



Store owner Christine Henry (above) rings up a grocery sale in the newly opened Prairie View Country Store. Ms. Henry



hangs up a Christmas wreath (right) in the gift section of her store. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

'Trail blazer' brings new blood to Prairie View

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
A self-proclaimed "trail blazer", Christine Henry came west to start a new life and a new business. Originally from Sicklerville, N.J., Ms. Henry had been living in Lancaster County, Pa., operating a retail gift shop and working as an accountant for a watch dial manufacturer.

When she learned of upcoming layoffs, she confided to a business associate that she thought it was time for her to "move west".

Four positions up for election

Four Norton School Board seats will be up for re-election next year. The filing deadline to be included on the ballot is noon on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Seats up for re-election are:
• Position One, held by Jennifer Terrell, represents those who live in Norton City Ward III, those who live outside of the city limits but within the school district boundaries, residents of the City of Clayton, and residents in Highland Township;

• Position Two, held by Mark Keilig, represents residents who live in Norton City Wards I and II;
• Position Three, held by Jeff Nielsen, represents residents who live in Norton City Wards I and II; and

• Position Seven, held by Chris Harting, represents residents at-large.

Each of the four positions is a four-year term.

The primary election, if needed, will be held on Feb. 27, while the general election will be held Tuesday, April 3.

For more information, contact Janice Russell, clerk of the board, at 877-3386, or Robert Wyatt, Norton County election officer, at 877-5710.

Her friend owned a ranch in Alton and made some contacts in her behalf. Her original plans fell through and it was still several years before she actually made the move to Kansas.

Ms. Henry said she had looked at several homes in the Osborne, Logan and Smith Center areas. But, when she was shown a house in Prairie View, she got "goose bumps" on her arms and she said, "This is it. This is my house."

As she and the real estate agent were driving out of town, he pointed out the old restaurant on Main Street in Prairie View and told her it was for sale, too. When told the price, she said, "I'll take it, too." She moved to Prairie View in August.

That decision launched her into rehabilitating the old cafe into the

updated, sparkling convenience store/gift shop/coffee shop you see today. Ms. Henry gives Phil Jansonius, a local carpenter, most of the credit for the remodeling, but she said it was her vision of what it would look like that set the direction for the work.

The gift shop section of the store carries some of the inventory from her Pennsylvania store and she plans to add locally made crafts. She also wants to carry antiques on consignment.

Her license is for a convenience store, so she can't really cook meals, but she provides top-quality frozen breakfast and lunch foods. She purchases frozen entrees like biscuit/sausage/egg and cheese sandwiches, jumbo cheeseburgers, bean and cheese burritos and 6-inch pizzas. Micro-

wave ovens make a hot, read-to-eat meal.

Ms. Henry said she will do her best to keep her prices affordable. She said she wants to serve the Prairie View community. Her plans for the future include bringing in bulk foods and perhaps opening a full-service restaurant.

She said, "I want to invite everyone to come in and have a meal." An amateur astronomer, she thinks Kansas sunsets are beautiful. She said, "To see the unspoiled sky in western Kansas at night time just brought tears to my eyes. I know I'm in the right place."

Ms. Henry has a son, Jason Henry, Mt. Joy, Pa., and a daughter, Tiffany Reynolds, Lititz, Pa. She also has four granddaughters.

Norton County Weather – December 12th – 16th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
55/25	50/20	60/25	65/25	60/23

Normal High: 42
Normal Low: 19

Sunrise: 7:54 to 7:57 A.M.
Sunset: 5:18 to 5:19 P.M.

The Indian Summer will continue at least for another 5 days. Afternoon highs 10-20 degrees above normal this week will have us wondering if Winter will ever come. Looking ahead long range weather data is hinting for colder temperatures later next week, but not indicating there will be any chances for moisture. We'll have keep crossing our fingers and praying for a white Christmas.

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4th Annual
WHISPERING PINES
RETIREMENT
Is Having Their
Christmas Coffee
Thursday, Dec. 14
7:00 P.M.
The Public is Invited
To Come and Enjoy
the Jay Singers Perform
Punch and Coffee and Homemade Cookies
will be Served Following the Program
WHISPERING PINES
WEST HIGHWAY 36 — NORTON, KANSAS
Kansas Department of Aging — Partnership Loan Program — Medicaid Approved — HCBS Approved

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Hearing to Amend County 2006 Budget

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Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2006 Budget

The governing body of
Norton County

will meet on the 29th day of December, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the Norton County Commissioner's room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the Norton County Courthouse in the Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

Fund	2006 Adopted Budget	2006 Proposed Amendment
	Expenditures	Expenditures
Road & Bridge	1,058,193	1,228,193
EMS-Ambulance	236,582	266,582
County Health	318,584	338,584
Noxious Weed	104,905	159,405
Appraiser's Cost	100,000	110,000
4-H Maintenance	12,000	13,000

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Register for Drawings
— REFRESHMENTS —

(SELECT MODELS)
Free Phones
STOREWIDE SPECIALS EACH DAY!!

Norton Open House
Thursday, December 14
FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Plainville Open House
Friday, December 15
FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

Hill City Open House
Thursday, December 21
FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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