

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday
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Briefly

Calling contest takes place Saturday

Calling Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9. Must be pre-entered by Wednesday, Feb. 6. The cost is \$30 - 2 man team and includes a meal Saturday night. This contest is intended for a fun day of calling to help support youth shooting. For more information contact: Rick McChesney at 202-2468 or John Baker at 877-3253.

Sweetheart Expo at the Norton Armory

The Sweetheart Home Based Craft Business Expo will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Norton National Guard Armory. Many vendors will be there with their products.

Potato bar to be held Saturday

Norton Cares will be having a potato Bar Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the Norton Community Center. Free will donations.

Norton Rural Fire budget meeting

The Norton Rural Fire District 2 budget meeting will take place on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Norton Rural Fire Station.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.55
Milo	\$6.79
Soybeans	\$14.34
Corn	\$7.15

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms and a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 52. Saturday Night - Thunderstorms and snow showers with a 60 percent chance of rain. Sunday - Chance of snow with a high of 43.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Feb. 5Low 27, High 55
Wednesday, Feb. 6Low 28, High 56
Thursday, Feb. 7Low 18, High 52
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Merciful God, help us to remember what Christ taught us and to follow his example. Help us to love one another as you love us. Amen



There were 91 students that were honored at Tuesday nights basketball game half time. These fourth, fifth and sixth graders were recognized for earning exemplary scores in math and reading on the state assessment tests taken last year. The children stood around the gym floor as

Norton Schools Superintendent Gregg Mann congratulated each one. Seen here are Charles Schlinder, Ryan Schrum, Mr. Gregg Mann, Coral Stewart, Skylar Sumner, Gracie Temmel and Alyson Vahling.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Students achievements recognized

Eisenhower Elementary school recognized all the students that either received exemplary status in math or reading on the state assessments the past year at half time of the Norton versus Oberlin basketball game Tuesday night.

The fourth grade class members who were recognized for their Exemplary Reading and Math scores were: Hannah Bailey, Nathan Branek, Addison Brooks, Kiley Chisham, Sarah David, Abby DuBois, Tessa Hauser, Courtney Jones, Courtland Porter, Jonah Ruder, Charles Schindler, Ryan Schrum, Coral Stewart, Gracie Temmel and Aiden Wicker. Those recognized for

their Math scores were: Olivia Cater, Lily David, Riley Goss, Ashley Herring, Dru Kasson, Kylee Mapes, Hailley McKinley, Tegan Johnson, Lexus Shellito, Gavin Sproul, Skylar Sumner, Mason Urban and Alyson Vahling. Those fourth graders recognized for their Reading scores were: Payton Files, Carson Harting, Autumn Harvey, Christien Hawks and Kennedy Yeager.

The fifth grade class members who received recognition for their Exemplary scores in Math, Reading and Science were: Allen Apuan, Henry Boutwell, Madison Cookson, Lance Griffey, Connor Haresnape, Sydney Kleinschmidt, Hayley Mordecai, Dante Smith, Cam-

dyn Unterseher and Bryndon Wentz. Those with exemplary Math scores were: Cole Among, Erin Davis, Lexi Kats, Ricky King and Kade Melvin. Those fifth graders recognized for their exemplary Reading scores were: Alexander Auker, Slayten Braun, Parker Baughman, Nicholas Esslinger, Carter Jones, Tayli Ruesch, Judson Wiltfong and Kyla Winningham. Devon Gasper and Greyson Tanner for Reading and Science, Emma Krehbiel and Carlie Voss for Reading and Math and Mason Schulze for Math and Science.

The sixth graders who received Exemplary on the fifth grade state assessments in Reading and Math were:

Sylence Auker, Leah David, Nicolas Davis, Anastasia Elliot, Allison Engelbert, Matthew Gordon, Tucker Goselin, Alexander Howe, Isaiah Hughs, Ashley Karnopp, Austin Koerperich, Taryn Juhn, Reagan Musquiz, Lena Shelton, Paellynn Slipke, James Sturgill, Shelby Tanner and Hayden Wiltfong. Three students were recognized for their Math scores, Kailey Gill, Emily Henderson and Austin Stewart. Those recognized for their Reading scores were: Hayley Cadwalader, Kaytlin Davis, Katie Gleason, Miles Harrington, Carter Leibbrandt, Isabelle Saulsbury, Brayden Smith and Brady Sumner.

County is in need of new road graders

By Dana Paxton
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The Norton County Road and Bridge Department shop and road foremen addressed the Commissioners as they held their month end meeting last

Thursday.

One topic of discussion was the cost of getting new road graders for the county. Two of three bids have been turned in at this point. One from John Deere and one from Volvo. They are

still waiting on the bid from CAT. Road Foreman, Floyd Richard gave the figures on the John Deere bid, and stated that there is a \$210,000 difference between it and the bid from Volvo. Richard said that John Deere's bid would

include a trade but not Volvo.

After looking over the bids the commissioners questioned the quality of Volvo since it was so much cheaper. "We tried a couple of Volvo's over the years and we weren't happy with them. They are not the Cadillac," Richard stated.

Commissioner Charles Posson asked Mr. Richard to get some input on the longevity of the equipment. Richard stated that they currently have a majority of CAT equipment and one John Deere, a 2007. He also stated that after 3000 hours of use the John Deere needed a new transmission, which isn't cheap.

Commissioner Posson voiced concern of buying a low buck product, you get what you buy. "We need something that is cost effective not only now but also down the line."

County Shop Foreman Herman Pfannenstiel then asked the commissioners about repairing current equipment or holding off and just trading them off. Mr. Posson replied with, "Leave it alone for now."

Mr. Pfannenstiel also reminded the commissioners that the county tire machine was down. He asked what they were to do. "Do you want us to take them to Kansasland Tire or Co-op or do it ourselves?" he questioned. Mr. Posson replied with the fact the county employees safety was of the most importance and he didn't want to see anyone get hurt working on the tires. He said, "I worry about the safety of employees, it limits what one can do and if anyone gets hurt they can't be put back."

It was decided among the commissioners that until a decision is made on the tire machine, all tires would be taken to either Kansasland Tire or Co-op.

Local business gets new owners

By Mike Stephens
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Destination Kitchen has a new owner as of January 25, Shannon Esslinger, who is also part-owner of Kowpoke Supply and Lumber.

Esslinger said after twenty years in the hardware business, "It was time for a change and I like to bake."

Destination Kitchen will continue to be the all-around kitchen supply store that patrons are accustomed to, but Esslinger said there will also be some

changes including renovations to the interior of the store.

"We're going to bring in our own little changes. We're going to do lunches again and we're going to add more seating," said Esslinger.

The renovations planned include, tearing down the back wall of the store for more seating. The space is presently being used for storage. Esslinger plans to serve sandwiches for lunch and says she will add a big salad bar as well. Esslinger also wants to

purchase a pizza oven as an added attraction but is unsure if it is feasible at the present time.

Of course, Destination Kitchen will continue to have coffee, pastries and cakes.

"I really enjoy baking and decorating the cakes with Deb," said Esslinger.

She refers to friend and business partner Deb Persinger who is the cake designer. Persinger retired after working for Rural Telephone for 32 years as a customer service manager to pursue her passion of designing cakes and making customers happy.

"That look on their face when they're happy, when you know you've exceeded their expectations, that is everything," said Persinger. "That's what's great about this job, I love working with people."

With any business, the concern is getting more people to come through the doors and Esslinger hopes additions to the menu and the planned renovations along with professionally designed cakes will be the draw for Destination Kitchen.

"It's something different that's not too costly," said Esslinger. "We want this to be like home, with people sitting, talking and eating good food."



Gary Matson is seen here at Destination Kitchen making a purchase and talking to new owner Shannon Esslinger while business partner Deb Persinger attends to another customers order.

- Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

