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We have a treasure chest here in Norton. It's the Thrift Shop on Second Street.

It started in 1974, and is staffed by Methodist Women volunteers. They started it to replace the rummage sales they used to hold.

It is full of many items, such as clothing — clothes for men and women, young and old, winter, summer, spring or autumn, tops, bottoms and unders. There are even some maternity clothes.

Then there are the clothing accessories, such as coats, jackets, shoes, hats, scarves and gloves, robes, slippers and jammies, buttons, zippers, clothes patterns, ties, dress jackets, purses and belts.

"It's a shame to fill up the landfill with clothes when someone else can use them," said Verla Grysch, volunteer and unofficial spokesperson for the thrift shop.

The Thrift Shop has household items such as curtains, vases, puzzles, books, sheets, candle sticks, plates, silverware, table cloths, cooking utensils, coffee mugs (some plain, some decorated), glasses and silver sugar-and-creamer sets. There are some Christmas decorations for sale, and soon there will be even more put out.

They have an area for toys, stuffed animals, infant clothes and baby items.

A camera that no longer works but once captured countless family memories could now be a great toy for a child.

That silly candleholder received at a company Christmas party could be the missing piece to someone's collection.

Or....

There could be a shirt that would be great to wear for just around the house while cleaning or doing yard work.

Shoes that you don't mind mowing the yard in.

A book to read, for when you just need to pass the time for short periods here and there.

Play clothes or dress up clothes for kids.

A pair of candle sticks that could be the beginning of a collection.

The possibilities are endless, both when items are donated, and when those items are bought and used by someone else.

The clothes that are available for purchase change with the seasons.

In autumn and winter, there are sweaters, pants, gloves, hats and scarves. In the spring and summer, there are t-shirts, shorts and swimsuits.

"I'm amazed at the amount of donations we're getting even with the economy like it is," said Mrs. Grysch. "People are still donating all kinds of things!"

Not everything that is brought in can be sold, however.

Clothes that are damaged, stained, have broken zippers or large rips and tears are not able to be sold, and are thrown away. Clothes that have been on the racks too long are sent to the Orphan Grain Train in Phillipsburg, which is a relief organization that donates the items when natural disasters strike, like Hurricane Katrina, or overseas to poor countries.

Occasionally, when they have too many clothes to get it all out in the store, they will hold a \$1 sack sale. You only pay one dollar for all the clothes that can be fit into a brown paper bag. Usually, there is a \$1 sack sale every month or two.

"We get just about everything imaginable in here," said Mrs. Grysch. "One of the rare things we've gotten was an artist's chalk set in a wooden box, and the chalk had been barely used. We'll sometimes get in Stetson hats. We have a very nice gardening set that I will be putting out on a table soon."

"Sometimes we'll get wigs

in," said Mrs. Grysch.

Of course, they get items they wish they didn't, like dirty or broken appliances, shoes that have no more wear to them, filing cabinets, furniture and computer parts — which they are unable to test to see if they work, so they don't sell them.

And on the flip side are the things they don't get they wish they did, like more items for the kitchen, nice drinking glasses, towels and boys' toys that are still in working condition.

The money generated from the thrift shop does not go back to the Methodist Church, but rather is used to support several local events and projects, and various world missions.

Some of the projects include Norton Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Lions Club Christmas Baskets, Norton City Library and Library Foundation, Andbe Home Patient Fund, American Field Service, Ministerial Alliance, Norton Community High School Post Prom, God's Pantry, Norton Cares, Norton Flower Fund, Meals on Wheels, Norton Cemetery Fund, Norton County Museum.

The City of Norton was able to purchase it's first Jaws of Life with help from the Thrift Shop. Some of the funds for the slides at the city swimming pool came from the Thrift Shop.

Christmas, though coming up soon, its the only holiday they have decorations for. There's usually a variety of items for Valentine's Day, a fairly large selection of Easter baskets, eggs and stuffed animals, and Halloween costumes and accessories for Halloween.

The Thrift Shop's hours for winter are (October through March) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, closed on Thursday and Sunday, and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summer hours (April through September) are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

Hanging the greens



A city worker hung Christmas decorations on Wednesday afternoon. Hanging Christmas decorations has been a tradition in Norton for many, many years. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

FYI

Duplicate Bridge, three tables. First place Jack Graham and Larry Sumner. Second, Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges.

The Colby Community College International Horse Show Association team competed Nov. 8-9 at the Laramie County Community College Horse Show held at Cheyenne, Wyo.

"We rode smart and came out with a Reserve High Point win as a team," said coach Shanda Draper.

Among participants was Melissa Vogt (Norton) Reserve, who competed in the Walk-Trot, Show 2.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Senior Center in Norton will have a potato bar from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Prairie Statesmen will be singing, and free will donations will be accepted.

Norton Community High School seniors and juniors are invited to attend the Financial Aid Informational Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the high school music room. A representative from Education Quest in Kearney, Neb., will discuss the process of applying for Federal Financial Aid. For questions, contact Shane Miller at 877-3338.

(Items to tom.d@nwkansas.com, call 877-6908, fax 877-3732, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave. 67654 or drop by the office.)

Accident reports

Friday, Nov. 14 — Assistant Chief Jeremy Hartwell responded to a hit-and-run accident. Danielle Ruesch, Norton, reported that someone had hit her vehicle at an unknown location and left the scene without reporting it. Damage was listed as less than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Nov. 17 — Assistant

Chief Jeremy Hartwell responded to an accident on Park Street.

Daniel Yost, Norton, was parked at the curb when Evelyn Griffiths, Norton, tried to park in front of his vehicle. Ms. Griffiths backed into Mr. Yost's vehicle. Damage was listed as less than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KOREY D. HOWELL

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, November 14, 21, 28, 2008.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KOREY D. HOWELL, Deceased.

Case No. 2008 PR 53 NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICED TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November, 2008, a Petition was filed in this Court by Kenneth Howell and Wilma Howell, as heirs of Korey D. Howell, deceased praying that Kenneth Howell and Wilma Howell shall be appointed as Administrators, without bond; and that Kenneth Howell and Wilma Howell be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the

5th day of December, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law; and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Lila Fisher, a Norton resident, looked through clothes at the Thrift Shop on Wednesday afternoon. The Thrift Shop offers a wide variety of clothing for men and women, young and old, as well as many kinds of household items. It is located at 206 N. Second Street in Norton.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

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Contemporary Christian Singer and Songwriter

Fonda Telthorst in Concert

Saturday, November 22

7:00 p.m. at the

Norton Christian Church

Fonda, a Norton native, began her music career at age four singing in her hometown church. She graduated from Norton Community High and Washburn University after earning several music scholarships.

She currently lives in Kansas City where she leads contemporary Christian worship at churches, women's conferences, and other ministries wherever God calls her.

Fonda writes and sings songs that come from personal experiences, others' stories, and from scripture. There is an authentic passion and a sense of peace in Fonda's singing. Her music conveys God's message of hope, healing, joy, and love.

She has released *Your Name*, a CD single, *Song In My Heart*, a collection of mostly original work, and *Sing Hymn Praises*, a joint production with producer/musician Luiz Orsano of Healing Audio Studios.

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Fonda's music is available by contacting her at fondasings@yahoo.com. You may also visit her website at fondasings.com

