



Shoppers at the Cookie/Candy Walk, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, selected from a wide array of confectionery treats. The sweets were paid for by the pound.  
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Candy walk raises money for church

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
cplotts@nwkansas.com

They had so much fun, they're going to do it again next year.

That's what Korla Griffey, co-chair of the second annual Cookie/Candy Walk, said about the event. Mrs. Griffey said, "We're very pleased. We had lots of people come by and purchase cookies and candy and have cinnamon rolls and coffee."

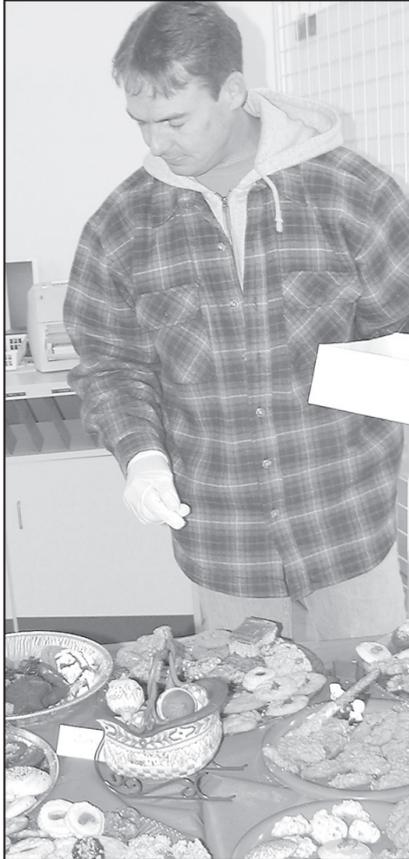
Beverly Kindler co-chaired the event. Mrs. Griffey said the Cookie/Candy Walk helped raise over \$800 for missions and ministries sponsored by the Norton United Methodist Church.

She said, "It was a UMW event, but the whole congregation became involved. Some of the men made cookies and the kids did, too. The men helped bring in the tables, set up and then, of course, take everything down."

She said there was a wonderful selection of cookies and candies — a nice variety.

Kirk Griffith shopped for Christmas Goodies at the 2nd Annual Cookie/Candy Walk held Wednesday in the H & R Block Building. Contemplating what cookies to choose, Mr. Griffith selected cookies he knew his children would enjoy.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



## Red kettles placed in 16 locations

The Salvation Army has distributed 16 bright red "counter kettles" throughout Norton County. Any help you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Sharon Leiker, Norton, is a member of the Salvation Army. Ms. Leiker reminds everyone that 88 percent of the money donated stays in Norton County.

Following is a list of kettle locations: The Norton Telegram, Dollar Store, Jamboree Foods, Norton Shop and Save, Town and Country Kitchen, Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, Pure Prairie Natural Foods, Adventures Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Love's, Pamida, Pizza Hut/Taco Bell, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Russ' Jewelry, Almena Market and Country Corner Grocery, Lenora.

## Chamber to hold annual holiday dinner

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 25 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at noon.

This dinner is for anyone who cannot be with loved ones on Christmas Day. A full holiday menu of turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complete the feast.

There is no charge for the dinner, however donations will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to help with the meal preparation, serving and clean-up. Anyone interested in helping should contact Karla Reed at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office, at 785-877-2501.



Kathy Zimmerman flashed the four tickets to the Norton Theatre she won for taking third place in The Telegram's Christmas Cookie Contest. Mrs. Zimmerman made Philly Cream Cheese Christmas Cookies.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Woman wins third in contest

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
cplotts@nwkansas.com

Zathy Zimmerman trusted an old "tried and true" recipe when she entered *The Norton Telegram's* first annual Christmas Cookie Contest. In fact, she entered two recipes, but it was her Philly Cream Cheese Cookies that brought her the third place title. Her reward for placing third are four tickets to the Norton Theatre.

Mrs. Zimmerman said, "This recipe is an old favorite. I found it in one of my cook books."

She said, "I love to cook. So, whenever I see things like this (the contest) I jump on board. It's just the two of us at home so I don't get a chance to bake much anymore."

Mrs. Zimmerman is married to Chuck Zimmerman, the head girls volleyball and basketball coach at Northern Valley. He is also a teacher. She is a financial advisor with Waddell and Reed.

### Philly Cream Cheese Cookie Dough

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
3/4 cup butter, softened  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
Beat cream cheese, butter and sugar in large mixing bowl

at medium speed with electric mixer until well blended. Add flour and soda; mix well.

With this recipe you may add the flavor you want your cookie to have. Add 1/4 teaspoon of flavoring to 1 1/2 cups of cookie dough (this recipe makes 3 cups of dough). I usually use vanilla. You may also add food coloring here if you don't want to frost your cookies.

Chill dough 30 minutes. On lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8 inch thickness, cut with assorted 3-inch cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Preheat oven to 325° F. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool on wire rack.

### Cake Frosting

1 1/2 cups Crisco shortening  
1 2-lb bag of powdered sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon meringues powder (cream of tartar)  
1/2 cup water

1 to 2 teaspoons of flavoring — to make clear frosting you will need to use a clear flavoring.

I separate into smaller bowls and add the food coloring that I want. This makes a big batch of frosting but it can be stored in the refrigerator for months at a time.

## Mailing early will assure the timely arrival of packages

By TOM DREILING  
tomd@nwkansas.com

The word for Norton Post Office customers is simple: "Mail early and conveniently using usps.com, Priority Mail flat rate boxes, and free Package Pickup," said Postmaster Brenda Darnell.

She said most of the services found at the post office are available from the comfort of home at usps.com, and added that nearly a million customers per day go to the award-winning website to find ZIP Codes, buy stamps, mail packages and more.

Two of the more popular features on usps.com are Click-N-Ship and Free Package Pickup, where customers can print mailing labels with postage for Priority Mail, Express Mail, and international packages using their debit or credit card. Customers, according to the postmaster, can then request a free pickup of those packages by their letter carrier the next day.

Postmaster Darnell said that if you don't have Internet access, you can buy stamps by phone at 1-800-Stamp-24 (1-800-782-6724), or my mail by simply asking a clerk or your letter carrier for a Stamps by Mail form.

She reminds that rural carriers are Post Offices on Wheels and provide virtually all of the services of a post office.

"We know time is scarce during the holidays," she said, "so we are working hard to make our products and services convenient for our customers."

Postmaster Darnell said customers are encouraged to use Priority Mail through Dec. 20, and Express Mail through Dec. 22. Last-minute packages can be delivered Christmas Eve and Christmas Day — via Express Mail, she said.

This week is the last date for military mail going to war zones, and Dec. 18 for all other military addresses. International mail deadlines were Dec. 4 for First Class mail and Priority Mail going to Africa and Central and South America, and Dec. 11 for all other countries. International mail can be sent as late as Dec. 19, using Global Express Guaranteed Service.

The postmaster suggests visiting the Holiday Press Room at usps.com.

For any additional details call the Norton Post Office at 877-3212.

## Man hits pole with car

A Norton man was taken to the hospital after hitting a pole Thursday afternoon.

Norman E. Myers, Jr., 40, was trying to pass another car in a no passing zone on U.S. 36, 5.1 miles west of U.S. 283, in his 1994 Chrysler passenger car at approximately 1:46 p.m.

He was westbound and drove left of the east side fog line and then swerved back to the north shoulder, striking a power pole.

Mr. Myers was taken to the Norton County Hospital. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Don't forget to look for your winning numbers in today's Christmas On Us ads. Pages 8 & 9

Starting pay \$9.00 an hour!  
Immediate Medical/Dental Benefits!  
Paid Sick, Vacation and Holidays!  
Tuition Reimbursement!



**LAST CHANCE for a great CAREER!**

Start your new Career on Monday!  
Apply today:

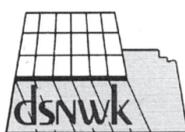
115 SW 29th Street  
Topeka, KS 66610

**ALORICA** INC.

Offering individuals with disabilities unique opportunities for growth and independence - that's Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. One of DSNWK's strengths is its Creative Living program.



Creative Living is a unique residential service model where the needs and desires of the individual receiving services are matched with the most appropriate and independent living possible. Creative Living provides a home environment that is comfortable, safe and promotes the value of living independently.



1-800-637-2229  
www.dsnwk.org

### Gift & Craft Fair

SATURDAY, DEC. 8TH  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Quality Inn, Colby

Something for everyone on your gift list featuring hand crafted items, fresh made treats, and baked items, gift basket ideas, jewelry. Food concessions all day.

For more info., 785-460-3054.

Sponsored by the Kansas Problem Gambling Fund.

## Gambling Problem?

What have you got to lose?  
**866-NO-BET-00**  
(866-662-3800)

## The Callicrate BANDER™

"Best investment we've made in a long time." - GARY ROBERTS, VIRGINIA  
"Calves stay healthier and perform better." - DAN FIELDS, KANSAS

Cattle  
Goats  
Sheep

### The Beauty of the Callicrate Bander

- CASTRATE
- DE-HORN
- DOCK TAILS
- TREAT PROLAPSES

"I can't believe how easy it is ... the cattle don't seem to mind at all."  
- PEGGY OLSON, OREGON

"2000 head later, not one problem!" - GEORGE CHAMBERS, GEORGIA

www.nobull.net **800-858-5974** rachel@nobull.net