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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Friday  
December 5, 2003

## KAYs hang greens, decorate trees

By ROBIN SIDES, KAY Sponsor

The Norton Community High School KAYs are joining other groups across the state in observing KAY Citizenship Week.

This is a week-long celebration and a time to spotlight youth in action.

Each day was designated to a specific service: Monday — school, Tuesday — community, Wednesday — nation, Thursday — world, Friday — club, Saturday — home and Sunday — family.

Tuesday, the Norton KAYs held their annual "Hanging of the Greens" in conjunction with Citizenship Week. KAY members decorated the school for the holidays.

On Thursday, KAY members accepted the challenge of cleaning the school during activity period. As part of the "service to your school" criteria, students divided into groups and dispersed throughout the school to dust, vacuum, pick up trash and clean. Not only did the work help to beautify the school, but it also gave assistance to the janitors.

Friday allows for some fun and service as the group plans to hold its annual "KAY For Kindness" dance. The dance will be in the junior high gymnasium from 8-11 p.m. The money from the admission price will be donated to the Angel Tree at Pamida.

In addition, KAYs collected canned goods for the Lions Club Christmas baskets as part of their service to community project.

KAY Citizenship Week is an opportunity for the students to give back to their club, school and community. By providing service, students learn the valuable skill of giving, to grow as individuals. Jennie Patterson is the other KAY sponsor.



Gena Myers (left) and Nicole Wolf untangled twinkle lights before they wound them onto a Christmas tree in the school cafeteria at Norton Community High School. Both girls are in the KAY organization and were participating in the annual "Hanging of the Greens". — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Claire Poage

Football dinner  
to be on Dec. 28

The annual Norton Community High School Football Banquet will be held on Sunday, Dec. 28 in the 4-H Building in Norton under sponsorship of the Blue Jay Booster Club.

This season's players will be introduced by Coach Bruce Graber and he will present individual awards.

A carry-in meal will precede the presentations. All fans are invited and are asked to bring a meat, vegetable and dessert and their own table service.

Crop meeting  
to be in Hoxie

A production meeting for limited irrigated acres will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Hoxie at the 4-H Building.

The meeting will cover sunflowers, crop insurance, economics of production, crop rotation, insect and weed control, new technologies and irrigation stations.

The meeting should help farmers find profitable alternatives for irrigated acres.

Veteran rep  
here on Monday

A representative from the Kansas Commission On Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Social Rehabilitative Services office from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, to assist veterans and their families with benefit problems.

Oberlin to hold  
farmers market

The Oberlin Business Alliance decided to try something new this year and hold a winter farmers market downtown Oberlin from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The idea is that groups and individuals will sell homemade foods, products and produce.

To sign up, call the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office at 785-475-3441 by Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The market will be held on Main Street.

### Weather

#### Howell report:

Tuesday	High 53, Low 24
Wednesday	High 46, Low 23
Thursday	High 44, Low 18
Week ago	High 47, Low 20
Month ago	High 46, Low 24
Year ago	High 32, Low 23
Dec. precipitation	0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	.018.83 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear Father, sometimes we think of ourselves as more important than we are. Please help us remember that You always have been and always will be in charge of all life. Help us to look to You for solutions for the problems around us. In the name of Christ, we pray.  
Amen

## Shopping season starts with bang

Norton businesses report an increase in sales, customers

With the start of the holiday season last week, Norton businesses are reporting an increase in sales and customers.

End Zone Office Supplies and Sports co-owner Chad Manning said with rifle season (for deer) on top of the holiday season, it's been very busy. He said Kansas State and Kansas University items have been popular, as well as guns and sporting goods.

Russ Erbert, owner of Russ' Jewelry, said that sales in his store have been really good. He said a lot of people have been in to place orders or have jewelry resized. So far, he said he's sold more rings

than pendants, but the pendant sales will pick up the closer to Christmas it gets. He said they have the nicest selection of pendants that they've had for years.

One of Norton's newest stores, Sander Furniture, has been doing Ok as well, said owner Kim Sander. She said they're the new store in town, so it will take a while for things to pick up to a really good pace and people are still finding them. But otherwise, things haven't been bad, she said.

Moffet Drug employee Jane Sheley said holiday sales have been going great. She said they've sold a lot of gifts, especially the Collegiate gifts.

The Sewing Box owner Kay Strevey agrees. She said sales have been going very well and that she had a lot of people in on Saturday.

Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Reed said things were going Ok for those business owners who she's heard from, and those businesses

that were open on Thanksgiving or directly after the holiday did well.

Business will probably continue to pick up as Christmas gets nearer.

Across the state and the nation the same seems to be true. Newspapers across the country, ranging from the Denver Post to the Salina Journal, are reporting strong holiday sales.

Cynthia Haynes, publisher of The Norton Telegram, said that the newspaper's holiday promotion, Christmas on Us, has been drawing more interest and excitement than she had expected or hoped.

"We handed out enough tickets for everyone, I thought, on the first day of the contest. By the next day stores were calling for more tickets. I was amazed.

"We have also seen a huge increase in sales of our Tuesday paper (the one with the contest information). That's a side benefit I hadn't thought about."

## Patrol keeps drivers safe on turkey day

With the Kansas Highway Patrol out in force, northwest Kansas had a relatively safe Thanksgiving.

Trooper T.J. Phillips said the patrol started the Thanksgiving count on Wednesday at 6 p.m., going until Sunday night.

He said in the northwest Kansas area, there were no fatalities and no DUI (driving under the influence) related accidents.

There were, however, six DUI arrests, 403 speeding tickets, 292 speeding warnings, 49 seat belt tickets, 24 seat belt warnings, and 23 child restraint tickets issued over that time period. He said the troopers also stopped to help 169 motorists

whose vehicles were broken down.

"I'm really impressed with the low numbers," he said. "It might have something to do with all of the troopers out. There were more than usual patrolling."

Statewide, Trooper Phillips said there were accidents resulting in fatalities, two DUI-related accidents, 65 DUI arrests, 2,871 speeding tickets, 391 speeding warnings, 391 seat belt tickets, 395 seat belt warnings and 134 child restraint tickets.

Informational Specialist for the Kansas Department of Transportation Kim Stich said during last year's 102-hour reporting period for Thanksgiving, which was also

Wednesday to Sunday, there were 735 accidents, 166 injury accidents, six fatal accidents, 46 alcohol-related accidents, 24 alcohol-related injury accidents, but no alcohol-related fatal accidents.

Those numbers were generally less than what was reported on an average Wednesday to Sunday reporting period. Those numbers, she said, were 900 accidents, 212 injury accidents, six fatal accidents, 54 alcohol-related accidents, 24 alcohol-related injury accidents, and two alcohol related fatal accidents.

Overall, it seems that people were safer over the Thanksgiving holiday last year than they were during the rest of the year.

## Teenager charged with murder, kidnapping

By KRISTEN BRANDS

A 17-year-old Hill City boy has been charged with first degree murder and aggravated kidnapping in the death of Esmeralda Gonzales.

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline and Graham County Attorney Tony Potter filed charges Dec. 1 against Phillip D. Switzer Jr., a student and football player



P. Switzer

at Hill City High School, in connection with Miss Gonzales' disappearance and death.

Miss. Gonzales' body was found three miles east of Hill City in a grove of trees along the north side of U.S. 24 on the morning of Nov. 24. She disappeared the prior Saturday night about 9:30 p.m. after a friend dropped her off outside a resi-

dence in the southeast part of Hill City.

According to a Dec. 2 article in the *Hays Daily News*, Gonzales, a sophomore at Hill City High School, was active in the vocal and instrumental music department and a member of the school's chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Funeral services for Miss. Gonzales were held Tuesday at the Immaculate (Continued on Page 5)

## Man wins grand prize in Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD

Aaron Overlease, Norton, is the grand prize winner in the 2003 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest sponsored by *The Norton Telegram* and area businesses.

Overlease won two of the 12 weekly contests and placed second twice en route to winning the championship with 127 correct games. He will receive a \$50 cash award and engraved trophy.

Overlease barely edged Brad Killian, Lincoln, for the title of Pigskin Pick-Em Champion. Killian was correct on 126 games during the season.

Correct on 125 games were Randy Springer and Tim Moore, Hoisington and Mary Ann Hager, Norton.

Tying for sixth place overall were Aaron McDowell, Hill City and Jim Springer, Long Island, both with 123 winners.

Jill Stoelting, Orleans, Neb., ranked No. 8 with 122 while Robin Sproul, Norton; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Nancy Moore, Hoisington and Kirk Kasson, Alma, rounded out the top 12 placers with 121 wins.

Other high placers were: Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Tonja Vallin, Hays; Roger Shearer and Kirsten Baird, Long Island, 120 each; Glen Wiltfong and Anastasia Foley, Norton; Evelyn Springer and Andy Moore, Hoisington; Staci Montgomery, Alma; Luke Keilig, Norton; Erin Foley, Lawrence, 119 each; Wilma Wiseman, Norton; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Sady Keilig, Norton; Lacy Keilig, Norton; Douglas Daniels, Norton; Tom Baumann, Norton; Denise Bailey, Norcatur, 118 each.

High finishers also included: Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Bob Moore, Hoisington; Lexie McDowell, Hill City, 117 each;

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# Man wins \$50 cash, trophy

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Dwight Vallin, Long Island; Brian Thompson, Almena; Karen Shearer, Long Island; Kristy Keilig, Norton; Craig Foley, Norton, 116 each;

Emily Vallin, Long Island; Keegan Smith, Norton; Brodie McDowell, Hill City; Marilyn Lowry, Almena, 115 each; Lawrence Wiseman, Norton; Dick Thompson, Almena; Jared Foley, Norton; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Lucas Bailey, Norcat, 114 each;

Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Gavin Sproul, Norton; Dalton Smith, Norton; Mark Keilig, Norton; Sandy Husted, Norton; Neil Barnett, Morland, 113 each.

Michael Thompson, Almena; Deb Thiele, Norton, 112 each; Judson Wiltfong, Edmond; Scott Sproul, Norton, 110 each;

Hayden Wiltfong, Edmond; Spencer Shirk, Norton; Kevin Jilka, Norton; Jim Cole, Long Island; Gail Bailey, Norcat; Lynette Archer, Norton, 109 each; Elinor Wiltfong, Norton; Kirk Foley, Norton; George Carter, Norton, 108 each;

Michelle Wiltfong, Edmond, 107;

Georgie Rorabaugh, Norton; Rod Maddy, Norton; Tami Antrim, Norton, 106 each;

Julie Thompson, Almena; Nathan Morse, Norton; Ryan Maddy, Norton; Cathy Kellerman, Norton; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Mark Bailey, Goodland, 105; each;

Lynn Nelson, Norton, 104; Jason Ankenman, Salina; Alicia Ankenman, Pittsburg, 103 each;

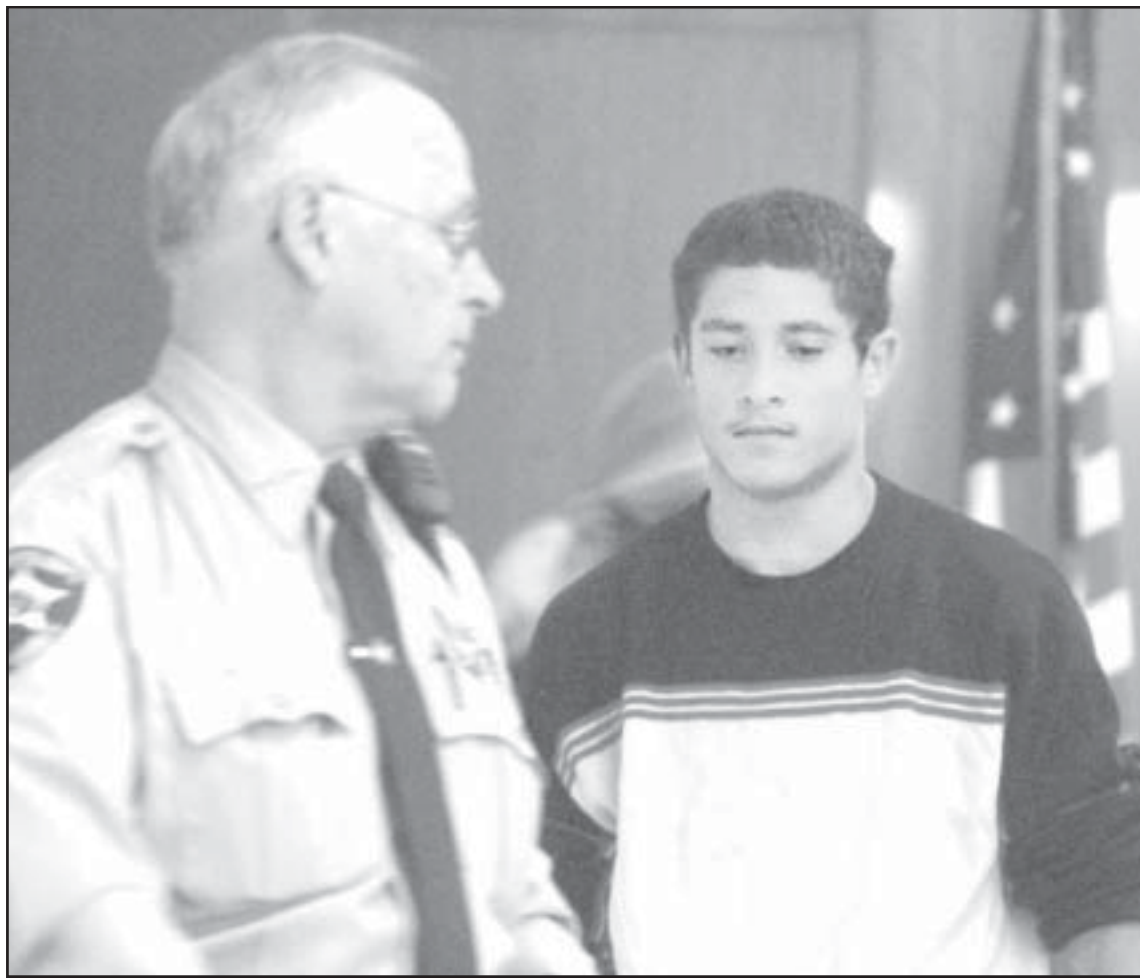
David Bainter, Norton, 102; Jane Mindrup, Norton; Virginia Carlton, Norton, both 101;

Rick Green, Norton, 100; Misty Nuzum, Norton; Dan Mannel, Lenora; Cyrilla Barnett, Morland, 99 each; Robert Wiltfong, Edmond, 98; Kenney Leiker, Norton; Ken Gregoire, Norton, both 97;

Greg Overlease, Norton; Tammy Maddy, Norton; Betty Harper, Norton; Dan Bainter, Norton, 94 each; Tracy Sproul, Norton; Josh Green, Norton; Morgan Baumann, Norton, 93 each.

This season's sponsors were: End Zone Sports & Office Supplies; Kellie's; Pizza Hut/Taco Bell; Almena State Bank; Don's Floor Covering; Norton Shop and Save; Bridges Group; Moffet Drug; United Northwest Federal Credit Union; Long Island Bank, Insurance, Grain; Rural Telephone Service Co.; Jamboree Foods; Boxler Insurance; and *The Norton Telegram*.

Thanks to this season's sponsors and to all the hundreds of football fans who entered the contest each week.



Graham County Sheriff Don Scott escorted Phillip D. Switzer Jr. into the Graham County District Courthouse, where Switzer, who is accused of murder, made his first appearance on Wednesday afternoon.

— Photo courtesy of Steven Hausler of the *Hays Daily News*

# Teen gets adult charges in Hill City

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Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City.

Kansas Assistant Attorney General John Bork will prosecute the case on behalf of Mr. Kline along

with Mr. Potter. Very little is being said about the case but in a brief press release Public Information Officer Jan Lunsford with the Attorney General's office said "The defendant has merely been ac-

cusced and is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty."

Switzer made his first court appearance before Chief Judge Bill Elliott in Graham County Court on Wednesday.

# Students to sing carols at concert

Norton Junior High and High School choirs will be performing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday night in the East Campus Auditorium in their annual winter concert.

This year's theme is "Songs For The Holidays."

Choir director Valerie Lee has chosen a wide range of music for her students to perform.

Accompanists for the evening will be Sonya Montgomery and Whitney Newel.

The Junior High Choir will present "Sing Alleluia, Allelu",

"Do You Hear What I Hear". "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year", "Joy To the World" and "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle".

The High School Choir will do "Up On the Housetop", "Christ Child", "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", "Sleigh Ride", and "The Twelve Pains of Christmas". The Bell Choir from the Norton United Methodist Church will accompany the choir during a portion of the program.

Soloists are Stephen Mizell, Perrel Stanley, Brett Wyatt, Gena

Myers, Jessica Sprigg, Sheila Harvey, Lucas Bailey, Savannah Davis, Dani Wuest, Dana Hillebrand, Alissa Cooper and Mathew Shepard.

During "Sleigh Ride" percussion instruments will be played by Tammy Sheley, Morgan Bailey and Jessica Neilsen.

The Jay Singers have chosen "Christmas Time is Here", "Frosty the Snowman" and "Carol of the Bells".

The audience gets to participate in two sing-along songs, "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "The First Noel".

# Sign-up ends Jan. 30 for crop disaster program

Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program, which provides payment for 2001 or 2002 crop-year losses due to a natural disaster, ends Jan. 30.

"The United States Department of Agriculture has issued \$2.2 billion in benefits to about 325,000 farmers across the country," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "We encourage qualified farmers to take advantage of this assistance."

The disaster program has no overall limitation, but each "person" is limited to \$80,000. Farmers are reimbursed for crop production and quality losses for either 2001 or 2002.

Payments are issued for losses exceeding 35 percent of expected production at:

- 50 percent of the price for crops

that were covered by insurance;

- 50 percent of the price for crops for which insurance was unavailable; and

- 45 percent of the price for crops that could have been insured but were not.

Farmers are also reimbursed for quality losses of at least 20 percent for some crops.

Disaster program payments will be reduced if the sum of the disaster program payment, the insurance payment, and the value of the remaining crop exceeds 95 percent of the value of the crop, if it were not lost.

More information on the disaster program and other department assistance program is available at local Farm Service Agency offices and on the agency website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

# Homemade stock adds flavor to recipes

By TRANDA WATTS

Homemade meat or vegetable stock can add flavor to many recipes. While it takes time, it is not difficult to prepare. The basic ingredients are meat, poultry or fish bones (if making meat stock), aromatic vegetables, herbs, and cold water. Use a large pot to lessen evaporation.

Bones with lots of joints and tendons contain more collagen. This produces a gelatin. For brown stock, roast the bones in the oven at 400° F until a deep brown, turning the bones often. Roasting onions with the bones adds more roasted flavor.

Choose aromatic vegetables such as onions, leeks, celery, carrots and garlic. This is a good way to clean out older, riper vegetables. The soft cell walls will leach out more flavors.

Start the pot of stock with cold water. Cold water tends to give a deeper color and more intense flavor by bringing out the flavors in the food. It also slows the coagulation of meat proteins. These pro-

teins will clump and float to the top. To reduce cloudiness, skim off the foam.

Simmer the stock instead of boil. Boiling tends to produce a greasy stock. Do not stir the mixture. Stirring will tend to emulsify the fat and water which will remain in the stock. Chicken usually simmers for 3-5 hours, beef stock for 8-12 hours, fish stock for 30 minutes. This time depends on the size of bones and amount of collagen.

Chill the finished stock immediately after cooking. After chilling, remove the fat layer on top and store in the refrigerator or freezer. Stock will keep 5-7 days in the refrigerator or three months in the freezer. Always reboil stock before using it in any recipe. If bubbles form in refrigerated stock, it has fermented. Do not use.

If you have further questions about food preparation, please contact your local county office or e-mail me at [twatts@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:twatts@oznet.ksu.edu).

# HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, museum director

Lori Struik, Agra, is the new "Artist of the Month" for December.

Ms. Struik was selected for her dried floral and wood items. Her arrangements can be found in many homes and it is always a treat for the museum to have her designs on display.

Director's assistant Bonnie Kennedy hosted a belated Thanksgiving festivity in the community room Sunday. About 40 family members and friends were in attendance for the turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Thanksgiving always seems to open the door for the Christmas holiday. With that, the museum Christmas tree was set up in time for the Plaza and Main Street lighting.

The exhibit, "Reeds and Wool", remains to educate and give a glimpse into a foreign land and the lives of its inhabitants.

Kyrgyzstan is a country with a

predominantly agricultural economy. This tiny country, slightly smaller than South Dakota, achieved independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

Cotton, tobacco, wool and meat are the main agricultural products. It is a country of incredible natural beauty entirely encompassed by peaks and valleys, glaciers and high altitude lakes.

The Kyrgyz are a people with proud nomadic traditions and this pride is reflected in the 13 examples of artful beauty found in their reed screens called chiy, now on display in the museum gallery.

Used as room and space dividers in their yurt dwellings, chiy are made by wrapping dyed sheep's wool around tall grass reeds and tied together forming a wondrous pattern developed only from memory.

See how these nomadic sheepherders bring beauty to their lives. Visit Kyrgyzstan through the Hansen Museum's window to the world.

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3 Months	\$18.96

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1 Year	\$56.00
6 Months	\$30.80
3 Months	\$17.92

**ELSEWHERE IN KANSAS:**

1 Year	\$67.55
6 Months	\$36.74
3 Months	\$21.33

**ELSEWHERE IN NEBRASKA:**

1 Year	\$63.84
6 Months	\$34.72
3 Months	\$20.16

**ELSEWHERE IN US:**

1 Year	\$72.80
6 Months	\$40.32
3 Months	\$22.96

**CARRIER:**

1 Year	\$49.77
6 Months	\$27.26
3 Months	\$15.41

**COLLEGE:**

Kansas	\$39.11
Other	\$43.68

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NORTON SENIOR HIGH**  
Monday — Scholar Bowl at Colby, 3:30 p.m.; FCCLA dessert party, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer; Vocal concert, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Reading activity, 8:30 a.m.; Fall awards assembly, 2:15 p.m.; basketball, cheerleader and dance photos, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday — FCCLA; FFA; varsity girls basketball vs. Weskan at Goodland, 3 p.m.; varsity boys basketball vs. Weskan at Goodland, 5 p.m.; Jay Singers, 7 p.m.

Friday — FFA Beef Expo in Hutchinson; Jazz; varsity girls basketball at Goodland, 3 p.m.; varsity boys basketball at Goodland, 4 p.m.

Saturday — Wrestling at Clay Center; ACT test date; varsity girls basketball at Goodland; varsity boys basketball at Goodland

Sunday — FFA bowling, 2 p.m.  
Next Monday — Semester exams; Jay Singers; Students Against Drunk Driving.

**NORTON JUNIOR HIGH**  
Tuesday — Basketball and cheerleader photos, 3 p.m.; Vocal concert, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday — SIT, 7:30 a.m.; Basketball at Ellis, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday — Basketball at Smith Center, 10 a.m.

**EISENHOWER**  
Wednesday — Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.; Staff get-to-gather, 4 p.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; Gr. 1-6 concert practice, East Campus Gym, 8:30-11 a.m.; Gr. 3-4 Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Friday — Gr. 1-6 concert practice, East Campus Gym, 8:30-11 a.m.

Monday — Gr. 1-6 Concert practice, East Campus Gym, 8:30-11 a.m.; Winter concert, East Campus Gym, 6:30 p.m.

**ALL SCHOOLS**  
Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Curriculum Coordinating Council, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 a.m.

Next Monday — PDC meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.

**MENUS**  
Unavailable.

# MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 4

Wheat	\$3.76
Milo	\$3.91
Corn	\$2.32
Soybeans	\$7.19