

Tis the season...



A Norton City work crew took advantage of calm winds over the north entrance to town. Monday afternoon to hang the "Seasons Greetings" sign
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Christmas On Us gets off to a good start

(Continued from Page 1) Christmas On Us. Instant winners have until 5 p.m. Thursday to bring in their winning tickets. After that, a new round of winning numbers will be hidden in the ads appearing in Friday's Telegram.

The Norton Telegram, and Christmas On Us sponsors 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 Ace Hardware, and Garden Gate Florals Etc. will be giving away a \$1,200 grand prize on Dec. 20 near Santa's gingerbread house on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse, in addition to the 10 instant prize winners, who receive \$50 each.

In the first week, 4,759 tickets were collected from sponsoring merchants. That equals approxi-

mately \$47,600 that was spent in the community for that week.

The instant winners can find their lucky, winning numbers in special ads for Christmas On Us, which will appear in the Friday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 editions of The Norton Telegram.

People finding their numbers hidden on the Christmas On Us ad pages have until 5 p.m. every Thursday to claim their winnings.

One ticket is available for each \$10 spent at the sponsoring businesses. Also, one free ticket per week can be picked up at The Telegram, 215 S. Kansas Ave.

Remember, there are still eight instant winning tickets left to be chosen, as well as a grand prize ticket to be drawn on Dec. 20, so make sure to shop locally and pick up your winning Christmas On Us ticket.

Radiology department looks at pros, cons of going digital

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has been in contact with Murray Company about the project. He said they are suggesting that it might be cheaper to do both the lower level and the second floor, which houses surgery and the nursing program, renovations together. Mr. Miller said they are working on estimates.

- Approved the grievance policy and procedure with no changes.
- Reviewed quality improvement reports from the laboratory, physical therapy, obstetrics, purchasing, health information management, nursing, house-keeping and linens, and cardiac rehabilitation departments.
- Heard an update on the lower level renovation project. Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said he

- Reviewed patient surveys.
- Approved medical staff applications.

Information provided by Deena Wente, KQNK Radio.

Cookies help food bank

(Continued from Page 1) The second place cookie will earn its maker a Taste of Home Chocolate Lover's Cookbook and four tickets to The Norton Theatre.

The third place winner will receive four tickets to The Norton Theatre.

The tickets can be used for any

movie playing at The Norton Theatre, including premieres.

Telegram staff will also be collecting canned and non-perishable food for God's Pantry on that day.

So, break out your best cookie recipes and join us for the first ever Christmas Cookie Contest and don't forget to come vote for your favorites.

Exchange program saves Kansas taxpayers money, improves lives

A young adult in western Kansas uses a power wheelchair to get to his place of employment. A woman in Russell has a patient care bed and no longer has to sleep in a chair to be comfortable. In Garden City, three people have received standers that improve their stability.

These are a few of the success stories of the Kansas Equipment Exchange, a project that accepts used equipment and matches it with Kansans who need it. Since April 2003, Equipment Exchange has saved Kansas taxpayers more than \$2 million.

"Most of the recipients of durable medical equipment don't have medical insurance," said Patty Black-Moore, Expanding Reuse Project Coordinator. "Kansas Equipment Exchange saves tax dollars while improving lives. We placed over a half a million dollars in refurbished durable medical equipment last year."

Since June 2002, durable medical equipment purchased by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) is used by the recipients as long as they need it. When the equipment is no longer needed, it is returned to the Equipment Exchange. Items in good condition are refurbished and then reassigned to another Kansan with a disability.

Not all of the equipment originates with the KHPA. "We've received patient lifts, beds, wheelchairs, communication devices and other items from individuals and families who no longer needed them," Ms. Moore explained. "A lot of usable items are stored in garages and attics. We need and accept donations of durable medical equipment and assistive technology that will enable people to live more independently."

With the increased concerns about electronic waste, Equipment Exchange has added PDAs, hearing aids, navigational/GPS systems and electronic communication devices to its list. The project collects serviceable used items and passes them to Kansans with disabilities. "We've passed on Palm Pilots and HP iPAQs, Tom Tom and Garmin navigational systems, and Chat PC and Tech Talk communication

devices," Ms. Moore said.

Persons wishing to donate equipment to the Kansas Equipment Exchange can call 800-526-3648 toll free. Kansas Equipment Exchange is a statewide project guided by individuals with disabilities, family members and the KHPA. It is affiliated with Assistive Technology for Kansans, a program coordinated by the Kansas University Center on Disabilities at Parsons.

Factual Story Contest earns writers money

By DICK BOYD

Entries are being accepted for the 2008 Kansas Factual Story Contest, which is sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas and encourages preserving, in writing, factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans.

Olive Ann Beech of Wichita provided cash awards for winners for over 30 years. Following her death, this support has been continued by her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver, Wichita.

Beech Memorial Cash Awards are: first place, \$175; second place, \$125; third place, \$100 and \$50 each for two honorable

mentions. Entrants are asked to keep copies of their entries; none will be returned. All stories may be preserved in the Manuscript Department of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Stories should have taken place in Kansas, be limited to 750 words, be true and not have been published. The contest is open to anyone, anywhere. Only one story may be entered per person. Entries must be postmarked no later than December 7, 2007. If possible, entries should be submitted electronically to: jpinegar@sbcglobal.net.

Entries will be judged by a panel from the Kansas State His-

torical Society. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas at the Maner Conference Center in Topeka on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008.

Winners for 2007 were: first, Thelma Allendorf, Topeka; second, Trudy McFarland, Topeka; third, Cass Bruton, Bogue; honorable mention, Linda Hubbard, Topeka and Lesa Brose, Valley Falls.

Entries and questions may be directed to: John Pinegar, Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, P.O. Box 546, Topeka, KS 66601, phone (785)25-6245.

BUY LOCAL DAY

Thursday, November 29, 2007

Build Our Community: Buy Local!

Supporting our Norton County businesses creates local jobs, preserves economic diversity, safeguards the environment and contributes to future sustainability.

The Almena, Clayton, Edmond, Lenora, and Norton City Councils, as well as the Norton County Commission, have proclaimed November 29, 2007 as BUY LOCAL DAY in Norton County.

One Local Business Owner makes these points to show why Shopping locally can benefit you:

- Save you time
- Save you money
- Keep you safer
- Increase the tax revenue for the community
- Strengthen the local economy
- Stronger local merchant prospertiy
- Better living for local public
- Local advertising dollar value increases
- Better customer service
- Better local financing



Why Buy Local?

- Each dollar spent in our community is re-circulated within the community an average of seven times.
- Local businesses support community events, fund raisers, and clubs.
- Local businesses produce jobs income and tax receipts for local communities
- Local businesses are more likely to utilize local ads, banks and other services
- Supporting local businsses preserves the economic diversity and the unique character of our community.
- Supporting local businesses is good for the environment, because it cuts down on fuel consumption by cutting down on the distances shoppers travel

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