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Norton, Kansas Home of Jason Jones

Briefly

Students hold vocal concert

The Norton Community High School and Junior High Christmas Vocal Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at East Campus Auditorium. The concert is under the direction of vocal instructor, Valerie Leising.

Please pick up cookie plates

Anyone who brought cookies to *The Norton Telegram's* Christmas Cookie Contest on a plate or tray may come pick them up at the office anytime. The excess cookies were delivered to God's Pantry to be distributed to families who apply for assistance during the holidays.

Church hosting local talent

The Lenora Church of God will be hosting a Praise and Worship Service at 7 p.m. Sunday. The New Harvester Gospel Singers made up of Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Ila Virgil, Duane and Aurelia Jackson, Anita Hirsch and Dwight and Teresa Wood will lead the singing. Bob Virgil will add a touch of country with some of his Cowboy Poetry. Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting to be for financial aid

A financial aid informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at Norton Community High School in the high school music room. A representative from Education Quest, Kearney, Neb., will discuss the process of applying for Federal Financial Aid.

High school juniors and seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Parents of college students are also invited. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-2009 school year will be available at this meeting. For more information, call Shane Miller at the high school, 877-3338.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Occasional freezing drizzle possibly mixed with snow. Cloudy with a low around 21. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Saturday** — Occasional freezing drizzle possibly mixed with snow. Cloudy with a high near 23. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 22, High 65
Wednesday Low 26, High 32
Thursday Low 24, High 39
trace of snow
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to focus on loving you and others. **Amen**



Kathy Zimmerman, Norton, entered two different cookie recipes in *The Telegram's* Christmas Cookie Contest, but wanted to check out some of the other entries. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of those who supported *The Norton Telegram's* Christmas Cookie Contest, Elaine Mann, a volunteer for God's Pantry, looked at the cash and canned goods delivered to the charity's headquarters on Kansas Ave. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Community makes contest a success

By VERONICA MONIER
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The first ever Christmas Cookie Contest was a success, raising more than \$550 for God's Pantry.

The contest, which was sponsored by *The Norton Telegram*, with help from The Norton Theatre and The Sewing Box, brought in \$566.56 in registration fees, donations and votes.

Thirty-nine entries, from sugar cookies to chocolate cookies and everything in between, filled the lobby of *The Telegram* Wednesday. People came in throughout the morning and afternoon to sample cookies and vote for their favorites.

In the end, Tamara Haussermann won first place with her strawberry linzers, receiving a Taste of Home cook book, an embroidered apron and four tickets to The Norton Theatre.

Libbi Puga and her grandmother, Debbie Jones, won second place with their chocolate chip cookies. They won a Taste of Home Chocolate Lover's cook book and four tickets to the theater.

In third place was Kathy Zimmerman, who won four tickets to the theater with her Philly cream cheese cookies.

Judging the cookies was the public.

All of the money raised, as well as the leftover cookies and the canned and non-perishable (Continued on Page 5)

Council has helpful ideas for BMX track

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton City Council had some helpful ideas about a proposed BMX track.

Kyle Stewart, who would like to see a bike track built in Norton, told the council Wednesday that he had spoken to Will Prusia, the president of the Tri-City BMX track in Kearney. He said Mr. Prusia was very helpful and had a few good suggestions.

He said he had originally looked at the area next to the skate park in Elmwood Park as a possible site for the track. But, after talking to Mr. Prusia, he doesn't think it's big enough.

Also, he said, if they have an acre of land to build the track on, the American Bicycle Association will come build the track without charging a fee. Their stipulations are that they have to be the ones operating the front loader and they also want to wait until the ground thaws

in the spring.

"Once we have the land, they will send their guy out," he said. "This is all this guy does — build BMX tracks. After the track is built, we're responsible for maintaining it."

Mr. Stewart said he would volunteer to do that.

He said at first, they were looking to build a track strictly for the use of Norton's youth. But, after talking to Mr. Prusia, he feels it would benefit the

community to have the bicycle association build it. He explained where the track in Kearney is, so that any of the council who wanted to look at it could find it.

Mr. Stewart said the track in Kearney is similar to what he is proposing. Mr. Prusia, he said, told him that the Kearney track has pretty much paid for itself. They have people from all over Kansas and Nebraska come to race there.

Also, the Kearney track will be hosting (Continued on Page 5)



Cookie champion, Tamara Haussermann, Alma, shared her prize-winning strawberry linzer cookies with her twin daughters, Andromeda, left, and Aurora, 3 years old, picked the recipe out of a cook book because they thought "it was pretty". She said the cookie contest was to help a good cause. She said, "We had a great time. We had jelly all over the kitchen, but it was worth it." She said, "I like to cook and the girls help me make dinner every night. We're always in the kitchen." Mrs. Haussermann is a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Andbe Home, where she has (Continued on Page 5)

Woman wins first place in contest

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Tamara Haussermann, Alma, was the first place winner in *The Norton Telegram's* first Christmas Cookie Contest. Her strawberry linzer cookies were judged the best cookie out of the 39 entries. Her prizes included an apron embroidered by Kay Strevey of The Sewing Box, a Taste of Home cook book and four tickets to the Norton Theatre.

Mrs. Haussermann said it was the first time she had ever made the cookie, but her twin daughters, Andromeda and Aurora, 3 years old, picked the recipe out of a cook book because they thought "it was pretty".

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Pam Engelbert, center, found a winning ticket number in the Christmas On Us ads in last Friday's *Norton Telegram*. The ticket came from Garden Gate Florals, Etc. Here, she is pictured with owners Lynn Ward, left and Ruby Pflieger. — Telegram photo by Christie Anderson

Another winning ticket found

By VERONICA MONIER
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Two lucky women found their winning ticket numbers in last Friday's Christmas On Us ads. Three tickets went unclaimed.

Pam Engelbert, Norton, was the first to claim her \$50 instant prize money Monday by bringing in ticket No. 074087. She received the ticket from Garden Gate Florals Etc.

Mary Ahlemzyer, Logan, was the second lucky winner, claiming her \$50 on

Thursday with ticket No. 272155. The ticket came from Sander Furniture.

Both women plan to spend their winnings on Christmas shopping.

The three unclaimed tickets, which as of Thursday at 5 p.m. are no longer valid, were No. 142439, No. 065161 and No. 843082.

In the third week, a total of 3,555 tickets were collected, making the grand total of tickets collected 11,361. Each ticket equals \$10 spent locally, which ads up (Continued on Page 5)