

Twin Creeks expands

There have been some recent changes at the Twin Creeks Extension Office. The districting process has allowed Sheridan, Norton, and Decatur Counties to come together as the Twin Creeks Extension District. This process has also allowed new agents to join the Twin Creeks team and for agents to specialize. Twin Creeks Extension now has a team of five agents working to provide educational programming and connect its communities with K-State resources.

The newest member of the Twin Creeks Extension team, Patsy Maddy, 4-H/ Youth Development Agent for the District, joined the team in October. Maddy previously worked as the county coordinator for Norton Farm Bureau and as a Service Associate for Farm Bureau Financial Services. She is a 4-H alum and has been involved in Norton County 4-H as both a parent and club leader and brings many years of experience to the table. Maddy is looking forward to growing and developing the 4-H programs in each of the counties and as a district. Watch for new and exciting 4-H Recruitment Activities in your county!

Julianne Shoup, Family and Consumer Science Agent, also recently came on board in June. Shoup graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. Her focus is on Family Resource Management, Aging, and Family Development, as well as local 4-H responsibilities. She is looking forward to expanding the Family and Consumer Sciences programming throughout the district and getting to know the communities she serves.

Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist, has programming responsibilities in Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety. Watts has worked in the three counties which compose the new Twin Creeks Extension District for the last ten years. Prior to that, she was the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Gove County. She also currently splits her time working in the Golden Prairie Extension District. Watts grew up in northern Smith County on a small family farm which involved a small dairy and her father raised wheat, milo and alfalfa - to feed those dairy cows. She attended Lebanon High School, and later Fort Hays State Univer-

sity where she majored in Home Economics.

Byron Hale joined the Oberlin extension staff in 1989. Hale graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor's in Ag Business. Since that time his extension work has closely centered around 4-H youth, wheat, wheat disease, and horticulture. In the district, he serves as administrative director, and has responsibilities for Horticulture, Community Development, and local 4-H.

Keith VanSki, Ag and Natural Resources Agent, began his Extension career in 1982 in Wallace County and has been serving in Norton since 1984. VanSki graduated from K-State with a Bachelor's and Master's in Animal Science. VanSki focuses on a variety of issues that come up in the region from crops and livestock to water quality and natural resource issues. He also provides a range of diagnostics with plant disease, insect identification, soil testing and water quality.

The Twin Creeks Extension team is looking forward to getting to know the community.

New equipment...



Christmas comes early for Norton Theatre movie-goers. Installation of the new digital video and audio equipment at the theatre was completed on Friday, Nov. 30. (Pictured from left to right) Levi Jones and Tripp Helms of Sonic Equipment Company, lola, wire-up the projectors for power. "It's awesome stuff. Everything is done and the sound and picture quality is unbelievable," said Jeremy Wetter, Manager.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

JENNINGS NEWS

A tour of a unique holiday store, slurping old-fashioned soda fountain treats and eating homemade pie were activities scheduled by the Jennings Tuesday Study Club for their November 13 meeting. In Quinter, club members enjoyed the delicious homemade food choices on the menu at Dena's Deli. After lunch, members answering roll call with their "favorite soda fountain drink" were: Louise Cressler, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Paula Krizek, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Alice Mizer, Kathy Nauer, Lynn Tacha and Neoma Tacha.

The November program contained a dose of holiday cheer. Vernon and Carol Kindernecht, owners of Christmas Castles, provided a tour of their enchanting holiday store. Twinkling lights, santa's, snowmen, bears, carolers, multi-colored Christmas trees and wreaths filled every nook, shelf and wall. After the tour, club members carefully tucked shopping bags full of holiday decor into their cars and drove to Ray's Pharmacy. Visions of carbonated fountain drinks and ice cream treats topped with whipped cream and cherries enticed members to indulge in an old-fashioned soda fountain confection at Ray's. Full of holiday spirit and delicious treats, members left Quinter looking forward to their December 11 salad and dessert luncheon. The club will again participate in the Angel Tree Project and wrap gifts purchased at the December meeting.

On Nov. 7, United Methodist Women met at the church with the following ladies present: Kay Brown, Darlene LaRue, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter and Louise Cressler. Kathy gave an interesting program assisted by some of the members reading parts. Helen gave devotions. Darlene served snacks.

In the absence of pastor Barbara, Gail Harbers, Gideon speaker gave the Sunday message at the United Methodist Church. He spoke on the work of the Gideons spreading the Word and giving out Bibles. Sunday, Nov. 26 after worship services a light lunch was served. Followed by the decorating of the church. Everyone was welcome to come eat and enjoy social time.

November 7 card players at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Carol Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. On November 14 those enjoying cards were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spresser, Scott Taylor, Diane

Carter, Eleanor Morel, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. The senior dinner was held on Thursday, November 15 with the following enjoying the meal and playing bingo. Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spresser, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Jennings city has a lot of activity going on. Daryll Hartzog shop on Kansas Ave. has a new coat of John Deere green paint. Martin and Darlene LaRue are getting their home resided. After many years of being pink, it looks very nice white. Work continues on the addition to the north side of the museum.

Coming event: Saturday, Dec. 15. Santa will arrive at the Community Hall to visit with the children and hand out treats. There will also be a community drawing. More on this next week.

Out-of-town relatives and friends for John Keenan's funeral were:

Ruth Schillig and Dave Shearer, Kortney, Drake and Katana, Almena. Jeana Cozad and Pat Pomeroy and Shane, Norton. Janel Dilling, Goodland, Jim and Letitia Keenan, Oakley, Jana and Frank Slansky, Stockton, Michelle and Tony Dorenkamp and family, Hoxie, Carlin and Pat Smith and family, Topeka, Nicole Keenan, Denver, Colo., Phil Vigo, Sylvia, Tom Ferriter, Longmont, Colo., Darci Roberts, Lincoln, Neb. Doug Harris, Bazine, Deb Ayers, Dodge City, Rick Keenan, Norton, Shannon Harris, Colby, Angie Harris, Colby, Lila Jennings, Clayton, Wayne and Linda Bosler, Herdon, George and Elaine Casey, Tronto, Ken and Joan Schilowsky, Phillipsburg, Elaine Shearer, Almena, Bryan and LeeAnn Shearer, Almena, Christina Eagleburger, Norton, Nikki Kindernecht, Almena, Deb and Danny Field, Almena and Bob Kelly, Oakley, 31 Employees of Beaver Valley Supply, Atwood

Brent Finley, Joplin, Mo.; Steve Parker, Joplin, Mo.; Brandon Wagoner, Granby, Mo.; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs were Nov. 17 weekend visitors at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw. The men came especially to go hunting. Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton were Saturday evening visitors. Ruth Chance family early Christmas gathering was held at the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday, Nov. 24.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, Santa will arrive at the Community Hall to visit with children and to hand out treats. There will be drawing following Santa's visit. If you have a gift you would like to donate for the drawing, you may bring it

that day. Please, mark as kids 10 and under or as adults gift. Russell Cressler, Bison, visited with his parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler Thanksgiving evening. He and Mary Kinser were noon guests of Dave and Janet Meitl, rural Dresden.

Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Saturday for their early family Christmas gathering included Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Oberlin; Adam Wahlmeier, Norton; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Zach and Katie Golemboski, Lexy and Lenzy, Colby; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan; Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley, Strasburg, Colo.; Brandon and Rosa Wagoner, Noah and Naomi, Granby, Mo.; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Aaron and Tara Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; and Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion. The same group attended the open house in Selden honoring Ramona's brother, Francis Porsch, for his 80th birthday.

LODGE NOTICES

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American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63
 Second and Fourth Monday 7:30 p.m.
 Darren McMullen, Commander
 Curt Archibald, Adjutant

Eagles Lodge FOE 3288
 Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Larry Hawks, President
 Secretary, Ron Miller

Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Reg. 7:00 p.m.
 First Mon. of each Month
 Curt Archibald, Commander
 Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

I.O.O.F. No. 157
 Meet at Eagles Club
 First and Third Thursday
 Each Month at 7:30 p.m.
 Geneva Tier, Noble Grand
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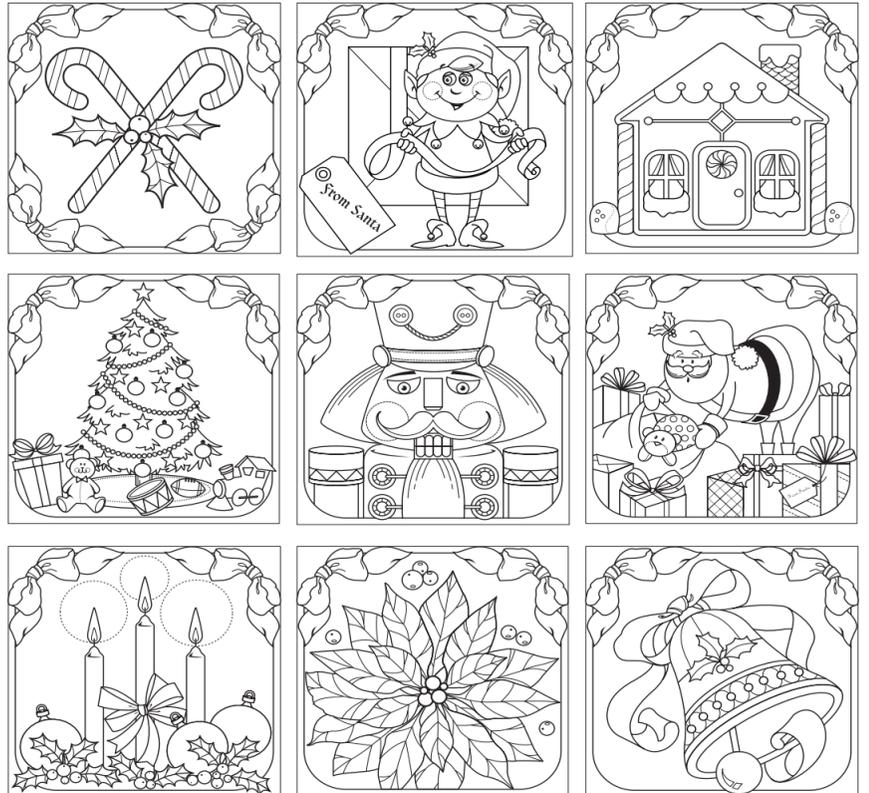
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The Norton Telegram and area Businesses are Sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest

Stop by the Norton Telegram or the Almena Market in Almena and pick up one of the nine designs. Return the colored picture to The Norton Telegram or the Almena Market no later than Thursday, December 20. The pictures will be displayed in the lobby of The Norton Telegram for judging on Fri., Dec. 21.

Prizes have been donated by the following businesses:
 Norton Animal Health Center, First Security Bank and Trust Co., Endzone, Norton Theatre, Norton Pizza Hut, Garden Gate Florals Etc., Norton Sports Center, Here's Your Sign, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Dairy Queen, The Norton Telegram