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Briefly

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The first Norton Blue Jay Booster meeting of the new year will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to attend and hear reports from head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink, head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

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

County landfill to close for funeral

The Norton County Landfill will be closing at noon Wednesday for the funeral of Bonnie Laughlin. The landfill will reopen at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Volunteers ready for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels schedule for Jan. 3 to Feb. 27:

- Jan. 3 - 14: Community Volunteers, contact Alice Hawks (877-3351)
- Jan. 15 - 16: 20th Century Federated Club, contact (Lottie Wiltfong)
- Jan. 17 - 23: Norton County Hospital, contact Alice Hawks (877-3351)
- Jan. 24 - 30: Norton Lions Club, contact Jon Boxler (877-5128)
- Jan. 31 - Feb. 6: Knights of Columbus, contact Tom Melroy (877-2754)
- Feb. 7 - Feb. 13: St. Francis Altar Society, contact Tina Silan (877-5256)
- Feb. 14 - Feb. 20: Redeemer Lutheran Church, contact Cynthia Washburn (877-3004)
- Feb. 21 - Feb. 27: American Legion Auxiliary, contact Marcia Wiltfong (877-2459)

Rotarians plan meal before Norton game

Rotary soup supper will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the Norton Junior High Cafeteria before the basketball game. Norton versus Oberlin here at 5 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat\$7.27
Milo\$5.26
Soybeans\$12.90
Corn\$5.59

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 13. **Wednesday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 40. **Wednesday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 18.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Dec. 28Low 19, High 51
Wednesday, Dec. 29Low 18, High 46
Thursday, Dec. 30Low 17, High 39
Friday, Dec. 31Low 2, High 18
	4" Snow
Saturday, Jan. 1Low 0, High 19
Sunday, Jan. 2Low 3, High 34
Monday, Jan. 3Low 7, High 36

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

Prayer

Dear God of mercy, help us to trust in you when pain overwhelms us. Teach us how to console others in the ways you console us. Amen



Cayla and Joe Cox hold the newest member of their family and of Norton County, Cambrie Joy. Cambrie was the first baby to be born at the Norton County Hospital in 2011.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Norton couple has New Year's baby

Cambrie Joy Cox was the first new baby of 2011 to be born at the Norton County Hospital.

Cambrie came into the world at 9:26 a.m. the morning of Sunday, January 2, 2011. She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud stay-at-home mother, Cayla Cox and proud father, Joseph Cox greeted her into their growing family. Cayla stays at home caring for their children while Joseph works away from the home at North Wheatridge LLC hog farm north of Long Island and he also works for USD 211 as the boys junior high football and basketball coach.

Cambrie will be welcomed by her four siblings, Collin who is 6, Cara, 5; Corwyn, 4 and Chloe who is 2 and a half.

There are certain benefits to being the first Norton County

residents who have their child born at the Norton County Hospital. Several local businesses have donated gifts to the happy family. Attitudes Restaurant and Lounge offers a \$25 gift certificate, Fit To Go a one month free membership, Kowpoke Supply offers a Fire and Smoke alarm, Kansasland Tire gives a free oil change with a \$35 value, First State Bank will open a Money Bee account with the first \$25 deposit, Chaos gives a pedicure, hair cut and any one product of their choice. The United Northwest Credit Union, Stitch Up a Storm, Destination Kitchen, Moffet Drug Store and Sander Furniture offer a special gift and Here's Your Sign and LK Embroidery and Gifts each offer a personalized gift for the baby. The last gift offered to the family is a six month subscription to the Norton Telegram.

Norton family mourns relatives killed in California

By HARRIETT GILL
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A double homicide in California has reached into the Norton area, where a niece of the victims settled.

On Christmas night, San Luis Obispo County sheriff's deputies were summoned to the Santa Margarita Ranch, where two sisters had been shot to death.

Beverly Reilly, 64, and her sister, Kathy Yeager, 61, were the victims of what authorities are describing as a random act by a young man who had stopped taking his prescribed medication.

Dennis Reilly, 70, Beverly's husband, was the only survivor. According to the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*, a family mem-

ber, John Evans, retold this account he had received from Mr. Reilly:

Mr. Reilly and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Yeager, had returned to the ranch house, which the trio was house sitting for the Reillys' daughter and her husband over the Christmas holiday. They had been feeding animals, but Dennis's wife, Beverly, did not go with them.

When they entered the home, Dennis did not see his wife and assumed she was napping. Mrs. Yeager went into the bedroom to check on her. He heard a gunshot and saw his sister-in-law fall to the floor.

A young man emerged from the bedroom holding a gun. He charged screaming at Reilly.

Mr. Reilly ran from the house and hid in a ditch, emerging later to flag down a passing car. He told the occupants of the shootings. They took his wallet to verify his identity and said they would go to town and call police.

Dennis said he hid until officers arrived. He said he wanted to make sure his daughter and husband did not return to their home if the killer was still there.

The sheriff's office report confirmed that account and added details.

Andrew Wesley Down, a 20-year-old man from nearby Atascadero, has been arrested in connection with the killings. Police described Down as a schizophrenic who had stopped taking his medications and allegedly took his

father's rifle prior to the shootings.

He is also charged with deadly assault on Glen Johnson, a Atascadero man. Police reported that Down broke in and attacked Johnson with a wrench the day after the killings. Johnson was able to restrain him until police arrived.

Mindy (Yeager) Braun, a niece of Mrs. Yeager and Mrs. Reilly, and her husband Lance, live in Norton.

Memorial services for the women were held New Year's Day at the ranch.

A memorial fund has been established in Norton; contributions may be sent in care of the First State Bank of Norton.

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Sales tax revenue fluctuates

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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Sales tax receipts in Norton County were up in October but they were down in September.

Norton County Treasurer Cindy Linner gave the Norton County commissioners a quick synopsis of tax collections during their end-of-the-year meeting on Thursday.

Linner said that the state had sent Norton \$30,320 in December. This is from October sales taxes paid in the county, she said.

The amount is \$8,000 more than the county got in 2009, when the county received \$21,723. And the tax collections are up about \$5,000 for the year, which started in October and is now three months along.

Last year at this time, the state had sent Norton \$75,434. This year, the county has received \$80,883 in sales tax revenue.

Linner said she has no particular reason for the gain except that the corn and soybean crops were good and that should translate into more money being spent.

Whether retailers did well for the big Christmas push will not be known for a while, she said, since the retailers collect taxes, send them to the state a month or more later and then the state disburses them to the county a month later, leaving a two-month lag between shopper and money getting to the county.

Also, she noted, some retailers only pay quarterly or yearly depending on how much they collect. So it will be February before the county knows whether the sales tax revenues are up or down for 2010.

Collections from things like personal

With a little help from my friends



With a little help from Librarian Kathy McConney, Gary Bruinekoil found the books he wanted and looked for others by the same author last Thursday.

—Telegram staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Northwest Tech begins second semester in Norton

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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Norton County residents are able to go to college at Northwest Tech without ever leaving the county.

Last year the college, which is in Goodland, offered six classes in Norton at the high school.

This year, the second semester for the program, classes in Introduction to Business, Leadership and Supervising Management are available to Norton residents.

Each class will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and offer three credit hours to students.

Introduction to Business will be held on Thursdays, Leadership on Wednesdays and Supervising Management on Tuesdays. All classes will be held at the Norton Community High School.

These classes help students, who are looking to get an associates degree in business and are all transferrable to four-year colleges.

Classes begin on Monday and enrollment is taking place right now.

To enroll, call Northwest Tech at Norton at 800-316-4127 ext. 515. or go online at www.nwkte.edu.

Scholarships for the classes, which cost \$95 a credit hour plus \$12 per class fee or \$297 altogether, are available through the Norton Economic Development.

Eligible applicants can get up to a \$150 scholarship for the classes.

Eligibility requirements are simple. You must be a resident of Norton County, enroll in a spring semester course at the college and provide proof of payment of the class fee.

The application form is a single one-sided sheet of paper asking for name, occupation, address, phone number, e-mail address and a short explanation of why getting a scholarship will help the individual and the economic development of the community.

Scholarship applications are available at the economic development offices at 113 N. Norton or on line at www.discovernorton.com.

