

Michelle Armbrister, organizer of "Mittens for Kittens" and her son, Nikolas, sat amid the dozens of items donated to benefit cats and dogs at Norton Animal Shelter. - Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Cats, dogs benefit from gifts

and dogs at the Norton Animal Shelter will benefit from the efforts of Michelle Armbrister.

Mrs. Armbrister, an avowed animal lover, organized "Mittens For Kittens" in an effort to do something to help the shelter. As a

mals.

This year she had two corporate sponsors, Twice Sold Treasures Michelle's help,"Animal Control and Norton Animal Health Center. Donated items were collected at both locations.

side benefit, she wanted her son load of gifts to the shelter that in- nity appreciates her, too."

For the second year in a row, cats Nikolas to learn to care for ani- cluded food for cats and dogs, toys, medicines and cat litter.

> "We really appreciate Officer Sherry Hickman said. "These things help keep our costs down. Judging from the number of Mrs. Armbrister delivered a car- items donated, I know the commu-

## Business gets new name, sign

A Bank of the West sign has replaced the Commercial Federal Bank sign on Washington in downtown Norton ..

The acquisition of Commercial Federal by Bank of the West was agreed to in June. The cash transaction was valued at \$1.36 billion and became final Dec. 4.

Commercial Federal operated 198 branches in seven states.

BancWestCorp., whose principal subsidiaries are Bank of the West and First Hawaiian Bank, is the seventh largest bank holding company in the western U.S.

Jolene Weiser, previous agent for Commercial Federal, will hold the same position with Bank of the West.

Weiser said. "We are still here to main with the office. give them the same kind of per-



Bank of the West will still offer ments when they come along. car loans, house mortgages, savother services they had previously offered.

"Our customers will not see any changes. Samantha Fulton, Judy on a 12-month CD. break in their service." Mrs. Lang and Kay Risewick will re-Every merger brings about market," she said. sonal service they came to expect some changes, she said, but she and her staff will make adjustand her staff will make adjust- www.bankofthewest.com.

One of the benefits, she pointed she can now offer on certificates of deposit. She said Bank of the

Friday, December 30, 2005

new year

Several establishments will be hosting New Year's Eve parties.

Youth

its first event Saturday night. All area teenagers are invited to the New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a \$5 admission price that covers food and soft drinks all night. There will be games, big screen television, and music. Adult supervision will be present all night. If teens leave the

premises, they may not return that

Adult • Attitudes will be serving sup-

per from 5-9 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., the

party begins on the bar side until 1:30 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by "Karaoke Explosion" with Steve Seaton. There will be a

small cover charge. Everyone over

vites members and guests to a ca-

sual New Year's Eve celebration

beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is

asked to bring finger foods to share

and your favorite board game.

Cards will be played and the bar

• Mamma Millie's, Norcatur,

will sponsor the Second Annual

New Year's Eve Bash in the big

gym of the Norcatur school build-

ing. There will be a \$10 cover

charge that includes the dance,

party favors, a finger-food buffet

and one drink ticket. Jam Session

is deejaying the dance that starts at

9 p.m. Karaoke begins at 11 p.m.

Organizers said the party will go

until everyone wants to go home.

open New Year's Eve from 1 p.m.

to 2 a.m. Food will be served all

day with well drink specials. Party

favors will be provided and hors

d'oeuvres will be served. Dance

music will be from the jukebox.

bringing in the Blane Younger

Band for its New Year's Eve party

from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

All You Can Eat Bull Fries

• The Time Zone in Lenora is

•O'Brien's Bar and Grill will be

• The Norton Eagles Club in-

night.

21 is invited.

will be open.

The Rock, a non-denominational youth center, will open for

Youth, adults

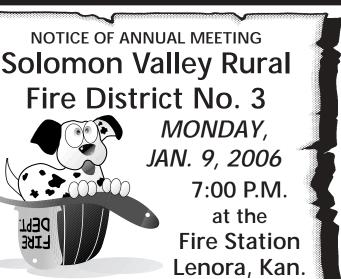
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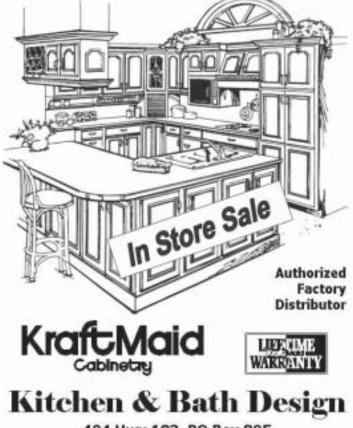
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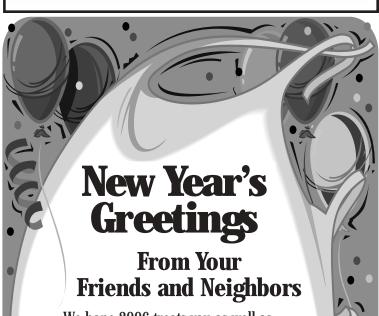
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ings and checking accounts and all out, was the better interest rates She said there will be no staff Westnow offers a 4.25 percent rate

> "That is outstanding, considering what's going on in the CD

The bank's website is

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*Please accept our sincere best wishes* for a happy and successful year ahead!

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New Year's worship services Immanuel Lutheran Church, 814 N. Second Street will hold a Churchill Drive, will host a "Come

beginning at 7 p.m.

The First Church of God, 1010 New Year's Eve worship service and Go" Communion Service from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



# NOTICE OF 57TH **Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 16, 2006 11:30 A.M.

to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall 104 S. Wabash, Norton

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 11

\$1.00 PER MEMBER

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### TELEGRAM and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce welcome the "Norton Coin Laundry" to the business community

The "Norton Coin Laundry" which is owned by Gary and JoLynn Lockhart is located at 106 W. Lincoln, Norton, Kansas. Hours for the laundromat are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The phone number is 877-2818. There is a 50-pound capacity washing machine and four 18-pound front-loading machines available along with four 30-pound dryers. All the machines operate on quarters.