



Emily and Erika Miller received first and second place in the 0-6 year-old category of the Norton Telegram's Coloring Contest. Emily received cash as well as a savings bond, and Erika received cash.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Contest winners announced

Once again, the Norton Telegram held its annual Christmas Coloring Contest.

Pictures poured in from Almena, Prairie View, Edmond, Norton, Lenora, Long Island and Norcat. One hundred and twelve children submitted their best work for the chance to win a prize.

"In order to spread the joy out a little more there were two age categories and four places in each age group," said Telegram General Manager and Advertising Director Dana Paxton.

In the first group of 0-6 years old, first place went to six-year-old Emily Miller with her four-year-old sister Erika Miller taking second place. The first honorable mention went to six-year-old Kennedy Yeager, and the final

honorable mention went to six-year-old Addison Brooks.

The second age group consisted of ages 7-12 years old. First place went to nine-year-old Micah Kasson, and second place went to 12-year-old Audrie Burge.

The first honorable mention went to ten-year-old Anna Burge, and the final honorable mention went to 12-year-old Chandler Sumner.

There were several sponsors for this promotion. Each business either donated cash, savings bonds, ribbons or something else.

The sponsors include: The Norton Telegram, Dairy Queen, Endzone, Garden Gate Florals, Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse, as well as The Bank, Almena State Bank and Pizza Hut.

"It started off very slow but

then the pictures came pouring in exceeding the number of participants from last years contest," Paxton said.

"We will most definitely be doing the contest again next year. The children seem to really enjoy it, and it shows in their work," Paxton continued.

"For all you winners out there, come down to The Norton Telegram and claim your prizes. We would like to have all the prizes given out by noon Christmas Eve so please come in, get your goodies and a picture for the paper."

"Thanks again to all of those who participated, we have really enjoyed being surrounded by your beautiful and creative art work the last couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing what you do next year." Paxton said.

Deadline for vehicle tags, property taxes payments

Dec. 21 was the deadline for the first half taxes of 2009 to be paid without a penalty. Remember to bring or send the stubs from your tax statements to ensure proper credit to your account. You can pay your taxes online with a credit or debit card at www.kansas.gov/propertytax. If you have questions, please give us a call at (785) 877-5795.

Dec. 31 is the last day to renew vehicle tags if your last name begins with "U," "X," "Y" or "Z" or your business name begins with "U," "X," "Y" or "Z" by 11:30 a.m. The Treasurer's

office will close at 11:30 on Dec. 31 to balance the day and year end business. New items needed are Driver License or Identification number for each owner or Federal Employer Identification number for the business in addition to the insurance. Vehicle business is done from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. The Treasurer's office will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Remember to bring along your social security card or something that has your

social security number on it for verification.

Instructional permits (IP) and Driver Education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment. You will need to bring a state issued original certified birth certificate, social security card and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

If you have questions, please call the office at (785) 877-5795. All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Christmas services planned

United Methodist Church at Edmond:

Thursday, Dec. 24
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

First United Methodist Church, 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton:

Thursday, Dec. 24
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Friday, Dec. 25
12 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall. If you are alone, come and enjoy the good food. Bring a salad or dessert.

Sunday, Dec. 27
8:00 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. Classes for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

6 p.m. Movie night

7 p.m. Sr. High UMYF

Norton Christian Church, 208 N. Kansas, Norton:

Thursday, Dec. 24
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Redeemer Evangelical Luther-

an, 805 W. Holme St., Norton

Thursday, Dec. 24
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Worship Service

Friday, Dec. 25
9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service

Trinity Episcopal Church, 102 E. Waverly, Norton

Thursday, Dec. 24
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Celebrant, Fr. Barney Gordon

Sunday, Dec. 27

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Celebrant, Fr. Barney Gordon

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Host:

Don and Elaine Mann

3:00-4:00 God's Pantry: Elaine Mann

H1N1 Vaccine Available at the Norton County Health Department

WHO: ANYONE, regardless of age (6 months of age and up)

WHEN: Tuesday, December 22nd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: At the Norton County Health Department, 801 N. Norton, Norton, KS

2nd dose for infants/children is only provided on these clinic days

The vaccine is FREE

First come, first serve basis . . . walk ins only (no appointments or reserved doses allowed)

New teen drivers license rules for 2010

A new Graduated Driver's License system for Kansas teens goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2010.

Features of the new licensing system include:

- At ages 14-15, teens can apply for an instruction permit after passing a written test and a vision test and submitting an application from a parent or guardian.

- These teen drivers must drive with a supervising driver at least 21 years of age who holds a valid license. The instruction permit must be held for a period of one year.

- At age 15, teens can apply for a restricted license. These teens must first complete an approved driver safety course and must submit an affidavit from a supervising driver as proof of 25 hours of driving experience prior to the

restricted license being issued, as well as an application from a parent or guardian. The restricted license allows teens to drive to and from school or work but does not allow minor non-siblings as vehicle passengers.

- At age 16, teens continue to operate under a restricted license for a period of six months. Teens must submit an affidavit noting 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be completed at night. These teens may drive unsupervised to and from school, work and authorized school activities and anywhere between the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- The use of wireless devices such as cell phones is prohibited until the teen has achieved full license without restrictions. Seat belt use is required at all times.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas



Hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Our office will be closing Thursday, December 24th at Noon and we will be closed all day on Friday to observe the holiday

There will be **NO** paper on Friday, December 25

DEADLINES: Country Advocate for 12/30/09 Wednesday, Dec. 23 at noon
12/28/09 EXTRA deadline Wednesday, December 23 at noon
12/29/09 paper deadline is Thursday, December 24 at noon

Thanks for Your Business This Past Year!

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Normal Office Hours: Mon., Dec. 28 and Mon., Jan. 4

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