

Store owner Christine Henry (above) rings up a grocery sale hangs up a Christmas wreath (right) in the gift section of her in the newly opened Prairie View Country Store. Ms. Henry 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 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:

Terrell, represents those who live in Norton City Ward III, those who live outside of the city limits but her behalf. Her original plans fell through and it was still several move to Kansas.

Ms. Henry said she had looked a retail gift shop and working as an at several homes in the Osborne, direction for the work. Logan and Smith Center areas. 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 foods. She purchases frozen enit, too." She moved to Prairie View in August.

Her friend owned a ranch in updated, sparkling convenience wave ovens make a hot, read-to-Alton and made some contacts in store/gift shop/coffee shop you see today. Ms. Henry gives Phil Jansonius, a local carpenter, most years before she actually made the of the credit for the remodeling, but she said it was her vision of what it would look like that set the

The gift shop section of the store But, when she was shown a house carries some of the inventory from in Prairie View, she got "goose 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 trees like biscuit/sausage/egg and cheese sandwiches, jumbo That decision launched her into cheese burgers, bean and cheese

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.

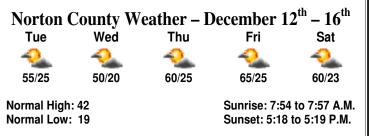
She said, "I want to invite everyone to come in and have a meal."

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.



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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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