

# Grand prize drawing set for Thursday

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Alvin Smith, Norton, was the first to bring in his winning ticket, No. 583332, which he picked up at Kowpoke Supply. Mr. Smith said he plans on spending his \$50 prize on Christmas shopping.

Christen Skrdlant, Norton, also found her winning ticket, No. 843208, hidden in special Christmas On Us ads in last Friday's *Norton Telegram*. She, too, plans to spend her money on Christmas presents. Mrs. Skrdlant received her ticket by shopping at Kellie's Alltel.

Because there are only a couple more days left for Christmas On Us, searchers have until Wednesday at 5 p.m. to find their instant winning ticket numbers. With only one instant prize left and several numbers hidden in the ads, the first to claim the final instant prize gets it.

If no one claims the final \$50, a new ticket will be drawn Thursday before the grand prize drawing.

Even if your tickets don't win you \$50 in instant cash, hold on to them because one of them may win you \$1,200 Thursday night. People can still pick up

their Christmas On Us tickets at participating merchants tonight. All of the remaining tickets will be collected Wednesday morning.

Tickets can be found at 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., and *The Norton Telegram*.

Be sure to show up Thursday evening with your tickets, because you could be the big winner.

# City talks about consolidation

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He said at a county level, it would benefit him because he would have more deputies to help with patrol and the jail. But with that, he said the city's headache would become his.

Without knowing what the city wants, he said he couldn't say if it would save the city money or cost the city more money.

Mrs. Foley asked if it would be helpful if the council looked at other consolidation contracts and came up with something.

"Someone is going to have to make the first step," Sheriff Thomson said. "And it probably needs to be you. It will be better if you let us know what services you want so we can start figuring it out."

County Commissioner John Miller said there will have to be concessions made on both sides. He said he spoke to Riley County, who is a model for law enforcement consolidation, and they said it will take a year to two years to

get this worked out.

"Even if you settle on a contract, we're taking on a whole different animal by taking on the police department," he said. "We know there are going to have to be concessions and the commission is willing to take a hard look at this and try to make it work. In the end, it will probably save money, but it will take some time to do it."

City Administrator Rob Lawson asked where the sheriff's department would put an additional five deputies, since they were maxed out for space as it was.

Sheriff Thomson said they would need to use the space used now by the police department, which is another thing they would need to look at. There is no extra room at the sheriff's department.

Mrs. Foley asked if the police department would become county employees if they consolidated.

Sheriff Thomson said if he had his choice, they would have to apply for the open positions. They will have to be county employees to be covered by the sheriff's

department's liability insurance. However, he said guaranteeing employment could be a stipulation of the council.

"When we're talking about something this big, there will be compromises on both sides," he said.

"So what we need to do is get a list together of what we expect the county to do for us," asked Councilman Ron Briery.

Sheriff Thomson said yes and then they would be able to begin negotiations.

Mrs. Foley requested an inventory of what the police department has and a list of everything the police department does. She said after they have that, they'll begin putting a list together of what the city wants from the county and what the police department has that the county might need. After that, she said they would meet with the county again to see what the county is willing to do and what it needs.

# School looks at credit recovery program

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"Some kids ask why they can't just take it outside of school since they are going to fail it anyway," he said. "But, this way, they have to give the class their best shot before going somewhere else."

Mr. Mann said they originally thought they wouldn't put the policy into place until next fall, but with the higher number of failing students, it will probably need to be done sooner.

If this policy were in place, he said there would be four students who would be recovering credits outside of the high school. Also, he said, there are 20 students who are, or will be next semester, repeating classes. Of those 20, six are repeating several classes.

The credit recovery program will go before the board for approval at the Jan. 14 meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted donations from the Dale and Donna Mulford family in memory of their daughter, Lindsey, in the amount of \$1,000 to buy a flat-screen television for Eisenhower Elementary; and from Nancy Hager and Glen Campbell in memory of their mother, Neva Jean Campbell, in the amount of \$550 to buy indoor play equipment for the kindergarten rooms.

- Updated the school calendar to match board policy, regarding school dismissal on Dec. 21. The calendar would have the students dismiss at the regular time, but the policy says the dismissal must be at 2:30 p.m. In order to not be in violation of board policy, the calendar time was changed.

- Learned that the learning center's first graduation will be

at 6:30 p.m. on May 21 at East Campus.

- Heard a report from Lida Sharp on the math curriculum.

- Held three closed sessions for non-elected personnel, lasting a total of 30 minutes.

- Accepted the resignation of Jason Jones as the high school assistant coach.

- Hired Kristen Fahrenbruch as the Eisenhower fifth and sixth grade boys basketball coach.

- Approved a study of school building adequacy and capital improvement needs for the district, which will be conducted by Dr. G. Kent Stewart at a cost not to exceed \$2,660.

- Approved a bid from Roofmasters Roofing Co. in the estimated amount of \$29,775 to patch the seams in roofs at the junior/senior high and Eisenhower Elementary. The patching will give the district an additional three to five years before having to look at replacing the roofs.

- Set Tuesday, May 20 as the staff appreciation dinner. A time will be set at a later date. Board member Jeff Nielsen volunteered to head the dinner committee.

- Held two five-minute closed sessions to discuss employer/employee negotiations.

- Designated Board members Craig Renner and Scott Ellis to be the board's negotiating team for the 2008-09 master contract.

# Lions do good deeds for Christmas

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Lions club members assembled in the Valley Hope Information Services building at the corner of Main and Wabash where tables were lined up with labeled boxes ready to be filled. With groceries donated by the public and/or purchased by the club, boxes were filled with milk, bread, potatoes, fruit, canned goods and cake mixes.

Dollar General held a toy drive at its store and lots of new toys were donated to households with children. Other corporate sponsors are Jamboree Food Store, Norton Shop 'N Save and the Norton Thrift Store.

Club members drove the Christmas boxes to families in Clayton, Alma, Lenora, Norcatur, Edmond and Norton.

Lion Tom Baumann coordinated the event. He said, This is a good thing for the community.

This club project began in 1954. Mr. Baumann said if you would like to add someone's name for next year, you may contact him at 877-3889.

Don't forget to look for your winning ticket number to claim your \$50 prize in last Friday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*

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