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local guide to what's on TV  
next week with The Tele-  
gram's handy schedule of  
programming.  
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Tuesday  
December 21, 2004

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Jon Sloan

Briefly

### Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to deliver  
Meals on Wheels the week of Dec.  
27 through Jan. 2. If you can help,  
call 877-3351 and ask to speak to  
the Dietary Department.

### School paper inserted today

Norton Community High  
School's *The Nugget* will be in  
today's edition of *The Telegram* for  
those subscribers who get their  
paper delivered by carrier. People  
who want a copy, but don't get  
one with their paper, can stop by  
the high school to pick one up.

Norton High School students  
will get a copy of *The Nugget* at  
the school.

### Angel tree gives gifts to children

Prison Fellowship Ministries  
coordinates a program called  
Angel Tree. It is a way for a mother  
or father who is in prison to  
"provide" a present for their  
children.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts,  
Norcat, are the Angel Tree  
coordinators for Norton.

Contributions may be sent to  
them in care of The Norton  
Telegram, 215 S. Kansas Ave.,  
Norton, Kan. 67654.

### Paper to be closed

The Norton Telegram staff will be  
home for the holidays.

The office will be closed Friday,  
Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Because we  
want to make sure everyone gets  
their paper before the holidays, the  
paper will be printed and delivered  
a day earlier each week on Thursday,  
Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

We wish everyone a safe and  
happy holiday season.

Weather

### Forecast:

Rest of the week - Cold to bitterly  
cold with no precipitation.

### Howell report:

Friday ..... High 52, Low 33  
Saturday ..... High 51, Low 24  
Sunday ..... High 37, Low 29  
Monday ..... High 60, Low 28  
.00 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 40, Low 22  
Month ago ..... High 45, Low 33  
Year ago ..... High 62, Low 38  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 25.75 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Our Father, teach us how to pray in  
faith, with words simple and few. We  
love you, dear Lord, and trust you to  
lead us to abundant life in Christ.  
Amen

# Women win \$1,500 for Christmas

About 350 people braved the chilly  
wind to see who would win the Christmas  
On Us cash given away by *The Norton  
Telegram* and Norton merchants on Sat-  
urday.

In less than half an hour, three tickets  
were drawn and \$1,500 was given away.

Four youngsters — Morgan Olliff, Tif-  
fany Eagleburger, Shaelynn Gibson and  
Anthony Went — volunteered to give  
the nearly 52,000 tickets a good stir.

Then Jarrett Went reached in and  
pulled out a winner. When the No. 242036  
was called, Beverly Kindler came for-  
ward with her matching ticket to claim  
\$500 in scrip.

Ms. Kindler's ticket came from Moffet  
Drug, which is where she plans on spend-  
ing part of her winnings. The Sewing Box,  
Town and Country, Jamboree and Shop  
and Save are on her list as well. She said  
she also wants to give some of it to Food  
Pantry and the Methodist Youth Group to  
buy food with.

"There's lots of places that I'm going  
to go," she said.

After Ms. Kindler collected her \$500,  
Master of Ceremonies Steve Haynes  
called for three more volunteers to mix the  
tickets again. Kailey Gill, Tyson Gill and  
Morgan Olliff dug deep to get the tickets  
mixed up good.

It took two tries to get a \$1,000 winner.  
No one claimed the ticket drawn by Kurt  
Douglas. No. 698416 came from  
Quizno's.

After waiting for about five minutes and  
repeatedly calling out the number, Mor-  
gan Olliff came forward to draw a new  
number.

This time, Karen VanSike thought she  
had the winning ticket. She checked her  
numbers and found No. 234201, the big  
winner that came from Computer Pro.

"Keith's just going to die," she said  
about her husband finding out she won.  
"I'm shaking. I've got to go sit down or  
I'm going to pass out."

Mrs. VanSike called her husband on  
the spot to tell him the good news.

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Karen VanSike knew that she had the ticket that she was so nervous, she was shaking as she went through her tickets with *Telegram* ad salesman Carol Erlenbusch. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Josephine Otter looked over all the stockings entered in the "Mittens for Kittens" contest. The judging was held Saturday in Twice Sold Treasures. All the cash and animal treats donated went to the Norton Animal Shelter. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Mittens for Kittens helps provide for animal shelter

Mary Oswald, owner of Twice Sold  
Treasures in downtown Norton, held an  
in-store contest to benefit Norton's animal  
shelter.

She invited children to decorate a  
Christmas stocking for their pet and her  
customers to donate items to benefit the  
cats and dogs at the shelter.

Judging was held Saturday at the store.  
Winners of the contest were: age 3-4: first,  
R.J. Ankenman, Norcat; age 5-6: first,

Valery Rosterk; second, Nicolas  
Armbrister; age 7-8: first, Dawn Herron;  
second, Michael Noren;

Age 9-10: first Keziah Whitesell; sec-  
ond, Shaelynn Gibson; third, David  
Noren; first Runner-up, Hannah Slama;  
and second Runner-up Alexis Lively; and  
age 11-12 first Devinny Lynch; second,  
Niquel McVey; third, Misty Noren; and  
first Runner-up, Kelsey Obermiller.

## Reason for the season seen in area churches

Several area churches will offer  
Christmas Eve services Friday  
evening.

Edmond United Methodist will have  
Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m., while  
Norton First United Methodist Church  
will have its services at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church of New  
Almelo will have Christmas Eve Mass  
at 6 p.m., while St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Church, Norton, will have two  
Christmas Eve Masses at 8 p.m. and 10  
p.m. St. Francis will also have Christ-

mas Day Mass at 9 a.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran  
Church will have a children's Christ-  
mas Eve service at 6:30 p.m.

Norton Christian Church is planning  
a 6:30 p.m. candlelight service on  
Christmas Eve.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will  
begin its Christmas Eve service at 6:45  
p.m. with a pre-service carol singing;  
the Christmas Cantata starts at 7 p.m.;  
and an 11 p.m. candlelight service will  
end the evening.

## Chamber of Commerce to give Christmas dinner

If you can't be with family on Christ-  
mas Day, you are invited to attend the  
annual Christmas Dinner hosted by the  
Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.  
The dinner will be served at noon in the  
Fellowship Hall of the United Method-  
ist Church.

A full holiday menu of turkey, dress-  
ing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables,

rolls and butter will be provided. Those  
attending are asked to bring a salad or  
dessert to complete the meal.

There is no charge but donations will  
be accepted. Volunteers are needed to  
help with the meal preparation, serv-  
ing and clean up. If you are interested  
in helping, call Karla Reed at the  
Chamber, 877-2501.

## Shops close for holiday

With an extended holiday weekend,  
lots of area businesses will have dif-  
ferent schedules.

Most financial institutions, includ-  
ing First Security Bank and Trust, First  
State Bank, the Bank, Almema State  
Bank and United Northwest Federal  
Credit Union will close at noon on  
Friday, Christmas Eve. Security Ab-  
stract and Commercial will be closed  
all day.

Public offices including the county

courthouse, city offices and the library  
will be closed Friday. The library will  
also be closed Monday.

Doctor's Clinic will be closed all day  
Christmas Eve.

Pamida Pharmacy will close at 3  
p.m. Christmas Eve and Moffet Drug  
Store will close at 4 p.m.

Service stations like Love's, Time  
Saver, and Diamond Shamrock offer  
24/7 service and will be open for busi-

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 mess as usual. Jack Rabbit Service will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day.  
 Country Corner grocery store in Lenora will close at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve while Almena Market will close at 5:30 p.m. Jamboree Foods and Norton Shop and Save will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. All area grocery stores will be closed Christmas Day.  
 On Christmas Eve Pamida will close at 6 p.m. and Dollar General at 6:30 p.m. Both discount stores will be closed Christmas Day, but will both be open regular hours on Sunday.

It's going to be tough to find a Norton County restaurant open on Christmas. The Beacon Cafe and Barbecue Barn will be closed both Friday and Saturday. The Station in Almena will close at noon Friday. K & S Center Cafe will close at 1:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, followed by Town and Country, Norton, and The County Line Cafe, Norcat, at 2 p.m.

Adventures in Eating and Pure Prairie will both close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and The Cardinal Bar and Grill, Norcat, closes at 4 p.m. Pizza Hut/Taco Bell will close at 6 p.m..

Quizno's will stay open until 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, China Garden will close at 8:30 p.m. The Dairy Queen will remain open if they have customers.

O'Brien's Bar will close Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. and reopen Christmas Day at 5 p.m.

The Norton Theatre will be closed Christmas Eve but will be showing "Ocean's 12" and "Lemony Snicket's" at 8 p.m. Christmas night. Sunday show time will be at 5 p.m.

# Winners plan to go shopping

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 She said she'd probably pick up some more computer things and would probably go buy some groceries.

"I'm just going to have to think about it," she said.

The Christmas on Us participants won \$2,000.

For the four weeks preceding the big giveaway ticket numbers appeared in random ads in a special Christmas on Us section in the paper on Tuesday. Those holding the matching tickets had until Friday of that week to claim one of 10 \$50 instant prizes.

By Saturday, there were no more \$50 instant winners left after Tim Kelly claimed ticket No. 217335, which came from Norton Shop and Save and was hidden in the ad for Quizno's. Mr. Kelly said he was going to buy groceries for Christmas dinner with his winnings.

There were actually three numbers in last Tuesday's paper, but only the first person to claim the prize got the money. Unclaimed were No. 183452, which came from Moffet Drug and was hidden in the Hot Shots ad and No. 8797420, which came from Dairy Queen and could be found hidden in the ad for Town and Country.

The other nine \$50 instant winners have been: Ann Hazlett, Cindy McKenna, Angie Chisham, Ward Foley, Paul Lueschen, Jan Martin, Mary Worcester, Cathryn Hanson and Cathy Holste.

The \$2,000 in the contest must be spent at participating Norton businesses. Money spent locally at the participating businesses during this promotion totaled up to be over half a million dollars.

The participating businesses were Felton's Ace Building Center, ComputerPro, Inc., First State Bank, Kellie's, Moffet Drug, Nex-Tech, Norton Flowers and Gifts, Norton Shop and Save, Walter Motor, The Sewing Box, Countryside Vet, Town and Country Kitchen, Quizno's, Jamboree Foods, Dairy Queen and Hot Shots.

# Business should get tax assistance

It's not official, but Miltech, a Norton business, is well on its way to getting a ten-year tax abatement.

Tax abatements are one of the economic development tools counties and cities use to encourage growth of new and existing industry, Norton County Commissioner Dean Kruse said.

The tax abatements will last for 10 years, if passed by the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, said County Commissioner John Miller.

He said the tax abatement is only on new personal property and expansions, and doesn't

cover anything that's been tax exempt before.

The abatements are also subject to yearly review, to make sure all of the criteria are being met.

He said the commissioners make a recommendation on whether or not to give the tax abatements, but its the state board's decision.

Norton County Appraiser Alan Hale said the expected value of the personal property and future real estate expansions that Miltech is asking for tax abatements on is to be about \$640,000, which would, with-

out the abatements, be about \$61,000 in taxes over the next 10 years.

He said they're guessing that around 12 new employees will be hired in that time.

He said the proposed abatements are still being reviewed by the state board, but that the board would let them know when a decision was made.

Since the business will be expanding and adding new employees any taxes the county loses in personal property and real estate will be made up for by taxes paid by the new employees.

# Time to renew U, X, Y, Z tags


The deadline to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycle or motorized bike tags for those whose names start with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30.

The computers in the treasurer's office will shut down at 11:30 a.m., so the staff can balance the books. The office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and 31.

All vehicles need proof of insurance.

Drivers license and CDL renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the treasurer's office. On Dec. 30, the renewals will shut off at 11 a.m.

Happy 50th Birthday, Grandpa!



Love,  
Hannah and Allison

# Congratulations

## Christmas ON US

# Winners!



**\$1,000 Winner**  
**Karen VanSkike**



**\$500 Winner Beverly Kindler**

## \$50 Instant Winners



Tim Kelly



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