



Dec. 23 dozens of Norcatur community residents gathered in the lunchroom of the former grade school building for the annual Christmas Drawing. Santa Claus made an appearance. Quentin Wentz told him exactly what he wanted for Christmas. Stan Miller acted as master of ceremonies and Deb Marshall clerked the drawing keeping track of the prizes and the winners. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norcatur residents keep tradition alive

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 This year 129 prizes were donated to the drawing. About 50 families won at least two prizes — some won three. And, every child in attendance won a gift.
 A new twist to the event was added this year. A community pot luck dinner preceded the drawing with dozens bringing food to share with their neighbors.
 The event was co-sponsored by the Norcatur Commercial Club and the Norcatur Senior Citizens. Donating prizes to the drawing were:
 Bee Nelson, Norcatur Postmaster, Keith Anthony, Pauls Funeral Home, Lois Wentz, Avon Representative, Barnett Upholstery, Norcatur United Methodist Church, Custom Wood Furniture, Dorothy Ward, Norcatur Grain, Inc., Virgil and Joyce Price, American Family Insurance, Plotts Construction, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Gary and Cathy Anthony, C.W.'s Welding, Norcatur Senior Citizens, Bailey Electric, Enfield Funeral Home, S

& T Enterprises, Whitestar Farms, Wava Reames, Jerry and Sherri Hill, Gareth and Lisa Davies, Doris Auker, Kathryn Van Meter, June Jolly, Hirsch and Pratt Law Office, Terry and Sandy Gade, Sumner Terracing, Long Farms, Norcatur Commercial Club, The Bank, Joyce Sumner, Red Roof Ped'ler, D & M Service, Cardinal Bar and Grill, Flatland Hay Co.,

Shirley Farms, Miller Farms and Feedlot G.P., Norcatur Pre-School, Royal Neighbors of America, Raye's Grocery, Wentz Enterprises, Ward's Drug Store, Adleman Drug Store, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, The Sewing Box, Forever Diamonds, Donna Warren, Countryside Sales and Service, Deanna Sumner, Randy Allen and Sherrie Regal.

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NOTICE OF 58TH Annual Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2007
 11:30 A.M.

to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall
 104 S. Wabash, Norton

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 10

\$1.00 PER MEMBER

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Area youth gather for New Year's

By John Van Nostrand
 Colby Free Press

J&R Marketing is back for more Dec. 31 and they are making plans for more area youth to be back too.

Led by J&R Marketing's Judy and Rich Epp, a lengthy list of area volunteers are preparing for Rappin' and Rockin' New Year's Eve in Colby. For the second year in a row, youth from across the region are invited to Colby Dec. 31 to hear some music, eat pizza and play games all night in safe, comfortable surroundings.

"We feel like we are doing something positive for our area kids," said Judy Epp. "New Year's Eve can be a dangerous night with people out at parties and some having too much to drink. We want to do something for kids where the kids won't have to face those kind of problems."

Something to do is right. Last year, more than 600 kids showed up for those things.

This year's event starts at 9 p.m. with two concerts. Three Cords Wonder, a Christian band from Denver, Colo., and Christian-rap artist John Reuben will play at the Colby Community Building.

After the final song, those kids

will then have a variety of selections throughout the night. Utilizing several venues across Colby, those kids can play basketball, dodge ball, go bowling, watch movies or try their own musical talent with a battle of the bands.

Colby's Berean Church has acquired the movie "Facing the Giants" for the night. The movie, released earlier this year but still in the theaters, is about a struggling high school football team and how they respond to losing on and off the field. The movie is scheduled to be released on DVD next month.

What the Berean Church has done is just an example of the involvement of people helping plan the party.

"We felt last year was a tremendous success," said Brian Moore, a pastor from Yorba Linda, Calif., who will speak at the event and help, just like he did last year.

Moore was contacted by the Epps to help with last year's party. The Epps learned of how Moore and his wife Shannon connected with youth speaking at various events across the country.

Brian has found about 30 students from Baptist Bible College

in Springfield, Mo., to volunteer with the event. Prior to California, Moore was a minister at the college.

"I could have got more students," Moore said.

Judy is appreciative of the help and purpose from Moore and those students.

"Kids need a good role model and some good advice," Judy said. "Brian and Shannon will do just that for those kids who come."

Only 1,000 tickets are available for the event. Tickets are available at the His Shop and Farmers and Merchants Bank's Dillons branch in Colby.

J&R Marketing has ticket distributors across northwest Kansas. In Goodland, contact Ben Coats at Calvary Gospel Church; St. Francis, Kary Zweygardt; Oberlin, Doug Mason; Norton, Trent Richmond and Oakley, Jason Schmidt at the Christian Church; Justin Banks in Scott City; Rick Dewees in Sharon Springs; Greg Woolf in Quinter and Hill City and Tim Morehart at Colby Wesleyan Church.

For information, contact J&R Marketing at (785) 443-1994.

Jennings bus company is ready to roll

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The gym will be used for a showroom so that the coaches can be shown and sold. BCI has asked the City of Oberlin to extend the runway at the airport here so the firm can fly executives and customers in to the plant.

Mr. Brennan said customers will also be able to trade in their old coaches when they purchase a new one. The old coaches will be refurbished and sold from the plant.

Jennings is the firm's headquarters and will also carry parts for customers. Mr. Brennan said it is important for them to be able to ship the parts out from Jennings.

BCI will be a good business for this area, said Mr. Brennan. This community, he said, has a lot of

positives. It is a great environment, a great place to raise a family, people are well educated and they have a strong work ethic.

Mr. Brennan said BCI has a chance to grow, adding that they

own eight acres around the school.

After the open house and the public unveiling, he said, executives will travel to New Orleans to launch the product at the United Motorcoach Association Expo.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Solomon Valley Rural Fire District No. 3
MONDAY, JAN. 8, 2007
7:00 P.M.
 at the
Fire Station Lenora, Kan.

The staff of the Norton Telegram wishes all our readers a safe and happy New Year

- Tom, Sherry, Veronica, Carolyn, Vicki, Lisa, Dick and Horace

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