

Community makes contest a success

(Continued from Page 1) food items that were donated, were taken to God's Pantry.

"I don't even know the words to describe how grateful to the community we are for this," said Elaine Mann, a volunteer at God's Pantry. "The cookie contest just put a lot of fun into something that's a great need. People responded to that need and we appreciate it."

"It's not only the money and food, but it's also the recognition that this gave to the need we have."

Mrs. Mann said they have to buy a lot of the food for God's Pantry. Although they receive food donations, they don't get everything they need. She said they buy everything that's refrigerated, such as hamburger, butter and cheese. They also almost always have to buy powdered milk, sugar, flour, canned milk, canned fruit and carrots, and laundry detergent.

She said usually in the fall, the Norton Boy Scouts have a food drive for the Pantry. But, that hasn't happened yet and they are low on supplies and money.

"I'm going to have to put out an appeal for money and donations," she said. "We don't really like to do that and only do so when we don't think we have enough to make it through the winter."

She said as of last Sunday, they have served 192 families this year and have spent over \$11,000, which doesn't include food donations. For the whole year last year, they served about 180 families.

People, she said, are generous, but they also want to know their money is being spent wisely.

Connie Johnson, who buys the Pantry's food, finds every bargain she can and supports the local stores by shopping in town. Helping her bargain shop, said Mrs. Mann, is Michael Woodyard. Mr. Woodyard does a lot for God's Pantry, volunteering every weekend, she said.

"The shelves are getting empty, the reserves are getting low, and money is tight," she said. "People need more help with higher utilities and gas prices. We're here to help them."

Mrs. Mann said God's Pantry appreciates everyone's help.

"It's a community effort," she said.

Mrs. Mann said she will be making up bags of the leftover cookies to give to those who come in.

Participating in the contest with entries were, by order of regis-

tration, Katie Koch, John Koch, Karen Glenn, Vicki Henderson, Teresa Stewart, Verla Grysch, Emily Schulze, JoAnn Runnion, Elaine Mann, Libbi Puga and Debbie Jones, Veronica Monier, Carolyn Plotts, Janis Monier, Christie Anderson, Abby Bainter and Mariah Farber, Juliana Miller and Carson McKenna, Erin Manning, Dane Simoneau and Zach Carlos, Shawnee Branek and Hailey Branek, Rachel Slipke and Kami Jones, Wyatt Wentz, Anthony Wente, Tamara Haussermann, Darlene McEwen, Quentin Wentz, Kathy Zimmerman, Michael Woodyard, Harriett Gill, Jackie Horacek, Cindy Mordecia, Cheri Renner, Kristi Kelley, and Shannon Goss.

The Telegram staff thanks everyone who entered, voted or donated money for this good cause.

Woman takes first in cookie contest

(Continued from Page 1) worked for four and a half years. She and her husband, Ashley Haussermann, have lived in Almena for two and a half years.

Strawberry Linzer Cookies
1 cup sweet cream butter
1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
2 eggs, separated
2 1/2 cups flour
confectioner's sugar
1/2 cup ground almonds
3/4 cup strawberry jam

1. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and 2/3 cup sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually, add

flour and mix well.

2. Shape dough into ball; cover and refrigerate for 45 minutes. On a surface dusted with confectioner's sugar, roll half of the dough to 1/8 inch thickness; cut with a floured 2 inch biscuit cutter. Repeat with remaining dough using the 2 inch cutter, then a smaller cutter so the center of each cookie is cut out.

3. Beat egg whites until frothy. Combine almonds and remaining sugar. Brush each cookie with egg white and sprinkle with almond mixture. Bake on greased baking sheets at 350° for 7 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

4. Spread 2 teaspoons of jam over the plain side of solid cookie. Top with cookie, having center cut out, almond side up, making a sandwich.

Another winning ticket found

(Continued from Page 1) to approximately \$113,600 spent with participating merchants.

A new batch of instant winning numbers will appear in the special Christmas On Us ads in today's edition of *The Telegram*. Look closely because they will be hidden well.

The Norton Telegram, and Christmas On Us sponsors First State Bank, Kellie's, Norton Shop and Save, Sander Furniture, Norton T-Shirt Company, Rural Tel/Nex-Tech, Ag Valley Co-op, Kowpoke Supply, Hall's Clothing, Felton's Building Center, and Garden Gate Florals Etc., will be giving away a \$1,200 grand prize on Dec. 20 near Santa's gingerbread house on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse, in addition to the unclaimed instant prize tickets.

People finding their numbers hidden on the Christmas On Us ad pages have until 5 p.m. of the following Thursday to claim their winnings.

One ticket is available for each \$10 spent at the sponsoring businesses. Also, one free ticket per week can be picked up at *The Telegram*, 215 S. Kansas Ave.

Even if your number isn't an instant winner one week, hold on to it as it may be a winner in the following week. Or, it may be picked as the \$1,200 grand prize winner.

Remember, there are still six instant winning tickets left to be claimed, as well as a grand prize ticket to be drawn on Dec. 20. So make sure to shop locally and pick up your winning Christmas On Us tickets at participating merchants.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High

Saturday, Dec. 8 — ACT Test at Norton, 9 a.m.; Wrestling at Clay Center, 9:30 a.m.; Varsity Basketball, Top Side Tip-Off at Goodland, TBA

Sunday, Dec. 9 — Football Banquet, Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10 — FCCLA Candy Sales begin, 8:30 a.m.; FFA Ag Sales/Job Interview CDE at Norton, 4 p.m.; Financial Aid Meeting, Music Room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Fall Awards Assembly, Stull Gym, A.P.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Artist of the Month, A.P.; Basketball vs. Phillipsburg, there, 4 p.m.; Wrestling vs. Phillipsburg and Stockton, here, SENIOR NIGHT, 6 p.m.

Junior High

Saturday, Dec. 8 — Basketball Tourney at Smith Center, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 10 — KAYS Hanging of the Green, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — KAYS, A.P.; Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Eisenhower

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Kindergarten Outcomes Based Assessment (KOB), 8:30 a.m.

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Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — 5-6 Grade Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

All Schools

Monday, Dec. 10 — BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Curriculum Council, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 14 — NCKSEC Supt. Meeting at Glade, 10 a.m.

NORTHERN VALLEY

Saturday, Dec. 8 — KAY Citizenship Week; High School Basketball Trego Co. tournament at WaKeeney, TBD

Sunday, Dec. 9 — Community Choir Rehearsal, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10 — ACTE and NAAE Conf. at Las Vegas, NV; FFA Job Interview and Ag. Sales Contest at Norton, 3:30 p.m.; Bus Drivers meeting in Almena, 6 p.m.; High School Dance team practice, 6 p.m.; School board meeting in the conference room at Almena, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — High School Cheerleading practice, 7 a.m.; High School Pep Rally in the big gym; Regional Drivers Ed Meeting at Concordia, 9 a.m.; High School Basketball vs Smith Center at Almena, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — High School Cheerleading practice, 7 a.m.; Junior High Basketball vs Logan at Almena, 4 p.m.; High School Cheerleading Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14 — NCKSEC Council of Superintendents at Glade, 10 a.m.; High School Basketball vs Rock Hills at Mankato, 4 p.m.

Adoption

Adopt: Loving Couple Wishes to Adopt Newborn. Will give love, warmth and security. Expenses paid. Markella and Tom. Call Anytime, 1-800-959-3956.

ADOPTION - Loving financially secure married couple want to give your newborn our love and a happy and secure home. Call our attorney about Amy/lra 800-492-2011.

Adoption: We promise your newborn a loving, secure and happy home. Full time Mom, devoted Dad. Expenses paid. Call Theresa or John: 1-800-484-6765 PIN #0369.

Business Opportunity

ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE. Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 Machines and Candy. All for \$9995. 1-888-753-3441.

Educational

MISSOURI WELDING INSTITUTE, INC. Nevada, Missouri. Become a Certified Pipe and Structural Welder. Earn top pay in 18 weeks. Many companies seek our graduates. 1-800-667-5885.

Employment Opportunity

Heavy Equipment Training. Cranes-Dozers-Loaders. Huge job demand. National Certification. Financial Aid if qualified. Oklahoma College of Construction. 280 Quadrom, OKC, OK. www.heavy9.com. 1-888-726-0577.

For Sale

Piano Sale! Save up to 50% off MSRP on over 100 grand, vertical and digital pianos. Easy financing, credit cards welcome. Hurry, sale ends December 8th! Mid-America Piano, Manhattan, 800-950-3774, www.piano4u.com.

Up to 80% savings possible on many medications. Generics now available for cymbalta, lipitor, nexium, plavix, singulair and all ed meds. Canada drug Topeka 1-866-804-6100.

Help Wanted

Coordinate Exchange Program! International high school exchange program seeks enthusiastic coordinators and ESL instructors. Develop exciting short-term programs for international students. 800-333-3802 ext. 238. lce@asse.com.

DEFEND FREEDOM \$15,000 Prior Service Bonus. Up To \$20,000 Non-Prior Service Bo-

Council has helpful suggestions for track

(Continued from Page 1) the American Bicycle Association Nationals at the Buffalo County Event Center from Feb. 29 to March 2, which is free to spectators. That not only brings revenue to the track, but also to the city.

He said the main cost of building a track is the starting gate and the dirt. The starting gate costs approximately \$2,000. But, he said, he was going to talk to some local people to see if he could get part or all of the gate donated.

Mr. Stewart asked if the council had any suggestions as to where they could find at least an acre of land. He said more would probably be needed for parking and maybe a concession stand.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said Prairie Land Electric has land west of Norton that they were trying to find something to do with and recommended that Mr. Stewart talk to them.

Councilman Ron Briery asked if the city had land available at the airport. Mr. Lawson said he didn't think so, but there is dirt out there.

Councilman Jerry Jones suggested that Mr. Stewart talk to the Travel and Tourism Committee. They have money available for projects bringing people into town and might be willing to help.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann also suggested that he check into the legal side of things and asked about insurance.

Mr. Stewart said as far as insurance was concerned, the track would need to have a fence around it and a chained gate to keep people out when it was closed with a sign saying it was closed and to "enter at your own risk". But, he said he would check into the legal side of things and thanked the council for their suggestions.

In other business, the council:

- Held two 20-minute closed

sessions to discuss non-elected personnel. After returning to open meeting, the council passed a motion to have the Public Safety Committee meet with the county commissioners and sheriff to discuss combining city and county law enforcement. The Public Safety Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17.

• Learned that in October, sales tax receipts collected were \$18,565.68 from the city and \$17,876.26 from the county for a total of \$36,441.95, making the year-to-date total \$389,684.61, which compares to last year's total at this time of \$361,625.42.

• Appointed Curtis Eveleigh and Len Coady to fill the vacant positions on the Planning Commission and Lois Krauss to fill a vacant position on the Library Board.

• Heard that the Library Board would like to put a sign on Highway 36, using the Hansen grant money. They will be getting a price and will report back.

• Approved city staff to advertise for an open position at the power plant.

• Set a budget amendment hearing for 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

• Approved the 2008 Elmwood Park event schedules for the Elmwood Park Speedway, Norton

County Horse Council, Disc Golf, and Relay for Life.

• Authorized city crews to build a "catch fence" on the outside of the southwest corner of the race track, so that large trailers can be parked behind it during the races. The insurance company has recommended that this be built.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said she wanted to know how much it would cost first. Mr. Lawson said the city has the posts, but might not have enough chain link fence available and would need to buy some. The money is set aside in the budget under park improvements. The motion passed with Mrs. Foley voting no and Councilwoman Kim Snyder, Councilman Jim Williams, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Jones and Mr. Briery voting yes.

• Authorized city crews to install 30- and 50-amp plug-in receptacles along the south side of Elmwood Park. It will include a transformer and underground wire.

• Set a Utility Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17.

• Heard that Parks Supervisor Steve Cole suggested using some of the Hansen grant money to redo Ward Field. Mr. Briery said he asked Mr. Cole to get him a cost estimate.

• Approved the 2008 Cereal Malt Beverage license applications.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Edmond Franchise Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF EDMOND, KANSAS:

Section 1. That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Edmond, Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called "City", there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called "Grantee" or "Company", its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places within the City of Edmond, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating and maintaining electric transmission and distribution lines and all necessary facilities and appurtenances for use in the transmission, distribution and sale of electricity for all purposes to said City and its inhabitants for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 4th day of December, 2027.

Section 2. The Company is hereby given the right, under the supervision of the Governing Body of the City, and within the City limits, to trim and cut such trees and foliage as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the same from interfering with the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of its transmission lines, distribution system, street lighting equipment, and to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of electrical energy will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company's service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City or to any other person, firm or corporation for any damages resulting from such temporary cessation of service.

Section 4. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company's electric facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its electric facilities at Company's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its electric facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons City right-of-way on which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company.

Section 5. It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company.

Section 6. Subject to any restric-

tion placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of Edmond, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of electric power and energy within the corporate limits of said City, such payment to be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period.

If and when retail wheeling becomes an option, this ordinance may be opened so that a franchise tax may be collected on such electric energy that is being wheeled through Midwest Energy's local distribution system in the city limits of Edmond, Kansas. The option to reopen this provision of Section 6 will not effect the other terms of this ordinance.

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area.

Section 7. Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable electric sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may renegotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void.

Section 8. That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its electric transmission, distribution and street lighting system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Edmond, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

Section 9. It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void, or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court.

Section 10. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated.

Section 12. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Norton Telegram, the official city newspaper.

FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE by the Governing Body of the City of Edmond, Kansas, this 4th day of December, 2007.

Howard D. Richard
Mayor

ATTEST:
Norma J. Riley
City Clerk
(SEAL)

Earnest A. Lehman
President, Midwest Energy, Inc.

ATTEST:
Sharon K. Dreher
Assistant Secretary,
Midwest Energy, Inc.
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