

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

December 4, 2012

Briefly

Booster Club meets this Wednesday

The first meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in the winter sports season will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the results of their team's season opening competition will be Norton girls head basketball coach George Rossi, Norton boys head basketball coach Doug Reusink and Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings, which will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the same location.

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

Cookie and candy walk on Wednesday

The Norton United Methodist Women will be sponsoring their annual Cookie and Candy Walk at the Norton Community Center on Wednesday morning and afternoon from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Santa available to see kids Thursday

Santa will be at his house at the Norton County Courthouse on Thursday from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Veteran memorial bricks still available

Bricks for the Norton Veterans Memorial can still be purchased for \$35 each by contacting Carol Erlenbusch at First State Bank (877-3341).

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.37
Milo	\$7.17
Soybeans	\$13.86
Corn	\$7.45

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tuesday Night - Clear in the evening then partly cloudy. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with high of 64. Breezy. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with low of 30. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high of 55. Friday - Partly cloudy with fog early.

Kingham Report

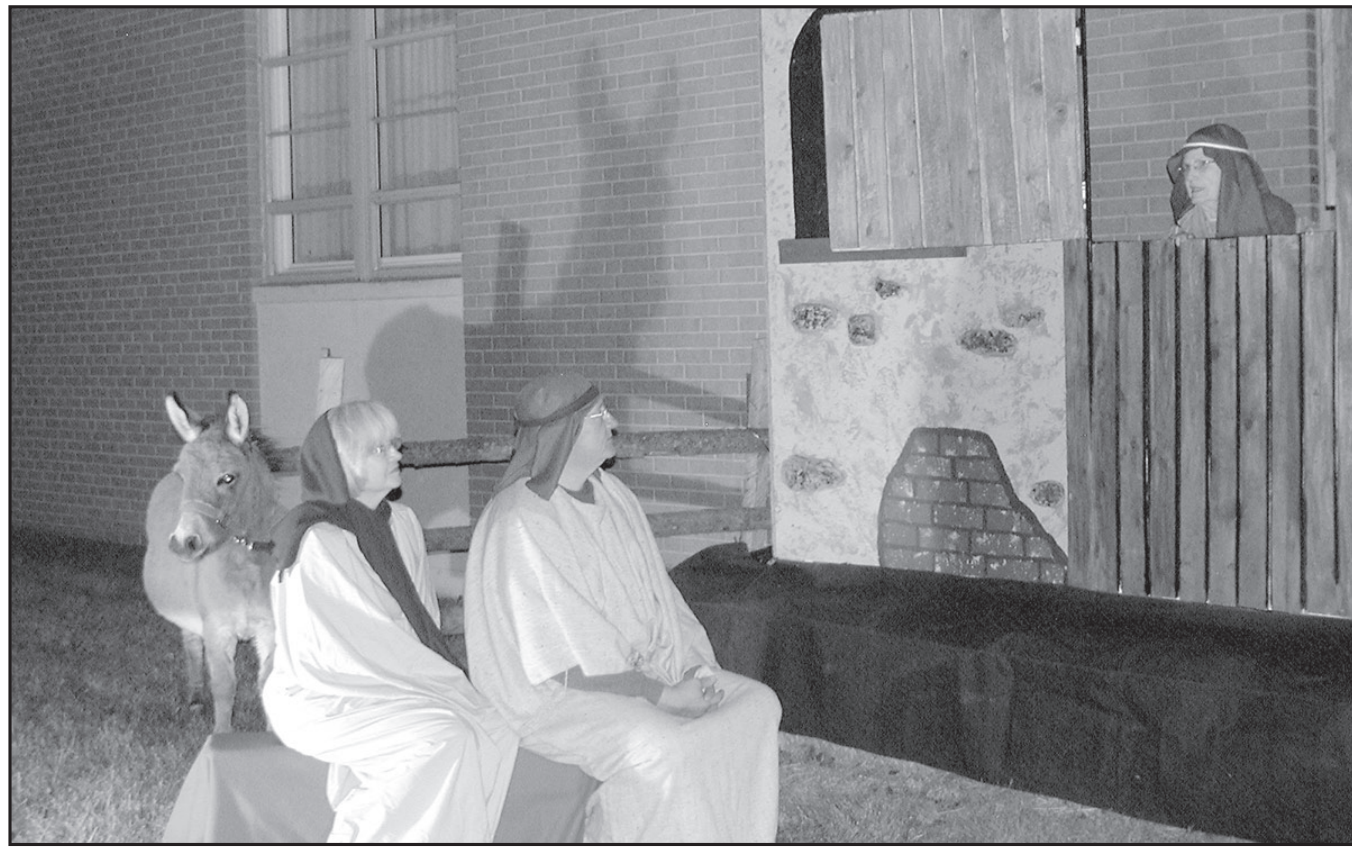
Friday, Nov. 30	Low 25, High 57
Saturday, Dec. 1	Low 30, High 68
Sunday, Dec. 2	Low 33, High 70
Monday, Dec. 3	Low 27, High 58

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

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to comfort others in their worries as you comfort us. Amen.

No room at the inn...



A steady stream of cars filed into the candlelit parking lot at Norton First United Methodist Church Sunday evening to see the Living Nativity. (Pictured from left to right) Karen and Doug Griffiths as Mary and Joseph and Lynn Nelson as the Innkeeper,



depict the infamous scene 'No room at the inn.' Sydney Menagh is an angel overlooking the shepherds. Other scenes depicted the birth of Christ, the Three Wise Men and the crucifixion of Christ. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

County transportation bus broken down

By Cynthia Haynes
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The Norton County Senior Citizen Center bus is busted.

The bus, which has been in and out of the shop several times since early summer, finally blew its engine on Wednesday afternoon while the director was looking for a replacement vehicle.

Ramona Pabian, retiring director of the Norton County Senior Citizen Center, introduced her replacement, Melinda Segura, who will take over in two weeks, to the commissioners and told them about the bus problems.

"I'm here to plead, beg, borrow," she said while telling the commissioners about the bus problems.

After the engine blew up, she said. "There were bits of metal lying all over the ground."

The bus, a 2004 Ford, wasn't cooling properly, she said, so they took it to Lewis Auto in Hays, the Kansas Department of Transportation certified service agent for the vehicle, on June 14. The bus wasn't returned until Aug. 17 and it still had problems.

When the bus was out of the county, she said, she used her personal vehicle to transport people. She said that she has since found out that she will not get reimbursed for this..

The air conditioner quit working so it was returned to Lewis on Aug. 30.

When it was returned on Sept. 6, it

had a new compressor on the air conditioner but was still not working as it should, she said. Lewis only charged for labor, she added.

On Nov. 26, the bus was taken into Co-op for service and to check the fluids. The service agent said that there was a leak in the lines and felt it was unsafe to drive.

They tried to get Engel's to work on it, she said, but were told that the shop did not have the equipment needed to work on the bus, since has a diesel engine.

"I asked what vans they might sell me as we had a wheelchair person from Almena to come in on Wed, Nov. 27," she said. "The only one they had

was being loaded to go to Hays to get a transmission."

John Whitney, a senior citizen center board member, and Jaynell Matzek, a former driver and Mrs. Pabian went looking for a van on Nov. 29, she said. While they were looking, Mrs. Pabian said she got a call that the bus, which had been at Co-op, had blown its engine.

It was concluded that the idler bearing had worked its way loose from the motor, she said. "It caught in the belts, wrapping everything tight, forcing the fan into the radiator, cutting things into many pieces causing all water and

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Norton's Red Out night deemed a success to help fight heart disease



Free blood pressure checks were available from the Norton County EMS during the many Red Out Event activities in the NCHS Stull Gym on Friday night. Checking Peggy Cox's blood pressure are, from left, Brian Sheets, AEMT and Matt Rushton, EMT.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Stull Gymnasium was full for Friday night's 2012 Red Out Event.

Fans clad in red filled the stands supporting the Blue Jay Basketball squads as well as the American Heart Association. There was a lot going on in addition to some great basketball. Some of which included Jay Singers performance; Band performing; Cheerleaders with great run-throughs and posters; County Health giving out jump ropes, water bottles, and apples; the Norton County EMS giving free blood pressure checks; Educational Booths; a phenomenal half time dance performance featuring the NCHS dance team; Blue Jay mascot; and many school and community patrons. "It was a great evening" said Joan Bolt, Red Out Coordinator. "I was not sure what to expect but the community and the Norton Schools worked together to pull off a great event." Through T-shirt sales and free will donations the community totaled \$3557 for the American Heart Association. "I want to thank the community and schools for all they did to make this event such a great success. Just another example of why I am so proud to be a member of the Norton Community and Proud to be a Blue Jay!"

Red Out is a great way to celebrate life of family and friends we have lost to the devastating diseases while making a difference by helping to save others. Cardiovascular Disease kills more people in US than the next 5 leading causes of death combined.

Sheriff warns to be weary of recent scams

The Norton County Sheriff's Department warns everyone to be leary of scams.

After receiving a threatening letter via e-mail, the Telegram was prompted to contact the Norton County Sheriff's Department. It was unknown at the time if this was a scam or the real deal.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson reported that there have been several scams going on in Norton and they seem to be increasing in number over time and they vary in context.

The e-mail which lead to this story was a threat to the recipient stating that a hit had been put out on them but the hit man wanted to help and if the recipient paid a large sum of money they would be safe. This is extortion, people! They threatened a person's life along with their family and demanded large sums of money if they did not do as instructed to. This is a very scary feeling, is it for real or not, what about my children, family and friends.

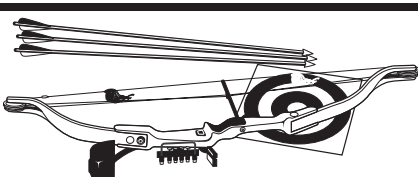
There are some very bad people out there in this world that pray on the fears of others.

A second known scam that has affected Norton is done by telephone. Usually, an elder person is called and the person on the other end of

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