

Shops close for holidays

(Continued from Page 1) ness as usual. Jack Rabbit Service will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas. Country Corner grocery store in Lenora will close at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve while Almena Market will close at 5:30 p.m. Jamboree Foods and Norton Shop and Save will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. All area grocery stores will be closed Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve Pamida will close at 6 p.m. and Dollar General at 6:30 p.m. Both discount stores will be closed Christmas Day, but will both be open regular hours on Sunday.

It's going to be tough to find a Norton County restaurant open on Christmas. The Beacon Cafe and Barbecue Barn will be closed both Friday and Saturday. The Station in Almena will close at noon Friday. K & S Center Cafe will close at 1:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, followed by Town and Country, Norton, and The County Line Cafe, Norcat, at 2 p.m.

Adventures in Eating and Pure Prairie will both close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and The Cardinal Bar and Grill, Norcat, closes at 4 p.m. Pizza Hut/Taco Bell will close at 6 p.m..

Quizno's will stay open until 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, China Garden will close at 8:30 p.m. The Dairy Queen will remain open if they have customers.

O'Brien's Bar will close Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. and reopen Christmas Day at 5 p.m.

The Norton Theatre will be closed Christmas Eve but will be showing "Ocean's 12" and "Lemony Snicket's" at 8 p.m. Christmas night. Sunday show time will be at 5 p.m.

Winners plan to go shopping

(Continued from Page 1) She said she'd probably pick up some more computer things and would probably go buy some groceries.

"I'm just going to have to think about it," she said.

The Christmas on Us participants won \$2,000.

For the four weeks preceding the big giveaway ticket numbers appeared in random ads in a special Christmas on Us section in the paper on Tuesday. Those holding the matching tickets had until Friday of that week to claim one of 10 \$50 instant prizes.

By Saturday, there were no more \$50 instant winners left after Tim Kelly claimed ticket No. 217335, which came from Norton Shop and Save and was hidden in the ad for Quizno's. Mr. Kelly said he was going to buy groceries for Christmas dinner with his winnings.

There were actually three numbers in last Tuesday's paper, but only the first person to claim the prize got the money. Unclaimed were No. 183452, which came from Moffet Drug and was hidden in the Hot Shots ad and No. 8797420, which came from Dairy Queen and could be found hidden in the ad for Town and Country.

The other nine \$50 instant winners have been: Ann Hazlett, Cindy McKenna, Angie Chisham, Ward Foley, Paul Lueschen, Jan Martin, Mary Worcester, Cathryn Hanson and Cathy Holste.

The \$2,000 in the contest must be spent at participating Norton businesses. Money spent locally at the participating businesses during this promotion totaled up to be over half a million dollars.

The participating businesses were Felton's Ace Building Center, ComputerPro, Inc., First State Bank, Kellie's, Moffet Drug, Nex-Tech, Norton Flowers and Gifts, Norton Shop and Save, Walter Motor, The Sewing Box, Countryside Vet, Town and Country Kitchen, Quizno's, Jamboree Foods, Dairy Queen and Hot Shots.

Business should get tax assistance

It's not official, but Miltech, a Norton business, is well on its way to getting a ten-year tax abatement.

Tax abatements are one of the economic development tools counties and cities use to encourage growth of new and existing industry, Norton County Commissioner Dean Kruse said.

The tax abatements will last for 10 years, if passed by the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, said County Commissioner John Miller.

He said the tax abatement is only on new personal property and expansions, and doesn't

cover anything that's been tax exempt before.

The abatements are also subject to yearly review, to make sure all of the criteria are being met.

He said the commissioners make a recommendation on whether or not to give the tax abatements, but its the state board's decision.

Norton County Appraiser Alan Hale said the expected value of the personal property and future real estate expansions that Miltech is asking for tax abatements on is to be about \$640,000, which would, with-

out the abatements, be about \$61,000 in taxes over the next 10 years.

He said they're guessing that around 12 new employees will be hired in that time.

He said the proposed abatements are still being reviewed by the state board, but that the board would let them know when a decision was made.

Since the business will be expanding and adding new employees any taxes the county loses in personal property and real estate will be made up for by taxes paid by the new employees.

Time to renew U, X, Y, Z tags

The deadline to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycle or motorized bike tags for those whose names start with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30.

The computers in the treasurer's office will shut down at 11:30 a.m., so the staff can balance the books. The office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and 31.

All vehicles need proof of insurance.

Drivers license and CDL renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the treasurer's office. On Dec. 30, the renewals will shut off at 11 a.m.

Happy 50th Birthday, Grandpa!



Love,
Hannab and Allison

Congratulations

Christmas ON US

Winners!



\$1,000 Winner
Karen VanSike



\$500 Winner Beverly Kindler

\$50 Instant Winners



Tim Kelly



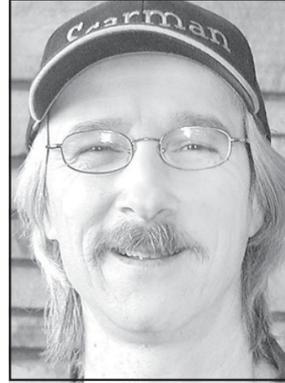
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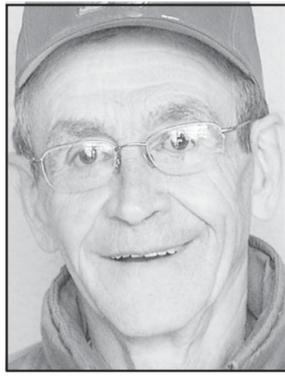
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