

This year's coloring contest winners are

The Norton Telegram once again held their annual Christmas Coloring Contest and the judges results are in.

There are two age divisions for this contest, 0 to 6 years old and 7 to 12 years old. "For some reason we had very few entries this year so everyone who entered won a prize. We offer prizes to the first three best entries in both age categories," Telegram General Manager Dana Paxton said.

Prizes were donated from area businesses. End Zone donated ribbons for the winners, the United Northwest Federal Credit Union gave coin sets, First Security Bank donated gold coins,

Dairy Queen gave coupons for a cone, Norton Sports Center provided stuffed animal pillows, the Norton Theatre gave one movie pass to each winner, Pizza Hut gave coupons for a personal pan pizza, Studio One 11 donated a Blue Jay stocking hat and ear wrap and then Norton Animal Health Center, Garden Gate Florals Etc and the Norton Telegram gave cash prizes.

The year's winners in the 0 to 6 group were Luke Clydesdale in third, Hallie Brooks in second and Tucker Harrington with first place for the great coloring job he did on his Santa picture.

The winners in the 7-12 age group were MacKenzie Clydes-

dale earning third place followed by Tia Paxton in second and Addison Brooks in first with her Elf picture.

Winners, next time you are at one of the sponsors places of business be sure to thank them for their donations. Without these donors this contest would not be possible. Just like without the artists it wouldn't happen.

"We want to thank all of the great sponsors for everything they do to support our area youth and to the artists that took so much time and care in doing a great job coloring," Paxton said.



Addison Brooks



Althea Paxton



MacKenzie Clydesdale



Tucker Harrington



Hallie Brooks



Luke Clydesdale

Windy situations bring Norton landfill to a halt

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Everyone knows its windy in western Kansas but not too many people stop what they are doing because its too windy or measure to see just how windy it is.

John Miller, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, however, both measures the wind and calls a halt to dumping trash and working in the pit when it gets

too breezy.

Mr. Miller has been tracking the wind speed out at the landfill since April, pretty much since he started the job. He's kept a chart showing just how windy it is.

"People thing that wind doesn't play a big factor in our business," he told the Norton County commissioners at their last meeting on Dec. 16.

"Today the wind is 11 mph,"

he said. "I checked before I came in."

If it is too windy, he said, he shuts down operations because the wind will just whip trash all over the place. If it's too windy, the trash is stored indoors until things calm down enough to move it to the pit.

The wind speeds are tracked, he said. It is normally out of the north or south and increases between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The

policy at the landfill is to not put any trash in the pit if the wind speed is over 14 mph, he said.

He said that when the men open the truck and its too windy, the big trash bags break due to being compacted and grocery bags go everywhere.

"All those nice little plastic bags are like super parachutes," he said.

Mr. Miller gave the commissioners his windspeed chart

showing the highest speeds recorded every day since April 11. Most days showed wind speeds of more than 14 mph with a high of 71 mph on May 29 and 63 mph on May 29. Only two or three days during the period from mid-April through late November had little or no wind.

For example, August 1 through 7 had speeds of 40, 43, 33, 23, 17, 31 and 54. From Sept. 15-20, the wind speeds

were clocked at 27, 26, 27, 32, 33 and 17. October 15 was an unusually calm day with a 2 mph gentle breeze.

Mr. Miller said he has a new program on his computer to help him track the wind speeds so that the trash can be moved from the building into the pit during the calmer times. This should help keep the trash where it belongs, he said, not all over the countryside.

Bobcat

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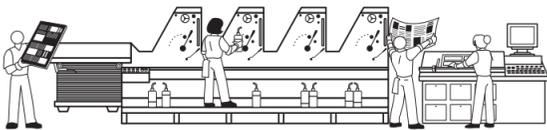
Learned that Osborne County will continue to handle e-waste and Mr. Miller wants to continue Norton County's role in that partnership.

Were told that the county had just sent a shipment of recycled paper and cardboard to Tamco in Phillipsburg and a mixed load of plastics, tin cans

and some cardboard and paper to Pratt Industries in Nebraska. In the past the county has had someone come and get its plastics and tin cans but hasn't gotten paid for any of it. The Nebraska company, however, will pay for what it gets.

"We're at least going to get paid for some stuff," Mr. Miller said.

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