

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

November 27, 2012

Briefly

Team sports photos will be Wednesday

All parents and fans are invited to take team pictures of the Norton Junior High girls and boys basketball teams on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Junior High Gym.

Photos of the Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball teams can also be taken on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Stull Gym.

Two band concerts this week at EES

The Eisenhower Elementary sixth grade band concert will be Thursday at 1:40 in the Eisenhower band room. Then on Friday, the fifth grade band will hold their concert at 1:40, also in the band room.

Santa's house will be open Thursday

Santa will be at his house at the Norton County Courthouse from 6-7:30 p.m. on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Celebrate the Christmas season with friends and neighbors. Enjoy cookies, cocoa, music, sleigh rides, and of course Santa Claus.

Veterans can get help with claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Public Library from 10:45 to 11:45 on Dec. 4., to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in Norton, you can contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Markets

Tuesday, November 27, 2012	
Wheat.....	\$8.38
Milo.....	\$7.18
Soybeans.....	\$13.72
Corn.....	\$7.46
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op	

Weather

Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Low of 21. Wednesday - Clear with a high of 55. Wednesday Night - Clear with a low of 19. Thursday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 61. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 30.

Kingham Report

Friday, Nov. 23.....	Low 16, High 42
Saturday, Nov. 24.....	Low 23, High 62
Sunday, Nov. 25.....	Low 27, High 53
Monday, Nov. 26.....	Low 25, High 43
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)	

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for always being with us so that when we face difficulties, we can turn to you for help. Amen.

In the mood for Christmas



Children as well as adults could hardly contain themselves as they waited to see the infamous Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus last Friday night. Many families turned out to celebrate Santa's Open House where cookies and hot chocolate were served, music was playing on the courthouse steps and sleigh rides were constantly going around

the courthouse square. The open house is the official opening of Christmas for Norton. Santa will return from the North Pole every Thursday night Nov. 29 through Dec. 20 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., to give every child the chance to tell him what they are wishing for.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Shopko holds open house on Thursday

After a four-month liquidation sale and store conversion process, the former Pamida store in Norton has completed its much anticipated conversion to Shopko Hometown and will celebrate with a grand opening event this week. The store, located at 505 W. Holme St., will open its doors to the public as Shopko Hometown at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, following an official ribbon cutting ceremony that will begin at 8:45 a.m. The public is invited to join the Shopko

team and community leaders for the event.

The grand opening event will be highlighted by a \$2,500 check presentation to Norton Community High School from The Shopko Hometown Foundation prior to the ribbon cutting. In addition, the first 100 customers in line on Thursday will receive a free \$10 Shopko gift card. A number of prizes will also be given out through "register to win" events. Customers will also be encouraged to sign up for Shopko's My Extra

Savings rewards program to receive exclusive savings each week, 10 percent off on their birthday and special email announcements and offers. Every customer who uses their My Extra Savings card on the day of the grand opening will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree. Refreshments will be served inside the store.

"There has been a great deal of excitement in the community through the conversion process and we're excited to finally

be bringing the Shopko Hometown experience to Norton," said Mike Bettiga, Shopko Interim CEO, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "I'm confident that loyal Pamida customers and new customers alike will love what they see and appreciate the great merchandise selection, brands, value and service. We look forward to being part of the local community for years to come."

Shopko Hometown combines Shopko's strong

reputation for health services and customer service with a broad and dynamic offering of strong national brands and high-value private label brands of apparel, home furnishings, toys, consumer electronics, seasonal items, and lawn and garden products - all in attractive, well laid out, easy-to-shop store formats that range from 15,000 to 35,000-square-feet.

"Our pharmacy team and store hours remain the same as they were at Pamida and we are dedicated to meeting the healthcare needs of our customers with prompt, friendly, professional service," said Pharmacy Manager Erica Zacharias.

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Possibility of another swine facility for county

By Cynthia Haynes
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Agri-businessman Terry Nelson and his associates are hoping to add another swine facility in Norton County and is planning to improve his operation in Alma.

Mr. Nelson visited with the Norton County Commissioners on Monday about a new sow operation he is proposing. He said that he is now working on the site for an operation and is ready to get the geology work done on it.

"That does not necessarily mean we're going to do it," Mr. Nelson warned the commissioners, adding that besides county approval and help, he would need to make sure of many other things including financing and grain acquisition.

Commissioner John Miller noted that it took most of a year to get the operation at Calvert up and ready to go.

Mr. Nelson agreed and added that pigs should start arriving there this week.

He also said that he is amazed at how environmentally friendly the operation has gotten from when he started 10 or so years ago.

"We will use less water on those 22 acres to raise those hogs than we would

have used for irrigation," he told the commissioners.

And he noted, the company has found water where it needed it and has been able to acquire water rights as needed.

Roads are the big item he needs help with from the commissioners, he said.

The roads have to be close to the operation and the county needs to allow gas, lagoon, water and electric lines to be placed on the right-of-ways. Also upkeep on the roads is critical.

He is asking for a permanent easement for the lines and requires that if a road needs to be closed between his two properties for bio-security reasons, the request will be granted.

"I realize county roads are really important," he told the commissioners.

He requested that the county gravel up to one mile of any road leading to the new facility if it needs it. He said that if more than one mile of gravel is needed, he would supply it.

Mr. Miller noted that the commissioners have a duty to make sure any residence or business has good ingress and egress, which means gravel on the county access roads.

"Gravel is one of the first things that has to happen," Mr. Nelson noted of his proposed new operation. "If its the last,

we're in trouble."

Mr. Nelson also said that he is working on a \$400,000 to \$500,000 upgrade on the property in Alma. He needs government approval, he said, but he is planning to move all the chemicals

and fertilizer out of the outside tanks to inside one building.

"We really don't have a choice," he said of the project. "It's for our customers and (we need) to do it right."

"This just needs to get done."

A power outage is set for this Wednesday night

The City of Norton will have a planned power outage beginning this Wednesday night, from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Thursday morning for specified areas identified below, in order to work on the substation.

The areas affected are listed below:

- North side of Highway 36, from Eisenhower east
 - W. Crane St., odd numbers of 500 block
 - N. First St., even numbers of 400 through 700 blocks
 - N. First St., odd numbers of 700 and 800 blocks
 - N. Second St., odd numbers of 400 through 700 blocks
 - N. State St., odd numbers of 300 through 700 blocks
 - N. State St., even numbers of 600 and 700 blocks
 - N. Norton Ave., 300 through 800 blocks
 - N. Kansas Ave., 300 block
 - N. Wabash Ave., even numbers of 300 through 900 blocks
- Please make the necessary arrangements for this power outage.



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