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Friday

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Briefly

## Property taxes are due today

Today, Friday, Dec. 20th is the deadline for the first half of Property Taxes to be paid without penalty. You may pay them at the Norton County Treasurer's office or you may also pay them online at <https://www.kansas.gov.propertytax>.

## See Santa one last time on Saturday

Don't forget to stop at the Norton Courthouse on Saturday at 1 p.m. for your last chance to tell Santa what you want for Christmas.

## Tag renewals are due on Tuesday

Tuesday, December 31 is the last day to purchase tags for those whose names end in "U", "X", "Y" or "Z". Bring current proof of insurance for all vehicles with you. The Treasurer's office will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas and then it will also be closed at 11:30 on Dec. 31 for end of the year balancing.

## Library activities on hold for now

There will be no bridge meetings, chess club, or Mother Goose Moments at the library the remainder of December. There will be no preschool story-time next week, Dec. 26

## Library will be closed for holiday

The Norton Public Library will be closed from Tuesday, Dec. 24 at noon through Thursday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. Regular hours will resume on Friday, Dec. 27.

## Markets

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Wheat	\$6.35
Milo	\$3.92
Soybeans	\$12.50
Corn	\$4.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - A few snow showers during the afternoon with a high around 40. Chance of snow 30 percent. Saturday Night - Light snow in the evening with an accumulation of less than one inch. Sunday - Sunny skies in the afternoon with a high of 37. Monday - Sunshine and clouds mixed.

## Prayer

Great and glorious Lord God, help me to remember that you are also a tender Father who sent Jesus Christ to earth to demonstrate that tenderness and love to us. Amen.

## All I want for Christmas...



Eisenhower Elementary School students, first through sixth grade held their annual Christmas concert on Monday night. The East Campus gymnasium was standing room only as the fifth grade band started the evening, followed by the sixth grade band, both under the direction of Don Mordecai. Next, under the direction of Jennifer Ruder, the entire elementary school body took to the bleachers and

entertained the mass of people for an hour filled with old Christmas favorites along with new ones and narration by individual students. The group was accompanied by Diana Enfield on piano and, at one, Abby Auker on flute. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas celebration.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Commissioners talk about insurance

By Cynthia Haynes

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An insurance salesman talked to the Norton County commissioners during their meeting on Monday about life insurance and other policies.

Chase Brown with Liberty National told the commissioners that he works with many counties around Norton and felt that he should visit them also. He said that he works with Decatur, Phillips, Washington, Sheridan and Osborne counties in this area and other

counties throughout Kansas. He said the company is 113 years old.

The insurance, he said, is pre-taxed so the premiums would come out of the employee's check before any taxes are removed, which would save both the employee and the county money on social security taxes. In addition, the premiums are totally paid for by the employee, he said, so it doesn't cost the county anything.

Mr. Brown said that the life insurance policies can be up to \$50,000 for

the employee and their spouse and that policies are also available for dependent children.

The cost of the policies, he said, is based on the covered person's age and how much insurance they want. The policies go up in \$5,000 increments, he said.

Mr. Brown said that he couldn't quote any policies because of the wide range of types and prices. He said the price guide is like a telephone book.

"That's our main thing," he said.

"Our life insurance."

However, he also showed the commissioners brochures on cancer, accident and intensive care policies, that the company has.

"I'd like to set it up with Norton County so we could come and work with you," he told the commissioners.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson suggested that the commissioners would like to talk over his proposals and

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## New city police officer is now on duty

BY MIKE STEPHENS

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The newest officer to join the Norton City Police Department is K-9 Officer Kevin Weaver of Cambridge, Neb. The 26 year-old Weaver has been in law enforcement for five years.

"He'll be a good addition to our department. He's excited to be our K-9 officer and he's ready to get to work," said Chief of Police Pat Morel.

Weaver moved to Norton on November 23 and started working on November 25. He spent one week in Longford, Kan. for K-9 certification.

"I always wanted a K-9 position," said Weaver. His K-9 partner is a German Shepherd named "Wotan" and he is trained to sniff out narcotics. "There's a lot more training with a dog. He's in the car all the time and he goes home with me at night," said Weaver.

"It's a pretty big commitment to be a K-9 officer," said Chief Morel. "It's a lot of responsibility. It's a working dog, not a pet, and it has to be trained daily."

Weaver attended Mid-Plains Community College and studied auto body technology, but he said he knew, "I always wanted to be a cop."

In 2009, Weaver's career in law enforcement began as a prison guard at Larned Correctional Facility. From there he moved on to a deputy position with the Edwards County Sheriff's Department, and most recently he was the jail supervisor for the Newton County Sheriff's Department in Missouri, before applying online for the K-9 officer position in Norton.

Weaver grew up in a small town and said he prefers it to a big city.

"In small towns you get to know everybody, it's a little easier to deal with."



## Tasty treats raise money for God's Pantry

By Dana Paxton

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The seventh annual Norton Telegram Cookie Contest was held on Monday and raised over \$464 for God's Pantry.

There were four adults entered this year and one child. Everything from sugar cookies to peppermint crunch was put out for judging.

"We had fewer entries than in the past two years but voter turn out was great and people dug deep into their pockets to support God's Pantry," Telegram General Manager Dana Paxton stated.

This year's winners in the adult division were Scott Ellis in third, Janine Shearer in second and Donna Millan taking first with her raisin filled sugar cookies. As for the child's division, only one entered but he entered two products. Collin Simmons won first

and second place in the child's division, first with his sugar cookies and second with his peanut clusters.

Many wonderful prizes were donated to the winners again this year. Destination Kitchen presented the winners with a bag of great cooking items like measuring cups and spoons, recipe cards and more. Stitch Up a Storm made both first place winners an embroidered apron. Endzone gave trophies and ribbons and the theatre gave movie passes. Garden Gate Florals Etc. gave winners ice cream scoops and the Norton Telegram also donated several cooking items.

The winners as well as the Telegram and God's Pantry extend their gratitude to all of the sponsors for their gracious donations and to those that came in and voted.



The seventh annual Norton Telegram Cookie Contest took place on Monday. This year's first place winners were, Donna Millan and Collin Simmons and they are seen here proudly displaying their winnings.

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