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Briefly

Rotary to hold soup supper

The Norton Rotary Scholarship Fund soup supper will be Tuesday from 4:30 to 7 at the Norton Community High School Cafeteria.

Wrestling tourney set for Saturday

The 48th annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held Saturday at Norton Community High School's Stull Gymnasium. The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

School returns to session on Monday

School resumes on Monday at its regular time for Norton Community High School, Norton Junior High School and Eisenhower Elementary School.

BB Gun team to resume practice

The Norton Rotary BB Gun Team will resume team practice on Monday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum.

Not too late for your flu shots

Flu shots are still available. This illness peaks in January and February so it's not too late to get vaccinated. The flu vaccine is available at the Norton Medical Clinic and the Norton County Hospital.



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Markets

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Wheat\$7.55
Milo\$6.55
Soybeans\$13.33
Corn\$6.86

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Clear with a high of 39 and a windchill as low as 14. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 12. Sunday - Clear with a high of 45.

Kingham Report

Friday, Dec. 28Low -1, High 17
Saturday, Dec. 29Low 7, High 32
Sunday, Dec. 30Low 7, High 34
Monday, Dec. 31Low 17, High 27
5 inches of snow	
Tuesday, Jan. 1Low 8, High 27
Wednesday, Jan. 2Low 10, High 33
1 inch of snow	
Thursday, Jan. 3Low 16, High 27

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

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us make time with you a part of every day and to share your love with the people near to us. Amen

Winter finally hits...



New Year's Eve brought plenty of snow to town and plenty of work for Norton City crews as they tried to keep up with the snowfall. Monday afternoon city street crews were scooping

the snow on Washington St. (south of the courthouse) and removed it by dump truck and unloaded it at Elmwood Park. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Norton senior chosen for Shrine Bowl Commissioners address county job description

By Dick Boyd
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Jacob Brooks, a 6'3", 190 pound senior tailback and defensive back for the Norton Community High School football team, has been chosen by vote of the Kansas news media and Shrine Bowl coaching staff as a member of the West squad in the 40th annual 2013 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game.

Jacob will be one of 34 players on the West team which will compete against the East squad of Kansas senior players in the annual game on Saturday, July 27, 2013, in Topeka at Yager Stadium, Washburn University.

Selection to play in this game has become one of the most sought after and prestigious honors a Kansas High School football player can be awarded. Only 68 young men are invited to play in this game each year from the entire state of Kansas.

In addition to bringing honor and recognition to the participants and their schools, the Shrine Bowl donates all net profits, over two million dollars so far, to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Kansas children are treated in Shriners Hospitals for Children absolutely free, regardless of their race, religion, nationality or relationship to a Shriner. The hospitals provide expert, no-cost orthopedic and burn care treatment to children under 18.

A four-year football letterman, Jacob is truly an all-purpose player who gained yards in multiple situations. He had a tremendous senior season where he rushed for 1,161 yards on 188 carries for an average of 6.2 yards per carry and scored 11 rushing touchdowns.

He was the leading pass receiver for Norton, catching 10 passes for 306 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also completed 2 of 3 passes for 91 yards. On defense, he had 3 pass interceptions for

19 yards and 1 touchdown, 2 fumble recoveries and 2 blocked kicks.

He also had 7 kickoff returns for 150 yards and a 21.4 yard average and 7 punt returns for 80 yards and an 11.4 yard average.

In addition, he punted for Norton, averaging 36.54 yards per punt with a longest of 60 yards.

All of his yardage gained totals 1,808 yards for the 2012 season.

Jacob's all-around athletic ability is also obvious in other Norton sports where he stands out in basketball, track and baseball.

Jacob's post-season honors included being named first team running back, first team defensive back, first team punt returner and first team punter on the All-Mid-Continent League Team chosen by vote of team coaches.

He was also named to the offensive All-State team in Class 3A cho-

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By Cynthia Haynes

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A well-meaning offer by one county agency to help another was questioned by the Norton County commissioners at their last meeting of 2012.

Emergency Management Director Justina Smith offered Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson \$17,000 from her budget to get new radios, the sheriff told the commissioners.

He said that, while the offer was generous, he didn't feel he needed the radios right now.

"If you don't need them, there's no use spending the budgeted money," Commissioner John Miller said.

The sheriff said that he would be getting the new "800" radios in his vehicles as he purchased new ones and that will spread the cost over time.

Mr. Miller noted that Ms. Smith had asked for lights and a siren on her county vehicle as part of state requirements but he said the commissioners didn't want non-police, emergency medical services or fire trucks to have these things.

He did say that he thought it would be OK to put blue lights on the emergency management vehicle to protect the driver when she was stopped on the side of the road.

Sheriff Thomson disagreed saying that the blue color has a special significance to the public and he suggested yellow lights, which are used by several types of rescue vehicles including wreckers.

"Sirens and lights don't make any difference," he told the commissioners. "If the highway patrol or police have a road blocked, they will decide whether she goes through or not."

Commissioner-elect Charles Posson said that he had been studying the emergency management handbook the state hands out.

He said the county is required to provide an emergency manager with office space and secretarial assistance, transportation or reimbursement for use of a private vehicle and a portable radio or cell phone for 24-hour a day notifications.

He said it is a misconception that the emergency management director is on call 24 hours a day.

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And the winners are...



This year's Norton Telegram Coloring Contest winners in the zero to six age division are featured on the top row from the left: Hallie Brooks in first place, Katrina Wilson in second place and Austyn Cox in third place. On the bottom are the winners from the seven to twelve year old division: Natalie Kinderknecht in first place, Ashlyn Buffington in second and Coy Cox with third place.

- Telegram photos by the Telegram staff

