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## Tuesday

### December 20, 2011

### Briefly

#### Post Office to close for day after holiday

The Norton Post Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. The post office will resume normal hours on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

#### Medical clinic set to close for holiday

The Norton Medical Clinic will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas. The clinic will once again be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's.

#### City offices to close for holiday break

The Norton City Offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday. Recyclables will not be picked up this week. Monday's refuse route will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 29.

#### Commissioners not to meet Monday

Due to the holiday season, the Norton County Commissioners will not meet again until Friday, Dec. 30. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Norton County Courthouse.

### Markets

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Wheat.....	\$5.98
Milo.....	\$5.52
Soybeans.....	\$10.64
Corn.....	\$5.88

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear with lows around 14. West winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday - Sunny with highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening, then cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light snow after midnight.  
Lows around 16. North winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday - Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light snow. Highs around 30.  
Thursday Night - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow.

### Kingham Report

Friday, Dec. 16.....	Low 21, High 39
Saturday, Dec. 17.....	Low 24, High 47
Sunday, Dec. 18.....	Low 26, High 50
Monday, Dec. 19.....	Low 28, High 36

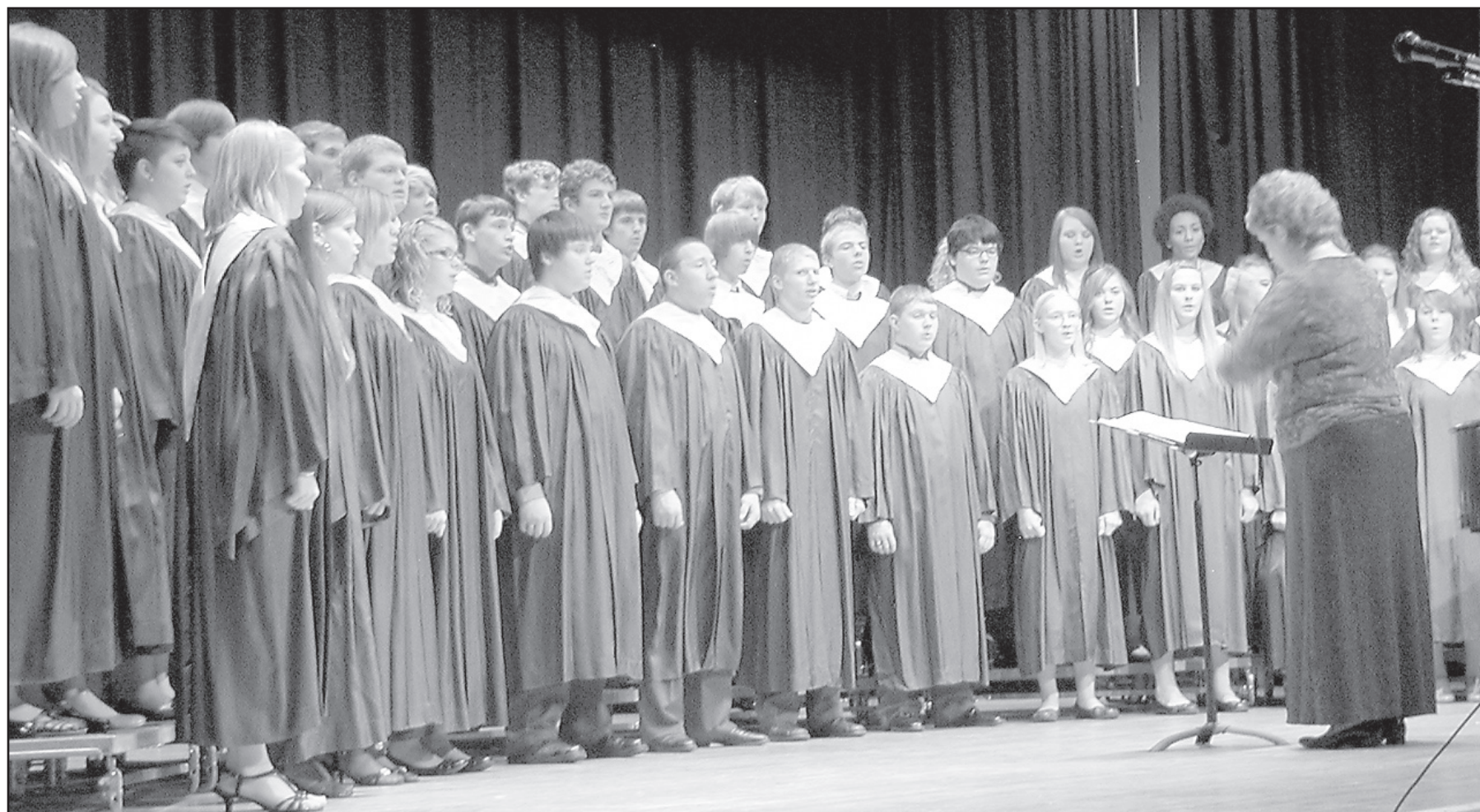
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

O God, help us to accept your grace instead of trying to earn your love. Amen



## Musicians come together for concert



The Norton Community Junior and Senior High Schools Christmas concert was held last Thursday night. The night started with the Jay Singers as they sang and danced to Frosty and the Hand Jive, Deck the Rooftop and Zat You, Santa Claus. The Men's Ensemble then sang We Three Kings followed by the junior high singing Skatin' and Sleighin', God Rest You Merry Gentlemen and Christmas In About Three Minutes. The Women's Ensemble then sang Christmas Shopping Blues. The night ended with the high school choir dressed in

their robes of blue and gold singing A Vaughan Williams Christmas, All Is Well and It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas. The finale was presented by all the singers who entered the walk ways, the lights dimmed and a Peaceful, Silent Night was sung putting everyone in the mood for Christmas. Once again, director, Tamra Cochran led her chorus to new heights and Sara Nelson did a great job when she accompanied on piano.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Christmas On Us drawing set for Thursday

The final week of the Norton Telegram's Christmas on Us promotion will wrap up on Thursday and three more instant winners have been named.

The three winners are Charlene Weskamp, who got her ticket at Sander's Bed Shop, Darcie Brooks, who got her ticket at the Norton Telegram and Elaine Lofgreen, who got her ticket at Main Street IGA.

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.

Shoppers also have until tomorrow to get more tickets at participating sponsors. The tickets given out will be put into the grand prize drawing on Thursday, Sept. 22.

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.

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.

### Postal customers asked to clear a path

The Norton Post Office is asking customers to help keep local mail carriers safe this winter by shoveling a path to their mailboxes as soon as possible after a snowfall.

Postmaster Larry Donahey reports that mail carriers make an average of 600 deliveries each day and will continue to do their best to deliver mail, even on the coldest, snowiest days. When mailboxes and approaches are covered in snow and ice, however, it can delay or even prevent mail delivery.

Postal customers who receive their mail at the door are asked to keep their porches, steps and sidewalks free of ice and snow whenever possible.

"We want our carriers to return home to their families healthy each night," Donahey said. "Keeping a path clear to your mailbox will go a long way toward keeping our letter carriers safe and ensuring mail delivery each day."

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Coming within just three-eighths of an inch of finding himself in the top 20 record holders in the state, an Almena native recently took down a whitetail buck scoring 226 and one-eighth.

Colton Lowry was hunting with his brother on Dec. 1 on some ground near the Highway 36 and Highway 383 junction. Lowry said that he had seen the buck on previous occasions, but on the second day of firearm season, he got the chance to take down the 17-point buck.

Lowry killed the animal with a 30-06 rifle and visited Travis Hogan to have the deer scored. Hogan is a certified scorer for Buckmasters. The inside spread on the rack measured 25 inches and the outside spread was 27 and one-half inches. Overall, the rack added up to 17 points and an overall score of 226 and one-eighth.

Norton taxidermist Dave Bainter will be mounting and stuffing the animal. Bainter said that Lowry's buck is probably not the largest deer he has processed, but it is among some of the highest scoring he has seen.

Lowry said that after the animal is mounted and stuffed, he plans to have it on display at End Zone for awhile, but, after that, there are no plans for the mount.



### The Reason For Christmas

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."  
— MATTHEW 2:1-2

As we celebrate the season, we wish you a Merry Christmas!



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