

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday,  
December 2, 2011

## Eisenhower band shows off talent



The Eisenhower Elementary 6th grade band students presented a small concert performance Thursday afternoon at the elementary school. The show, directed by Don Mordecai, featured a selection of five songs, including "School Spirit," "Peanut Song," "Louie, Louie,"

"Frosty the Snowman" and "Eye of the Tiger." The concert also featured narration from some of the band students. Tuesday's concert kicks off a series of band and vocal concerts scheduled across the school district in December.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

### Scholastic book fair set at Lenora library

Friends of the Lenora Public Library will hold a Scholastic book fair at the library through Dec. 10. The sale will be held each week day from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Living Nativity set for Sunday evening

The Living Nativity will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday from 6-8 p.m. Viewers can drive their vehicles through the area around the church where people and animals will depict the events of the Christian Nativity.

### Band concert set for Tuesday evening

The Norton Junior High band will perform a concert on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the junior high gymnasium. All band parents and supporters are welcome to attend.

### VA representative set to visit Norton

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on Tuesday. She will be at the Norton Community Center to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. Anyone unable to contact Tubbs at that time may call her any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

### Volunteers needed for Christmas meal

The United Methodist Church in Norton is looking for volunteers to help serve a community Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 25. The dinner will be served at noon and anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce at 877-2501.

### Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.03
Milo.....	\$5.53
Soybeans.....	\$10.50
Corn.....	\$5.90

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow in the evening then a chance of light snow and areas of light freezing drizzle after midnight. Saturday - Breezy with light snow and areas of blowing snow. Snow accumulation of 4 to 6 inches. Saturday Night - Colder with a 20 percent chance of light snow.

### Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 29 .....Low 22, High 54  
Wednesday, Nov. 30 .....Low 22, High 54  
Thursday, Dec. 1 .....Low 32, High 33  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Thank you, O God, for being gentle when you search us for sin so that we are not humiliated but forgiven and purified. Amen

## U.S. Postal Service considers consolidation

By Kevin Bottrell  
Colby Free Press

In a move that could potentially leave only one postal mail processing center for the entire state of Kansas, United States Postal Service representatives held an informational meeting Tuesday evening in Hays to discuss the possibility of consolidating mail processing to Wichita.

The *Hays Daily News* reported Thursday that Roy Reynolds, chief plant manager for the central postal district in Omaha, Neb., told the small crowd of mostly postal workers or contractors that the decision on whether or not to eliminate the Hays processing center will be based on equipment and manpower efficiencies. The potential decision will not depend on delivery times and financial impact on bulk mail users.

The Postal Service already moved Hays operations to Salina in October, but it has been studying moving operations out of Salina, and the Hays

mail would need somewhere else to go. It has been looking at moving Hays, Salina, Hutchinson and Dodge City processing operations to Wichita while relocating the Liberal operations to Amarillo, Texas, Topeka operations to Kansas City, Mo., and Colby operations to Denver.

The potential decision would eliminate overnight delivery of first-class mail, increasing delivery time to two or three days.

That possibility has not garnered support from postal employees and the general public who spoke up at Tuesday's gathering. Concerns were raised that mail from the Colby area will have to go to Denver for sorting, then be routed through Wichita before being delivered to the Hays area. The distance from Colby to Hays is only just over 100 miles, but mail will have to travel several hundred miles before it is delivered.

The United States Postal Service ended its fiscal year with a \$5.1 bil-

lion loss. In a Nov. 15 press release, the service reported a decline in mail volume by 3 billion pieces from 2010. Revenue from First-Class mail, the service's most profitable product, fell by \$2 billion.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said if the service is to make a profit

again, it has to reduce its costs by \$20 billion in the next four years.

Preliminary study results say moving Colby's processing to Denver would save \$28,426 per year, with another \$323 of maintenance savings. The

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## Christmas On Us draws first winners

The second week of the Norton Telegram's Christmas On Us promotion wrapped up Monday with two \$25 instant winners.

During the week of Nov. 22-28, a total of 2,886 tickets were given out for the promotion, which equates to \$28,860 spent at participating Norton businesses.

The first drawing winner was Courtney Holder, who earned her ticket at NexTech. The second winner was Lisa Donovan who earned her ticket at The Bank.

Over the course of the six-week Christmas on Us promotion, a total of \$1,200 will be given away with one \$500 winner, one \$100 winner, seven \$50 winners, and 10 \$25 instant winners, which come from the numbers found in the advertisements in each Tuesday edition of the Norton Telegram.

Participants should check their ticket numbers against those in sponsor ads on the Christmas On Us page each Tuesday. The instant winner ticket winners will have six days to claim their prizes, which are redeemable at

the Telegram office at 215 S. Kansas Avenue.

All prizes are in the form of script money, spendable only at Christmas On Us participants.

Participating businesses have posters in their windows and shoppers will receive one ticket for each \$10 they spend at the participating business and tickets can also be obtained at the Norton Telegram office with no purchase necessary. The customer will keep one copy of the ticket and the Norton Telegram will keep another copy. Tickets are collected each Monday from participating businesses.

The grand prize drawing will be held at the Norton Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Any unclaimed instant winners will be drawn at that time, as well.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and present at the drawing with the winning ticket to claim a prize. By claiming a prize, winners agree to have their photo taken and published in the Norton Telegram.

## Treat contest set for Friday

As a fund-raiser for God's Pantry, the fifth annual Norton Telegram Cookie Contest will be held next Friday at the Norton Telegram office at 215 S. Kansas Avenue in Norton.

For the first time ever, the contest is open not only for cookies but also for candy, cakes/cupcakes, breads and other sweet treats. Entries for the contest must be dropped off at the Telegram office by noon on Friday and voting will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants can submit unlimited entries and unlimited voting will be allowed.

The cost to participate is \$5 per entry and the cost to vote is 25 cents per vote. After sampling and voting, treats can be purchased for 25 cents each and containers will be available to take the treats home.

All the treats submitted for judging in the contest must be home-made and each cookie entry must include at least two dozen (24) cookies.

Prizes will be awarded in the two categories of ages 12 and under and ages 13 and older. The bakers in each category with the most votes will win a prize and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category. Prizes for the contest have been donated by End Zone, Stitch Up a Storm, Destination Kitchen, The Norton Theatre and the Norton Telegram.

The Norton Telegram will also be collecting non-perishable food items during the contest and 100 percent of the proceeds go to God's Pantry to help needy families in the community.

## Coloring contest open to children

The annual Norton Telegram Coloring Contest is once again under way and area children have the opportunity to win one of several prizes this holiday season.

Children up through age 12 are invited to pick up a coloring page from the Almena Market or from the Norton Telegram office. The picture can be colored and decorated and must be returned to the Telegram office by no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15.

The contest will be split into the two age categories of ages 0-6 and 7-12. The photos will be displayed in the front window of the Telegram office and volunteer judges will choose contest winners on Dec. 16. The winners will be announced in the Tuesday, Dec. 20 edition of the Norton Telegram.

Winners of the contest must claim

their prizes at the Norton Telegram and agree to have their photos taken and published in the Norton Telegram.

Several prizes are available for children to win. The prizes include cash, savings accounts, gold coins, ribbons, movie theatre tickets, pizza certificates, ice cream certificates, t-shirts, teddy bears, headbands and gift certificates, among other prizes.

The coloring contest is sponsored by the following merchants: Dairy Queen, Norton Animal Health Center, The Bank, First Security Bank, End Zone, Norton Theatre, Pizza Hut, Rainbow Lanes, Garden Gate Florals Etc., Norton Sports Center, Here's Your Sign, Woody's Diner, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, First State Bank and the Norton Telegram.

To Finish the 2011 Bowling Season  
We Have "Family Bowl" Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.-10 p.m.  
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