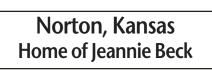


Flippin' for families



November 21, 2006

Tuesday

Briefly

Nex-Tech gathering 'toys for tots'

The holidays are off to a bright start at Nex-Tech Wireless. Employees kicked-off their holiday campaign of gathering toys for their Toys For Tots toy drive.

During November and December, Nex-Tech Wireless and participating agents will be collecting unwrapped toys at their retail locations to be distributed to children throughout the Nex-Tech Wireless service area. The company will be teaming up with local organizations to distribute the toys. In Norton, they are helping the Norton Lions Club to distribute the toys at the same time the Lions deliver Christmas food baskets.

Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Johnnie Johnson said, "This is our favorite promotion of the entire year because it benefits the children of our community. We encourage consumers to bring a new, unwrapped toy to any Nex-Tech Wireless retail location and receive incredible savings on wireless products and services."

For more information on how you can donate a new toy to help a child in the Norton community, call 877-621-2600 or visit online at www.nex-techwireless.com.



These men helped serve over 200 people who came to the pancake sup- On the pancake assembly line were left to right, Dave Stapp, Darren Wentz, per benefit Sunday evening for Gail Bailey and the family of Larry Lyon. Denny Leichliter and Rodney O'Hare. - Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

gets holiday gift Pancake benefit helps two Norcatur families Earlier this month, Gail Bailey, a **By CAROLYN PLOTTS** With a corn crop still in the field, local When folks in Norcatur need help, Norcatur farmer, had a serious accident farmers pitched in and cut his crop. while riding a four-wheeler. Mr. Bailey Larry Lyon, a builder/carpenter/confriends and neighbors answer the call. Sunday night, more than 200 people suffered internal injuries and broken

In December, God's Pantry will receive \$500 from the Pamida Foundation.

During the holidays, the foundation donates \$500 to the local food bank in each of its partner communities. This is the fifth year Pamida has helped Norton's food bank.

Meals program needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers for the week of Nov. 27 through Dec. 3. If you can help deliver meals to Norton shut-ins call Alice Hawks in the dietary department at Norton County Hospital at 877-3351.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds around 10 mph. Wednesday Night — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s. Thanksgiving **Day** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 70s.

Kingham report:

Friday	Low 38, High 57
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	Low 22, High 58

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

rayer

God, help us to stop and listen for a word from you, to yearn for your guidance, and to realize that we are never alone as long as you speak to us. Amen

attended a pancake supper to show their support to two Norcatur families.

bones in his face. He was hospitalized in Wichita, but has since returned home.

tractor, suffered a massive heart attack earlier this month and died Nov. 10 at Kearney Medical Center.

The benefit was to help both families defray some of their medical expenses.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to either family may send their contribution to The Bank, 101 S. Decatur Ave., Norcatur, Kan. 67653.

Many businesses closed Thursday

spent with family. Most Norton businesses Wednesday as well as all day Thursday. will observe the day by being closed.

Banks

All area banks will be closed on Thurs- Thanks giving Day. Town and Country day, only. With the exception of Bank of Kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. until the West; it will be closed both Thursday and Friday

Service Stations

Countryside Sales and Service will not have an attendant on duty Thursday, however, anyone may still use the card controlled gas pumps any time. Love's and Diamond Shamrock will both maintain their 24/7 schedule and Time Saver will be open from 5 a.m. to midnight.

Grocery Stores

Make sure you do your holiday shopping by Wednesday because all area gro- macy will both be closed Thursday. cery stores will be closed all day Thurs-

Thanksgiving Day is a traditional day day. Almena Market will close at 5 p.m.

Restaurants

Most area restaurants will be closed 1:30 p.m.

Bars

O'Brien's will be closed until 5 p.m. when owner, Roxanne Kent will open for the evening.

Movie Theatre

Norton Theatre, is normally closed on Thursday, anyway. But, Wednesday, the night before, the theatre will host the world premiere of "Deck the Halls".

Pharmacies

Moffet Drug Store and Pamida Phar-**Discount Stores**

Pamida Store will be open Thanksgiving Day from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Dollar General in downtown Norton will operate from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Public Offices

Both county and city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. The Norton Public Library will close at noon Wednesday and reopen Saturday morning. The United States Post Office will be closed Thursday only.

Schools

All Norton County Schools have a Thanksgiving break Wednesday through Friday. Classes resume Monday.

Healthcare

Norton Doctor's Clinic will be closed Thursday. Norton County Health Department will be closed both Thursday and Friday.



By DICK BOYD

Only three fans missed as few as two games in the final week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but Ann Becker, Lenora, was winner of the first place \$15 in scrip money because she was correct on the winner of the tiebreaker game between missed the Arizona and Iowa State victo-Kansas University and Kansas State University.

Becker miscued on the Virginia Tech win over Wake Forest and the Arizona victory over Oregon and correctly chose Kansas to win the tiebreaker. Her score guess of 36-28 was not needed, however, since the other two fans with just two Hoisington; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; misses chose Kansas State in the tiebreaker.

goes to Randy Springer, Hoisington, who Dalton Smith, Lynn Nelson, Deanna

Kansas State by 30-24, or a total of 25 points off the actual scores of the two

money with three misses. They were: Tim Moore, Evelyn Springer, both of Emily Vallin, Mike Hammond, Jim Springer, all of Long Island; Colton Second prize of \$10 in scrip money Lowry, Chaylee Lowry, both of Almena;

Tracey Sproul, Linda Matson, Kerri Ray, Amanda Ray, all of Norton.

Missing only four contests were: Jimmy Cole, Craig Hammond, Dwight Vallin, Karen Shearer, all of Long Island; Cindy Lowry, Curtis Lowry, Chris Pinzenscham, Aaron Pinzenscham, all of Almena; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; LeeRoy Schuckman, Seventeen fans were just out of the Hays; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Andy Moore, Nancy Moore, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Laura Washburn, Anastasia Foley, Misty Nuzum, Jennifer Terrell, Virginia Carlton, Kama Mandl, Amie Menagh, Kelly Hill, Becky Smith, Tom Davis, Keegan Smith, Dusty

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Lions look for help with food baskets

This Christmas marks the 53rd anniversary of the Norton Lions Club Christmas food basket project. Lion member and project leader, Tom Baumann, said, "This project was started in 1954 by Lion Dale Brunson. Our goal is still to try to help whoever needs it."

Mr. Baumann said 85 families were helped last year by food baskets. He said that names of families are provided to him by the Social Rehabilitation Services office, by the school and by personal referrals.

Collection canisters will be distributed throughout the community immediately following Thanksgiving. Look for them at the grocery stores, restaurants, Moffet Drug Store and Dollar General. The public is invited to help fund the purchase of groceries used to fill the food baskets.

On Dec. 16, Norton Lions will meet at the Valley Hope Association Information Services Building at the corner of Main and Wabash to assemble and distribute the baskets.

This year, Nex-Tech Wireless will team-up with the Lions and supply toys for the baskets going to families with children. The communication company is sponsoring a Toys for Tots toy drive throughout November and December. Customers are en-

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missed the Arizona win and the Iowa State Gallentine, Deb Thiele, Jeris Norman, victory over Missouri. Springer picked

teams.

Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View, also ries and chose Kansas State in the tiebreaker game by a 27-20 score, or 26 total points off. She will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize.