of seed and three pounds of fertilizer per 1,000 square feet plus mulch to hold the seed and fertilizer in place.

Each bag of mulch will cover 1,000 square feet so the county will need two to three bags, which cost \$13 to \$15 a bag. Some areas closer to the building will need to be re-seeded, also, he said.

Mr. Archibald said that he didn't know how much the seed and fertilizer would cost but that he would check into it.

Mr. Archibald said that he thought that spring would be best for the project since the seed needs to be constantly moist for the first 14 days in order to germinate.

Mrs. Wyatt said she didn't care what kind of grass was seeded into the area as long as it got rid of the weeds and required little in the way of maintenance.

"We need something that is low, low, low maintenance," she said.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that the soil in that area has a lot of clay and the grass should be drilled or tilled into the soil. He said he thought that it would be best to do so when there is snow on the ground since that would provide moisture

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