



Two fans (right) contemplate buying a T-shirt before the concert began Sunday night. East Campus Auditorium was packed as they awaited the new-comer to country music's appearance on stage. Norton County Arts Council sponsored the singer, best-known for his hit single, "Long Black Train". The young man was versatile on stage, playing mandolin and guitar and singing original songs and old country standards.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



*Josh  
Turner  
in concert*

Angie Sammons had her picture taken with her favorite country artist, Josh Turner. Ms. Sammons, who was seriously injured in an accident, several years ago, wrote Mr. Turner's fan club and told them how much she enjoyed his music and that she would love to meet him. She was sent a backstage pass to the concert.



# Christmas on Us money to be given out on Saturday

Two more Christmas On Us instant winners found their numbers and claimed \$50 apiece last week. Cathryn Hanson's sharp eyes picked out ticket No. 8804340, which was hidden in the Norton Shop and Save ad. Ms. Hanson got her ticket from Nex-Tech and plans to spend her winnings at Jamboree and Shop and Save. Ludell's Cathy Holste had ticket No. 236385, which she got from Walter Motor Co., when she bought a car. Ms. Holste found the winning number in the Felton's Ace Building Center ad. She said she is going to use her \$50 to buy Christmas dinner at Jamboree. There is still one lucky instant winner out there as the final ticket, No. 581881, was not claimed last week. The ticket came from Jamboree and was hidden in the Nex-Tech ad. With the two winners last week and the seven from previous



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weeks, the Norton merchants and *The Norton Telegram* have given away \$450. For the final week, several numbers have been drawn. But as there will only be one instant winner. The prize will go to the first person to claim it. This Saturday the drawing for the grand prize will be held at 1 p.m. in front of First State Bank 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. One lucky person will be walking away with \$1,000 in spendable scrip, while another will take home \$500. If no one claims the final \$50 instant winner prize, that will be drawn first. Then someone will get \$500 and one lucky person who was smart enough to shop in Norton will win \$1,500. The contest is being sponsored by The Norton Telegram, Jamboree Foods, ComputerPro, Felton's Building Center, Quiznos Subs, Kellie's, First State Bank, Moffet Drug, Norton Shop and Save, Dairy Queen, Hot Shots, Nex-Tech, Walter Motor Co., Country-side Veterinary Clinic, Town and Country Kitchen, The Sewing Box and Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse. All prize money must be spent at one or more of the participating merchants.

# Business returns cash to customers

It pays to be a customer of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative. The Norton County business is giving \$611,000 back to its customers. The money is part of the more than \$2.6 million in capital credit refunds Prairie Land has given back to its customers in the past five years. General Manager Allan Miller said the cooperative is member

owned. The capital credit refunds are a way of returning some of the margin to the owners. In addition to the capital credit refunds, which are paid out in checks at the end of the year, he said the cooperative has also given back over \$500,000 in billing credits this year. Billing credits are applied to the customers' bills, so that they have to pay less. Mr. Miller said Prairie Land has been giving back billing credits since 1999 and when added to capital credit refunds, customers have gotten back more than \$5.4 million.

Prairie Land's strong financial strength over the past few years has made monthly credits and year-end pay-outs possible, said Gilbert Berland, the cooperative's president. "As a member-owned electric cooperative, our mission is to provide our members with good quality service and at the same time keep rates as low as possible," he said. "We are happy to return dividends to our member-owners at a time when prices for natural gas, propane and fuel oil are on the rise."

# Woman leaves job in Goodland

Former Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Carolyn Applegate has resigned her position as the Sherman County Economic Development director. Mrs. Applegate resigned her job at a special meeting of the development council on Thursday in Goodland following three weeks of performance reviews and contract renewal negotiations. On Thursday after several closed sessions the president of the Goodland group announced that he had received a resignation letter from Mrs. Applegate. The resignation was approved unanimously.

# Groups hold open houses for holidays

Several open houses to celebrate the holidays are planned for this week. Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas invites everyone to two open houses on Wednesday. The ladies at Ike House, 115 Eisenhower Ave., are hosting their open house from 2-4 p.m., while the men at Grant House, 602 N. Grant, will have their's from 3-5 p.m. An open house for First State Bank, 105 W. Main, will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday in the bank's lobby. Rural Telephone will host an open house from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Thursday at its Lenora office, at 145 N. Main. Mortensen Computer Services' open house is also scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday. They will be in their new offices at 101 S. Norton.

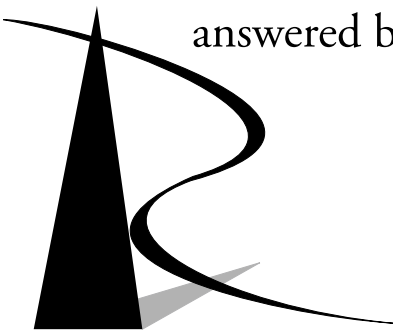


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