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The Pet Santa

Norton, Kansas
Home of Lester Fredde

Briefly

Songs to brighten Almena tonight

Northern Valley will hold its Christmas Concert tonight in Almena. Kindergarten through sixth grade will perform at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Seventh through twelfth grade will perform at 8 p.m. in the big gymnasium.

Tags, taxes are due this month

The deadline for the first half of property taxes of 2006 to be paid without a penalty is Wednesday, Dec. 20. Remember to bring or send the stubs from your tax statements to ensure proper credit to your account. New this year is the ability to pay your taxes online with a credit card or regular checking account. That website is www.kansas.gov/property-tax. If you have questions, please call the treasurer's office at 877-5795.

The deadline to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags for persons or businesses whose last name begins with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" is Friday, Dec. 29. When renewing your vehicle tags, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. The vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date need to be verified.

The Norton County Treasurer's Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday, Dec. 25. Drivers license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring your social security card or something that has your social security number on it for verification. The drivers license renewal station will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 29 for year end business.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and colder with highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 26, High 54
Wednesday Low 25, High 62
Thursday Low 26, High 60
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God of all the world, help us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us this Christmas season and throughout the year. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**



Homeless pets get help from Norton woman

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Four-legged, furry animals at the Norton Pound will benefit again from the efforts of one woman. For the third year in a row, Michelle (Patterson) Armbrister has organized the Mittens for Kittens campaign to raise funds and gather food, medications and toys for homeless pets at Norton's animal shelter.

Mrs. Armbrister said she organizes the event every year to raise public awareness about the shelter. She said, "Animals need homes and until they find homes they need to be taken care of."

The public is encouraged to bring donated items to the Norton Animal Health Center which helps sponsor the event. The veterinary clinic will also hold any monetary donations for the shelter. Dr. Aaron White said, "We're glad to be able to sponsor 'Mittens for Kittens' to help care for Norton's homeless pets."

Mrs. Armbrister has added a drawing to the event to raise additional money. There will be a drawing for a remote controlled Escalade/AM-FM radio. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

There is also a contest for children to enter. They are asked to write about "What My Pet Would Say About Christmas If They Could Talk." The deadline to enter is Dec. 22. Mrs. Armbrister said every entry will receive a prize.

Her seven-year old son, Nik, summed it up when he said, "I hope all the animals get adopted."

Formerly a shelter-cat himself, eighteen-year old Tigger, lounged in front of the Mittens for Kittens display in the lobby of Norton Animal Health Center.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Christmas concert will 'rock' the halls in Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The popular singing duo of Larry and Lee Ann will present a Country Christmas Concert, free to everyone, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 at East Campus Auditorium in Norton.

ThunderChord Guitar is sponsoring the

event which will feature selections of country, gospel and Christmas music.

Besides Larry and Lee Ann, you can hear the husband/wife team of Troy and Kelly Leiker, Al Leiker, recording artist Linus Sarver from Osborne, Kayla (Doering) Tiemeyer and the Atwood

High School Show Choir, and Karen Washburn.

Norton Telegram writer Carolyn Plotts will emcee the program.

Interlude music before the show will be provided by Carol Erlenbusch.

There will be performances by surprise

guest stars.

Larry Henderson and Lee Ann Shearer have been performing all over the state during the past year. They sang at the Kansas State Fair, the Oberlin Telethon, the Eagles Club State Convention and during

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Airport board holds its last meeting of year

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The final meeting of the year for the Norton City/County Airport Board found little in the way of business.

Airport manager Delvis Miller said he had nothing to report on drainage off the runway. He did say, however, that he had received a report from an insurance adjuster requesting copies of all bills associated with the repair of the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) after the lightning strike. Mr. Miller told the board that the guttering job at the airport office was completed and he was satisfied.

George Land, pilot for Norton Valley Hope, attended the meeting and told the board that he had no complaints.

In other business the board:

- Discussed property taxes for the land being farmed at the airport.
- Learned there had been no contact from Tom Bennett of B & G Consultants, Manhattan.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8 in the basement of City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

A whisper of something sweet...



Little Leah Lindenman, right, whispered her Christmas wishes into her great-grandmother Elva Lindenman's ear at the Whispering Pines Christmas Coffee Thursday night. Leah's parents are Melissa and Shawn Lindenman, Morland.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts