

Norton and Northern Valley girls and boys basketball games and Norton wrestling.

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## Tuesday

December 16, 2003

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Brian Carlton

### Briefly

## Surplus food ready for pick up

The Norton County Senior Citizens Inc. will be distributing government surplus on Wednesday. The surplus includes canned pork, beef stew, tomato soup, peaches, trail mix, roasted almonds, dry milk, cranberry juice and vanilla pudding cups. This food is available for low income persons of all ages in Norton County.

The Senior Centers in Lenora and Alma will have distribution from 9-11 a.m. In Norton, distribution will be from 2-5 p.m. at the Senior Center.

To learn more about receiving surplus food call Ramona Pabian at 877-5352.

## Weight room, gyms to close

The Norton School District's gyms, weight-lifting room and wrestling room will be closed Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 23-27, for winter break.

## State park office closed for holiday

The Prairie Dog State Park office will be closed for the holiday season beginning Wednesday, Dec. 24. The office will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5.

The 2004 park permits and hunting/fishing licenses are now being sold.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows around 20. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds around 15 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s. **Thursday Night through Saturday** — Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

#### Howell report:

Friday ..... High 37, Low 18  
Saturday ..... High 41, Low 27  
Sunday ..... High 54, Low 33  
Monday ..... High 38, Low 20  
Week ago ..... High 46, Low 24  
Month ago ..... High 67, Low 34  
Year ago ..... High 70, Low 37  
December precipitation ..... .50 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 19.33 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to see that faith in the future brings power to the present. I serve You here, knowing that if life assaults me with its worst, the best is yet to come in Heaven. I pray this in the name of Jesus, who has gone ahead to make a place for me. Amen



## Almena lights up the town

Among the many beautiful Christmas lights you can enjoy in Almena this year are the new downtown lights on Main Street and the brightly decorated home of Ron and Judy Shearer (above) and this manger scene at the home of Larry Nelson (right).

—Telegram photos by Susie Marble



## Four people take home Christmas cash

Four people saw their numbers and collected \$50 each from *The Norton Telegram's* Christmas on Us contest last week.

Carla Derauf got her ticket with her groceries at Shop and Save and then her sharp eyes found the number in the White Field Coffee House ad. She wasn't sure where she would spend her money.

Virginia Harvey, however, knew exactly where she was spending her \$50. She

had gotten her ticket from Don's Floor Covering and that was where she was returning to do some more shopping. She found her winning number in the Nex-Tech ad.

Mark Griffin got his ticket at Walter Motor. The number was hiding in plain view in the ComputerPro ad for Unicef. He collected his \$50 and said that he was headed for Russ' Jewelry. *The Telegram* (Continued on Page 5)



Carla Derauf



Scott Ellis



Mark Griffin



Virginia Harvey

## Cable prices go up \$1; channels get switched

Cable television viewers in Norton are going to have to pay a little more and will see some changes in their channel lineup.

Nex-Tech, the company that provides the cable television for Norton, is raising rates and making some changes in programming.

Because of rising expenses for programming, the cable provider is raising the basic package rate by \$1, said Cable Television Operations Manager Ken Kendall.

The cost of the basic package will be \$27.45, while the basic bundled rate will be \$20.45. The cost of the expanded basic package and all other packages will not change.

He said the 5 percent increase is less than the 9.6 percent increase that Nex-Tech has experienced in programming costs from June of 2002 to June of 2003.

The price change will go into effect on Feb. 1.

Mr. Kendall said the company has only raised rates once since it came to Norton.

Nex-Tech is also switching the ABC and WB stations out of Denver with those out of Wichita, he said. No longer will ABC and WB be in the expanded basic package. Now, they will be part of the regular basic package. The other change with the two stations will be the one-hour time difference.

"The reason why we're doing this is because the customers told us that they wanted more Kansas stations and family programming," Mr. Kendall said. "So we went to the effort of picking it up for

them."

They will also be adding C-SPAN and The Food Network to the basic extended package. He said Nex-Tech was adding these channels because customers requested them. These two channels are in addition to NBC out of Great Bend and Fox out of Wichita, which were added earlier this year.

The channels will be added on Dec. 22. Mr. Kendall said the reason the expanded basic rate wasn't going up in price, even though two more channels were being added, was because Nex-Tech dropped the two Denver channels.

The new channels will be: ABC — 10; WB — 33; C-SPAN — 40; and The Food Network — 46. NBC is on channel 2 and Fox is on channel 24.

## Change in bond payout causes airport headaches

By VERONICA MONIER

Finances have been a major concern for the Norton Airport Board this year. Board President Ivan Kingham said the airport has just enough money to make it to the end of the year, and then should get more at the end of January.

The airport has had to go to both the city and the county to ask for extra money for this month and November. And, Mr. Kingham said, it expects to be \$800 in the hole in January as well because of a miscalculation on bond payments.

When the airport redid the runway this year, the board thought they were getting 30-year bonds, which would have kept the monthly payments low enough that they wouldn't have a cash

shortage. But a 30-year bond couldn't be done for the loan they received, only a 20-year bond, which made the payments higher putting the airport in debt.

Mr. Kingham said in the end, they'll be saving money with the 20-year bond, but it makes it a little more difficult when payment time comes.

He said the board hasn't gotten a budget increase from the county or city for about eight years, but that the city will be giving them a budget increase in 2004.

"We did approach the city and county some time ago to tell them we were going to be out of money in 2003," Mr. Kingham said. "But they were both facing budget cuts from the state and (Continued on Page 5)

## Storm causes postponements but no accidents

Yesterday's flurry of snow managed to postpone a lot of school events and even let some students out of school early.

Several school concerts got postponed. But luckily, the snow was brief and shouldn't return until this weekend.

Forecaster John Darnley with the National Weather Service in Goodland said Northwestern Kansas shouldn't see any more snow until the latter part of the week. During yesterday's storm, he said the major problem was the strong gusts of wind which will continue until sometime today.

The next storm blowing in is coming from the west coast and traveling south. He said it should be in Kansas on Friday and Saturday, and by Sunday be in southeast Oklahoma. There is the possibility, he said, that it will miss Norton County altogether, though.

Mr. Darnley said travel conditions should be good until the storm gets to Kansas on Friday.

As for the postponements, Norton will have the Eisenhower Elementary Winter Concert, which was scheduled for last night, tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the East

Campus Gym.

The Norton Community High School Winter Concert, which has already been postponed once, will go on as planned, but with a change in venue. It will now be at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Northern Valley's Christmas Concert has been postponed until Monday, Dec. 22. The K-6 will perform at 7 p.m. and the 7-12 will begin at 8 p.m.

The Logan Band and Vocal Concert has been moved to tonight at 7 p.m., while the Jennings Christmas Program has been moved to Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

# Giveaway set for Saturday

(Continued from Page 1) staff offered not to tell but he said, with a grin, that she already knew. Scott Ellis got the first ticket from a roll at Kowpoke Supply. He spotted the number in the Town and Country Kitchen ad. While he didn't know exactly what the \$50 was going for, he figured it would be Christmas presents.

Oddly enough all the numbers found this week were on one page. No one claimed money for No. 5891651 in the Moffet Drug Store ad on Page 1. That ticket was given away at Jamboree Foods.

On Page 2 there were three unclaimed numbers. No. 603487 was in the Pamida Pharmacy ad. It was given away by the Norton County Cooperative Association. No. 617105 in Jackrabbit Service's ad came from Town and Country Kitchen. The Shop and Save ad had No. 5355647. It was given away by Moffet Drug.

With the four winners this week and the two from previous weeks, the Norton merchants and *The Norton Telegram* have given away \$300. There is another \$200 in instant cash to be won by the first four people to find their numbers in this week's ad section.

There are more than four numbers hidden in plain sight but only the first four people to find their numbers will get the instant cash.

On Saturday the big drawing will be held at 2 p.m. between Moffet Drug and Russ' Jewelry on the street. If the weather is bad the drawing will be moved to the Senior Citizen Center down the block.

You, or at least your ticket, must be present to win. If there are any instant ticket \$50 winners left to give out we will draw for those first. Then someone will get \$500 and one lucky person who was smart enough to shop in Norton will win \$1,500.

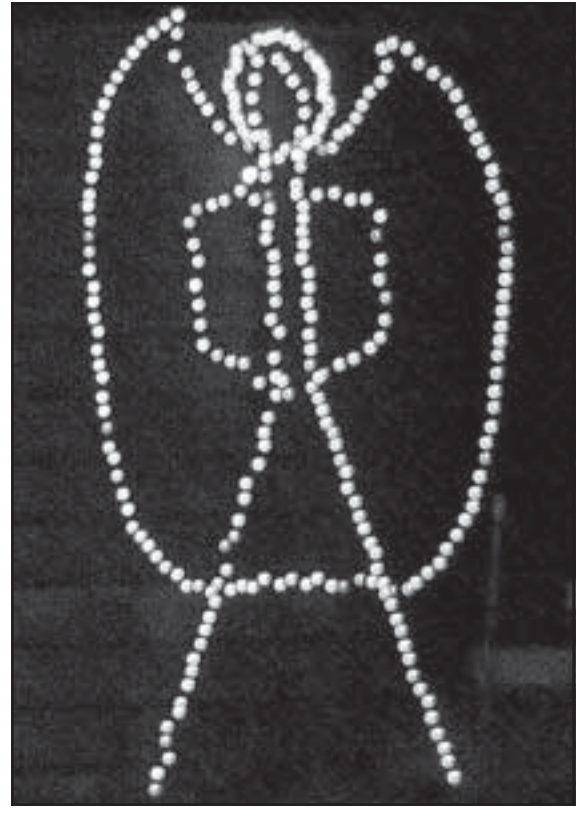
Be sure to join us on Saturday. Someone will walk away with \$1,500. It might as well be you.

## Christmas is lighting up the town



For people who find themselves northwest of Norton, the Minshall's light display is worth seeing. They have everything from an angel to Santa and his elves to the Nativity. They've also hung a sign wish-

ing everyone a merry Christmas and if you drive close enough and roll down the car windows, maybe you'll be able to hear the Christmas music that they've got playing. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Wrestlers win Clay Center tourney

By DICK BOYD

For the second straight time in this young season, Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team won a tournament with little to spare as they edged Junction City by one-half point to win the Clay Center Invitational Tournament on Saturday in Clay Center.

The previous Saturday they got the 2003-2004 season off to a roaring start when 275 pounder Michael Sprigg pinned his opponent to earn the Blue Jays a team championship in the Hoxie Invitational by 1 1/2 points over the defending state champion Indians.

This victory was not as dramatic since team scores were not posted from match to match in the finals. Norton did not know that they had scored 147 1/2 points and Junction City's total was 147 until after the tournament was over. And, although Sprigg wrestled and did win the 275 pound championship, this title match was not the final match of the day for Norton. Due to a snow storm, teams from Abilene, Basehor-Linwood and Ellsworth did not compete and some weights were so small in numbers that round robin competition was held. Sprigg's weight was one of these and he had only one other wrestler in his class. He wrestled Thomas Carter from Junction City twice, pinning him with 2:23 elapsed in the first match and making him count the lights with 2:45 gone in the second match. Needless to say, Sprigg finished ahead of the other Norton wrestlers.

The final winning points were scored by Norton's 215 pound wrestler Sean Lauer. He had two other wrestlers in his weight class. Lauer defeated Skyler Stevens, Clay Center, 8-4 in the first match. In round two, he received a bye, then pinned Jamal Wilcox, Junction City, in 3:48 to win the championship and earn enough points for Norton's team championship.

Placing third as a team was Salina South with 111 1/2 points, followed by Beloit, 108 1/2;

Andale, 100 1/2; Clay Center, 71 1/2; Salina Central, 18.

Due to sickness, Norton was open at four weights. All ten Blue Jay wrestlers who competed placed. In addition to Sprigg and Lauer, Clay Madden (112) and James Annon (130) won gold medals. Nathan Broeckelman (119) and Scott Goldsby (145) finished second and Lance Roe (135) finished third. Logan Keiswetter (103), Curtis Black (140) and Jordon Haussermann (152) all finished fourth.

Not wrestling due to illness were Luke Pfannenstiel (125), C.J. Thiele (160), Josh Green (171) and Mark Maybon (189).

"Because we were hit by the flu bug during the week, we opted to wrestle with a smaller squad in hopes of getting well for the next week," said Coach Johnson. "We have important duals with Phillipsburg and Stockton here on Friday and go to Goodland for their dual tournament on Saturday. We didn't dream we'd have a shot to bring home a trophy, let alone win the tourney. From that standpoint, it is a very positive situation but we did not wrestle up to our capabilities. Several of our wrestlers who had been fighting off sickness did wrestle and it showed in the third period. You can't substitute in wrestling. Either you're on the mat or you're not. There's no in between. We were ahead in at least three matches where we got pinned.

"We didn't wrestle very well but will have to build up our strength for this weekend because we will really be challenged."

Norton won 20 matches and lost 10 in the tournament. The Jays pinned 14 opponents and were pinned five times.

At 112 pounds, Madden was seeded No. 1. In the first round, he pinned Kaid Calhoun, Beloit, in 1:29. In the semi-finals, he pinned No. 4 seed Taylor James, Clay Center, in 52 seconds. In the championship finals, Madden pinned No. 2 seed Jonathon Baumfaulk, Salina South, in 1:43.

Calhoun won third by pinning James in 1:38.

Annon drew a bye at 130 pounds. In the semi-finals, he pinned B. Moberly, Salina South, in 3:17. He won the championship with a 14-7 decision over No. 3 seed Jack Eck, Andale. Bradley Esterl, Beloit, the No. 2 seed, pinned Moberly in 3:55 to win third.

At 119, Broeckelman was seeded No. 2. He pinned Tyler Peplinski, Junction City, in 44 seconds of their first round match. In the semi-finals, he pinned No. 3 seed Doug Sroot, Andale in 1:19. In the championship finals, he lost a 7-3 decision to No. 1 seed and No. 2 state ranked in 5A Nick Nothorn, Salina South.

Sroot pinned Peplinski in 3:15 to place third.

Scott Goldsby was seeded No. 2 at 145 pounds. He pinned Morgan Allred, Salina Central, in 3:24 in the first round. In the semi-finals, he pinned No. 3 seed Jeff Graham, Salina South, in 3:46. In the championship finals, he wrestled No. 1 seed and No. 1 state ranked in 4A Danny Grater. Goldsby was pinned by Grater in 38 seconds.

No. 4 seed Shelby Lamb, Beloit, won third by pinning No. 5 seed Jamel Wilcox, Junction City, in 3:01.

Lance Roe wrestled in a five-man round robin at 135 pounds. In the first round, he received a bye. In the second round, he pinned M. Thrasher, Junction City, in 4:32. In the third round, he lost a 12-10 decision to Tracy Jordan, Beloit, the No. 3 state ranked wrestler at 130. In round four, he was leading over A. Brand, Andale, but got out of position and was pinned in 5:21. In his final match, he decided B. Lund, Clay Center, 11-0 to place third.

Jordan won the championship; Brand was second.

At 103 pounds, Logan Keiswetter was seeded No. 4. In the first round, he defeated Andy Rouse, Salina Central. In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 51 seconds

by No. 1 seed Blake Fisher, Andale. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Nathan Gile, Clay Center, in 3:20. In the consolation championship he lost a 12-9 decision to No. 2 seed Jacob Garriel, Junction City, to place fourth.

Fisher won the championship by pinning No. 3 seed J. Plott, Salina South, in 36 seconds.

Curtis Black was seeded No. 4 at 140 pounds. In the first round, he drew a bye. In the semi-finals, he lost a 10-0 major decision to No. 1 seed and No. 2 state ranked in 5A Darcy Riley, Salina South. In the consolation bracket, he won a 14-4 major decision over Terry Elliott, Salina Central. In the consolation championship match, he was pinned in 4:58 by No. 3 seed Jonny Hermes, Andale.

No. 2 seed and No. 2 state ranked in 3-2-1A at 135 Matt Wright, Beloit, pinned Riley in 3:02 to win the championship.

Jordon Haussermann was seeded No. 3 at 152 pounds. In the first round, he won a 3-1 decision over Anthony Fiorillo, Salina South. In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 3:14 by No. 2 seed Kyle Allen, Clay Center. In the consolation bracket, he won a 16-0 technical fall over No. 4 seed Clink Frank, Salina Central. In the consolation championship match, he lost a 10-9 decision to No. 5 seed James Wright, Beloit.

No. 1 seed Daniel Stevens, Junction City, won the championship with a pin in 1:59 of Allen.

**Next action**  
Norton will begin dual action Friday when the Blue Jays host Stockton and Phillipsburg in duals in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, beginning at 6 p.m. It will be Senior Night.

This Saturday, Norton will compete in the Dual Tournament in Goodland starting at 9 a.m.

Chapman, Goodland, Hill City, Norton and Ulysses will be in Pool A. The first through fifth place teams in each pool will compete against each other in the finals, which will begin around 5:30 p.m.

## Bond payout change causes airport trouble

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couldn't do anything about it." Another thing on the city and county's minds is the airport's upcoming apron project.

Mr. Kingham said the project of replacing the airport's old asphalt apron with a new concrete one will cost around \$250,000. It has to be done though, because the apron the airport has now is falling apart.

Both the city and county have set aside money to pay for this, he said, and they won't be paying the entire \$250,000, just 10 percent of it. The state will be paying for the rest, because the airport qualified for a 90-10 match.

The state will pay for 90 percent of the project and the city and county will pay the other 10 percent, plus the cost of engi-

neering. He said both the county and city have set aside \$15,000 in their 2004 budgets to pay for it.

Mr. Kingham said the board is in the process of selecting an engineering firm to draw up the plans for the new apron. They have received two bids — one for \$6,000 from BG Consultants and another for \$11,000 from Kirk & Michael of Lincoln. Kirk & Michael were the engineering firm which did the work on the runway project.

He said he hoped the apron project goes through without a lot of problems, because it will cost a lot more to do it in the future without the state's help.

Once the apron project is finished, he said, there shouldn't be any more major repairs at the airport for a while.

## HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, Director

Last week, Jim Rowh and his daughter, Sonrisa Rowh, Norton, made a special trip to the Museum to see the "Reeds & Wool" exhibit now on display and to visit about Kyrgyzstan. Miss Rowh traveled to Kyrgyzstan in the summer of 1999 to fill an internship requirement for her degree at Manhattan Christian College.

For her trip to Central Asia, she selected a group called "Pioneer", a mission organization out of Orlando, Fla., who arrange and facilitate overseas excursions.

While living in Kyrgyzstan for nearly two months, Miss Rowh shared the home of a Kyrgyz family and gained first-hand knowledge of the language, the people, and their culture.

She even had the rare opportunity to spend the night in a mountain yurt (round portable dwell-

ing). Miss Rowh was able to capture many sights and memories on Kodak paper and is now sharing this book of photographs with visitors of the Hansen Museum.

Her book of photographs will be available through the end of this exhibit.

Lori Struik, Agra, is the honored "Artist of the Month" for December with her dried florals and wood items.

Ms. Struik offers wreaths, swags, topiaries, benches, basket arrangements, pressed floral frames, and a wonderful condo birdhouse.

Wednesday will bring a nice prize and surprise to Logan as Luminous Neon arrives to install the new time and temperature sign on the Plaza lawn. What a wonderful addition to the community.