



Karla Anderson, left, from Almena, was a \$50 instant winner in the Christmas On Us promotion. Mrs. Anderson received her tickets from Engel's Sales and Service Center in Norton. Amanda Schellhamer, right, is a sales associate at Engel's.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Ticket from Engel's found

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Karla Anderson, Almena, claimed her instant winning \$50 ticket, number 584120, in the Christmas on Us promotion last week. Mrs. Anderson got her ticket at Engel's, where she had bought a new car.

She wrote the ticket numbers on a piece of paper and handed it to her grandson, Macy Kasson. He said it only took him about 10 minutes to find the winning number in last Friday's Christmas on Us ads in The Telegram.

"I saw it, and yelled to Grandma that she won," said Macy.

Mrs. Anderson said she's going to use the \$50 to replace something she lost during the house fire last month.

Ticket numbers 065776, from Town and Country, and 074335, from Stitch Up A Storm were

unclaimed as of 5 p.m. on Thursday evening. From the previous week, ticket number 257749 from Ruraltel/Nex-Tech went unclaimed.

There will be a drawing held on Thursday, Dec. 18 at the Washington Street Park at 7 p.m. All unclaimed \$50 instant win tickets will be re-drawn for, as well as two \$100 prizes and one \$1,000 grand prize.

All prizes are awarded in the form of scrip money which can be used at any of the participating sponsors' locations. Sponsors are The Norton Telegram, Ag Valley Co-op, Kellie's Alltel, Ruraltel/Nex-Tech, Sander Furniture/Sander Bed and Bath, Norton Shop and Save, Norton Greenhouse, Destination Kitchen, Stitch Up A Storm, Engel's, Kansasland Tire, and Town and Country Kitchen.

Ribbons carry message

The Kansas Highway Patrol is displaying red ribbons on agency-owned vehicles in an effort to heighten public awareness to the dangers of impaired drivers during the holiday season.

As part of the Project Red Ribbon Tie One On For Safety campaign, sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Patrol is encouraging the public to become actively involved in the fight against impaired driving by tying a red ribbon to a visible place on their vehicle such as the antenna or side mirror. Typically, the incidence of impaired driving is most prevalent from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

"These red ribbons emphasize the Kansas Highway Patrol's zero tolerance for impaired driving and also raise awareness of our education initiatives on impaired driving," Patrol Superintendent Col. Terry Maple said. "Our commitment to safety on the roadways is our number one priority and these ribbons serve as reminders of the dangers that impaired driving poses to Kansans, as well as others traveling on our nation's roads."

Last year in the state of Kansas, almost 30 percent of the fatality crashes involved alcohol. Each year more than 1,000 people are killed nationally in alcohol-related crashes between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. More than 2,000 people are killed nationally in alcohol-related crashes and/or crashes where safety belts were not used.

Seatbelts can be your best defense if you are involved in a crash, that's why it's important to remember to buckle up, anytime,

day or night, no matter where you are going. In 2007, 62 percent of those killed in fatality crashes on Kansas roads were not properly restrained.

The Patrol reminds motorists not to drink and drive, do not let your friends or family members drive impaired, and never ride with someone who has been drinking. If you do consume alcohol, call a friend, family member, or taxi service for a sober ride home. If you are going to holiday parties or are going to be out celebrating, make sure to designate a sober driver at the beginning of the evening. If you are traveling on the roads, and are concerned that another motorist might be impaired, you can use your cell phone to dial *47 (*HP) on the highways or *582 (*KTA) on the Kansas Turnpike to reach your nearest highway patrol dispatcher.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving ribbons are available free of charge and while supplies last at Kansas Highway Patrol troop headquarter facilities throughout the state. Those locations can be found online at www.KansasHighwayPatrol.org. Any red ribbon 18 inches in length can also be used by those wishing to demonstrate a zero tolerance of impaired driving.



Tamara Nelson, left, from Norton, was a \$50 instant winner in the Christmas On Us promotion. Mrs. Nelson received her tickets from Norton Greenhouse. Annette Overlease, right, gave Mrs. Nelson her winning ticket.

— Telegram photo by Christie Anderson

Shopping in Norton pays

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Tamara Nelson, Norton was another lucky instant winner of \$50 in the Christmas On Us promotion. Mrs. Nelson got her lucky ticket from Norton Greenhouse, where she had bought candles and other Christmas items.

"I don't know what I'm going to use it for yet," said Mrs. Nelson.

There will be a drawing for two \$100 prizes and one \$1,000 prize on Dec. 18 at the Washington Street Park at 7 p.m. If the weather is bad, the drawing will be moved to the Norton Senior Center.

Wednesday is the last day to get tickets for the instant win drawings and for the grand prize drawings. The tickets will be picked up at mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Public Record

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic
Nov. 20 — Pedro Talamantes, Eagle Pass, Texas, speeding 51 in a 40 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Brian Spooner, Long Island, maximum speed, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Jeremiah Johnson, Norton, speeding 37 in a 30 mph zone and failure to provide verification of insurance. Verification of insurance provided at hearing. Fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Cassidy Palmer, Norton, transporting an open container. To receive a Diversion for six months and probation. Assessment fee \$100, Diversion fee \$200, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Jason Haselhorst, Norton, driving while under suspension. Dismissed for proof of reinstatement and payment of court cost. Court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Randal Knoll, Norton, inattentive driving, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Criminal
Nov. 20 — Bruce Cook, Norton, charged with domestic battery. One year diversion, diversion fee \$100, assessment fee \$100, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Barbara Bangle, Norton, charged with Battery, reduced

to disorderly conduct. 30 days jail time suspended to one year probation. Fine \$200, to pay court appointed attorney fees, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Allen Kindall, Norton, charged with battery. To receive one year unsupervised probation during which he will have no further contact with Barbara Bangle. Fine \$200, court cost \$75.

Dec. 4 — Lynnette Rutherford, Norton, dog running at large. Dismissed for court cost with proof of city tag. Court cost \$75.

District Court
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic
Dec. 4 — John M. Aiken, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Aaron R. Aldridge, Weskau, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$75, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Rikki Lynn Desaire, Hill City, speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone and failure to use child safety restraints, fine \$147, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Michael K. Eichman, Speed, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Kelly D. Hinman, Quinter, improper stop lamp portum

signal and failure to use seat belt, fine \$99, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Tiffany C. Hurst, Colby, failed to wear seat belt, fine \$30, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Jennifer E. Koerperich, Lenora, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Michael G. Koski, Esko, Minn., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Lynn M. Lamastes, Garden City, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Lauren P. Libby, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — John R. Reckner, Bennett, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Landon T. Scott, Beaver City, Neb., driving on right side of roadway required, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Brandon M. Yeager, Araphoe, Neb., Failure to have current log book, fine \$84, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Dennis J. Zimmerman, Kirwin, over weight limit on wheels and axles, fine \$485, court cost \$66.

Wildlife & Parks
Dec. 4 — John D. Baker, Norton, failure to tag deer, fine \$209, court cost \$66.

Dec. 4 — Justin Baker, Norton, failure to tag deer, fine \$209, court cost \$66.

Agency doing away with paper checks

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas USDA Farm Service Agency said last week that payment centralization has occurred which affects Farm Service Agency payments and loan disbursements and repayments.

There will no longer be any paper checks issued at a FSA county office. All program payments, commodity loan disbursements and facility loan disbursements will be issued by the Federal Reserve Bank through direct deposit electronic funds transfer or through the U.S. Treasury when a paper check is issued. Farm Service Agency County Offices will process all payments through

the web-based National Payment System which will transmit the payment record to the Federal Reserve Bank or U.S. Treasury for processing.

This new payment centralization will provide automated accounting initiatives to strengthen internal controls within FSA to mitigate the risk for erroneous payments.

Producers shall be aware that there may be a delay in receiving payments or loan proceeds in certain situations.

If the producer has a direct deposit on file and the payment does not need to be issued jointly, then the payment should be received in the producer's bank account with-

in 2 days after the county office has electronically certified and signed the payment through NPS.

When the payment needs to be issued jointly or a producer does not have a direct deposit on file, then a paper check would be issued through U.S. Treasury after the county office has electronically certified and signed the payment through NPS. Processing time is at least 3 days for U.S. Treasury to issue the paper check and an additional 2-7 days for mailing, a total of 5-10 days for a paper check to be received. The county office can either request the paper check be sent directly to the producer or directly to the county office, depending on the situation.

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