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The junior high basketball season is in full swing and the girls and boys from Norton and Northern Valley are doing fine.

Wednesday  
November 26, 2003

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Don Stuvick

Briefly  
Voters sent  
bad ballots

Farmers and ranchers in Norton County have been sent invalid ballots for the upcoming Farm Service Agency county committee election.

The ballots are no good because the wrong candidate names were put on the ballot by the printing company.

Corrected ballots are being mailed out.

The new ballots will be marked "Corrected Ballot".

Votes submitted on the original ballots will not be counted. The corrected ballots must be used to vote in this election.

Farmers and ranchers can call the Norton Farm Service Agency office at (785) 877-2623 if they do not receive a corrected ballot.

All ballots must be submitted to the local agency office by Monday, Dec. 15, for the vote to be counted. All eligible producers are encouraged to vote.

(See story about election on Page 5)

Nativity scene  
needs volunteers

The Norton United Methodist Church is sponsoring the living nativity on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Volunteers to portray biblical characters, shepherds and angels are still needed. To volunteer, contact Michelle Marsh at 877-2196.

Telegram closed

The Norton Telegram will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving. We will re-open on Friday.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows around 20. Thanksgiving Day — Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the mid 40s. Thursday Night — Mostly clear and breezy with lows in the lower 20s. Friday — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. Friday Night — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. Saturday through Tuesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Howell report:

Monday ..... High 46, Low 31  
Tuesday ..... High 50, Low 24  
Week ago ..... High 57, Low 38  
Month ago ..... High 59, Low 27  
Year ago ..... High 37, Low 20  
November precipitation ..... 21 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 18.83 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to step out to do your will in faith, knowing that you will guide us in your path. Amen



Terry Hillman's kindergarten class has been studying Native Americans. During the Thanksgiving program (below) the class presented for its parents, the youngsters demonstrated their colorful head-dresses, tom-toms and macaroni necklaces. They sang "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians"; a song about an Indian chief and a patriotic medley. Skylar Johnson (above) shares his table during the classes Thanksgiving "feast" with Jeanette Lacy.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Youngsters  
cook up fun  
and turkeys

Students in Angela Melvin's kindergarten class at Eisenhower Elementary give their own recipes for how to cook a turkey:

First, go hunting and shoot a turkey. Next, bring it home and bake it in the oven for 10 minutes. Last, take it out of the oven and eat it. — Morgan

First, get the turkey from Pamida. Next, put seasoning on it and cook it. Last, take it out of the stove and eat it. — Riley

First, shoot a turkey, pick it up, take it home and take the feathers off. Next, put it in the oven for about an hour. Last, put gravy on it, put a feather on it, take it to Thanksgiving, and eat it. — Jesse

First, find a turkey at the store. Next, put it in the oven. Last, take it out when it is ready and put it on the table to eat. — Kristin

First, put the turkey in some kind of pot. Next, cook it on the stove for 30 seconds. Last, take it out and eat it. — Shelby

First, bake the turkey inside your house. Next, roast it in the oven for 10 minutes. Last, cut the turkey with a knife and eat it. — Peyton

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Norton man wins last Pigskin Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD

Douglas Daniels, Norton, was the closest to guessing the correct score of the tiebreaker game out of seven football fans missing just two games in the final Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and will win the \$15 cash first prize.

Michigan defeated Ohio State 35-21 in the tiebreaker and Douglas chose Ohio State by 38-24 or just six points off the actual scores of each team. He also missed the Boston College win over Virginia Tech and the Iowa victory over Wisconsin.

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Aaron Overlease, Norton, placed second for the second time this season when he chose Michigan over Ohio State by 27-21 or just eight points off. Aaron, who also won twice this season, missed on the Boston College victory and the Kansas State win over Missouri. He'll receive \$10 in cash as his prize.

Winning third place money of \$5 in cash is Anastasia Foley, Norton. She picked Michigan by 27-20, or nine points off, and miscued on the Boston College

win and Oregon's victory over Oregon State.

Missing two games and points off on the tiebreaker were: Deb Thiele, Norton, 10; Sady Keilig, Norton, 11; Spencer Shirk, Norton, 27. Also missing two games but choosing Ohio State in the tiebreaker was Mary Ann Hager, Norton.

Correct on all but three games were: Mike Hammond, Long Island; Bob Moore, Hoisington; George Griffith, Marilyn Lowry, both of Alma; Dale (Continued on Page 5)

Missing Hill City girl found murdered

By KRISTEN BRANDS

The body of a female found three miles east of Hill City in a grove of trees along the north side of U.S. 24 sometime Monday afternoon has been identified by authorities as that of Esmeralda Gonzales, 15.

"We have a joint effort of law enforcement working very hard on this case," said County Attorney Tony Potter on Tuesday.

The Graham County Sheriff's Department has been joined in the investigation by the Hill City Police, Kansas State Highway Patrol and the Kansas Bureau of

Investigation.

Miss Gonzales, a 15-year-old Hill City girl, disappeared Saturday night about 9:30 p.m. after a friend dropped her off outside a local residence in the southeast part of Hill City.

While the cause of death had not been determined on Tuesday, officers are classifying the death as a possible homicide.

The body has been taken to Topeka and an autopsy will be performed, officials said.

"It is always unsettling when a death like this occurs in a small community,"

said Mr. Potter. "There is no need for people to feel unsafe, and they need to keep the faith in the law enforcement folks who are investigating the incident."

While he said it is too early to discuss the cause of death or any other details of the investigation, he would appreciate any information.

Anyone with information about either Miss Gonzales disappearance or the case should call the Hill City Police Department at (785) 421-2244 or the Graham County Sheriff's office at (785) 421-2107.

Most places  
will be closed  
for holiday

By KRISTEN BRANDS

Many businesses, offices and schools in the Norton area will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 27.

However, a few businesses will keep their doors open during the holiday.

Norton schools will dismiss all students at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. They will not return to classes until regular time Monday morning. Northern Valley, Jennings and Logan students will have Wednesday, Thursday and Friday off.

The Norton City offices and county offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. This includes offices within the courthouse, the county health department, noxious weed department, solid waste, and road and bridge offices.

The Post Office will be closed on Thursday only.

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