On TV:

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Sports:

Norton wrestlers win Goodland tournament and Northern Valley basketball girls and boys beat Bertrand.

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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

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, Norcatur, 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 3
Saturday	High 51, Low 2
Sunday	High 37, Low 2
Monday	High 60, Low 2
.(00 of an inch of precipitation
Week ago	High 40, Low 2
Month ago	High 45, Low 3
Year ago	High 62, Low 38
	precipitation 25.75 inche
(Readings taker	n at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles Nort	th and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

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.

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-

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

Four youngsters — Morgan Olliff, Tiffany Eagleburger, Shaelynn Gibson and Anthony Wente — volunteered to give the nearly 52,000 tickets a good stir.

Then Jarrett Wente reached in and pulled out a winner. When the No. 242036 was called, Beverly Kindler came forward with her matching ticket to claim

 $Ms.\ Kindler's\ ticket\ came\ from\ Moffet$ Drug, which is where she plans on spending 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, Morgan Olliff came forward to draw a new

This time, Karen VanSkike 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. VanSkike called her husband on the spot to tell him the good news. (Continued on Page 5)



Karen VanSkike knew that she had the ticket that she was so nervous, she was shaking as she went would let her claim the grand prize of \$1,000 from through her tickets with Telegram ad salesman

the Christmas on Us contest. Mrs. VanSkike said 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

in-store contest to benefit Norton's ani- second, Michael Noren; mal shelter.

cats and dogs at the shelter.

Winners of the contest were: age 3-4: first, first Runner -up, Kelsey Obermiller. R.J. Ankenman, Norcatur; age 5-6: first,

Mary Oswald, owner of Twice Sold Valery Rosterk; second, Nicolas Treasures in downtown Norton, held an Armbrister; age 7-8: first, Dawn Herron;

Age 9-10: first Keziah Whitesell; sec-She invited children to decorate a ond, Shaelynn Gibson; third, David Christmas stocking for their pet and her Noren; first Runner-up, Hannah Slama; customers to donate items to benefit the and second Runner-up Alexis Lively; and age 11-12 first Devinney Lynch; second, Judging was held Saturday at the store. Niquel McVey; third, Misty Noren; and

Reason for the season seen in area churches

Several area churches will offer mas Day Mass at 9 a.m. Christmas Eve services Friday

Edmond United Methodist will have mas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. 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- end the evening.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a children's Christ-

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

Chamber of Commerce to give Christmas dinner

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 Methodist Church.

ing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, Chamber, 877-2501.

If you can't be with family on Christ-rolls and butter will be provided. Those mas Day, you are invited to attend the 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, serving and clean up. If you are interested Afullholiday menu of turkey, dress- in helping, call Karla Reed at the

Shops close for holiday

lots of area businesses will have different schedules.

Most financial institutions, including First Security Bank and Trust, First State Bank, the Bank, Almena State Bank and United Northwest Federal Credit Union will close at noon on Friday, Christmas Eve. Security Abstract and Commercial will be closed all day.

Public offices including the county

With an extended holiday weekend, 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-(Continued on Page 5)

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

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, Norcatur, 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, Norcatur, 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 "Lemonysnicket's" at 8 p.m. Christmas night. Sunday show time will be at 5 p.m.

Winners plan to go shopping

(Continued from Page 1) She said she'd probably pick up some more computer things and would probably go buy some gro-

"I'm just going to have to think

about it," she said. The Christmas on Us partici-

pants 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 win-

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, Computer Pro 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

Business should get tax assistance

Norton business, is well on its exempt before. way to getting a ten-year tax abatement.

economic development tools met. counties and cities use to encourindustry, Norton County Commissioner Dean Kruse said. The tax abatements will last board's decision.

for 10 years, if passed by the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, said County Commissioner John

and expansions, and doesn't \$640,000, which would, with-

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

He said the commissioners

Norton County Appraiser value of the personal property and future real estate expansions He said the tax abatement is that Miltech is asking for tax real estate will be made up for by only on new personal property abatements on is to be about taxes paid by the new employ-

It's not official, but Miltech, a cover anything that's been tax out the abatements, be about \$61,000 in taxes over the next 10

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

He said the proposed abateage growth of new and existing make a recommendation on ments are still being reviewed by whether or not to give the tax the state board, but that the board abatements, but its the state would let them know when a decision was made.

Since the business will be ex-Alan Hale said the expected panding and adding new employees any taxes the county loses in personal property and

Time to renew U, X, Y, Z tags

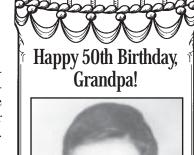
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The deadline to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycle or motorized bike tags for those whose names start with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec.

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 insur-

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.





Love, Hannah and Allison

Congratulations

hristmas on us Winners!



\$1,000 Winner Karen VanSkike



\$500 Winner Beverly Kindler

\$50 Instant Winners



Tim Kelly



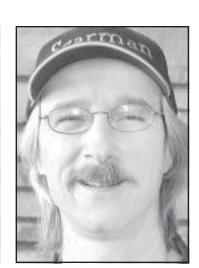
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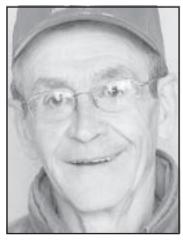
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