

Annual cookie walk held



The United Methodist Women held their annual Cookie and Candy Walk on Wednesday at Norton Senior Center. Many community members, including Ed Witt, above, attended to purchase cookies as well as coffee and cinnamon rolls. Money raised is for ministry and missions for the church.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Fifth instant drawing winner claims ticket

By ERICA BRADLEY
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On Friday, the fifth instant drawing winner claimed his \$50 ticket. Jay Holste received the ticket at Ag Valley Co-Op when he purchased fuel.

"I'm a farmer. I've been buying a lot of fuel," he said.

Holste said he is not sure where he will spend the money, although Christmas is quickly approaching. He said he will probably use it to buy his wife a Christmas present.



Jay Holste claimed the fifth Christmas On Us instant ticket at Ag Valley Co-Op's east site on Friday. Holste said he received the winning ticket when he bought fuel for his semi at Ag Valley.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Lions Club seeks donations

Norton Lions Club President David Davis announces that this year the 68 members of the Norton Lions Club will be conducting their annual Christmas Basket Project. This project was started in 1954 by Lion Dale Brunson. During its 55 year history, the project has provided thousands of baskets filled with food, toys and clothing to needy families in Norton County during the holiday season. Last year, 97 families throughout Norton County received a Christmas Basket. The baskets contain a ham, milk, fruits and vegetables for a traditional

holiday dinner along with age appropriate toys for the children in each family.

Support for this project has always been generous. "Many local businesses, clubs, churches and individuals come together to assist the Lions with donations each year," said Project Chairman Tom Baumann. The Lions Club invites community members to help again with this project by contributing money, food and/or toys.

Boxes for donated grocery items can be found in Jamboree Foods and Main Street IGA.

Canisters for cash donations have been placed in businesses throughout Norton. Organizations and individuals can also mail donations to the Norton Lions Club, PO Box 235 or Tom Baumann at Valley Hope Association, PO Box 510.

The Lions will also pickup donated food items and toys. Please contact Tom Baumann at 877-5111 or 877-3889 to make arrangements for pickup.

The Lions Club will be filling boxes and delivering them on Dec. 19.

Public Record

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Criminal

Nov. 5 - Deb Keiswetter, Norton, dog running at large and vicious dog. Dismissed by city prosecutor as dog was euthanized.

Nov. 5 - Jennifer Gallegos, Norton, allowing minor to break curfew. Fine \$20, court cost \$75.

Nov. 5 - Lindsey Tacha, Norton, loud stereo system. To pick up trash weekly in Elmwood Park ditches until December 31, 2009.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Nov. 19 - Darrell L. Ambrosier, Alma, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Austin M. Brown, Alma, speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$84, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Jim L. Clason, Holdrege, Neb., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$84, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Joleen K. Edelman, Bern, speeding 56 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$99, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Craig A. Eveleigh,

Norton, failure to give notice of injury accident, false information and driving in violation of restrictions, fine \$855, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Dennis Kachel, Edmond, driving while under suspension, fine \$500, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Rhonda J. Krantz, Ottawa, speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$78, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Brandon B. Laws, Greeley, Colo., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Joseph R. LeClair, Norton, speeding 101 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$270, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Joseph A. Morris, Engelwood, Colo., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Charles D. Luetters, Ransom, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Carol J. New, Norcatur, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Mitzi O'Boyle, Oberlin, expired registration and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$90, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Bill W. Ray, Norton, speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Jean Marie Rogers, Petuluma, Calif., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Eugene J. Scieszinski, Melrose, Iowa, 14 hour rule violation, fine \$100, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Steven Breyer Simons, Norton, speeding 93 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$162, court cost \$86.

Nov. 19 - Carroll M. Smith, Park Forest, Ill., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

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Family looking for lost dogs

By ERICA BRADLEY
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A local family is looking for their two dogs after they were seen being put into a light colored van on Nov. 25.

Jeff McKinley said Charlie is a two-year-old pug. He is yellow with a brown face.

"He's a great little dog,"

McKinley said.

The McKinleys recently adopted Puddles from Second Chance Humane Society. She is a two-year-old large Yorkie.

The dogs had run towards the highway when they were put into the van. McKinley said a witness saw the dogs being picked up on west Highway 36 by a heavy-set

Asian female with a white male driving the van.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said the sheriff's office is looking at leads. Their investigation is continuing.

McKinley said they are offering a \$400 reward.

Tips can be made to the Sheriff's Office, 877-5780.



Debra Terrell, right, claimed her Christmas On Us instant ticket last week, making her the fourth person to claim the \$50 scrip money. Terrell received her winning ticket from Jamie Wentz at Stitch Up A Storm.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Local residents still collecting winning Christmas tickets

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Debra Terrell was the fourth person to claim her winning ticket in the Christmas On Us instant drawing. She received her ticket at Stitch Up A Storm when she bought fabric and a sewing book for an upcoming project.

"I'm starting some new projects," Terrell said.

Terrell said she is not sure

what she will spend the \$50 scrip money on, although she plans on making more purchases at Stitch Up A Storm.

"We appreciate our customers, and we feel very grateful they spend their money here," said Regina Stark, store owner.

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CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

The Norton Telegram is Sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest

Stop by the Norton Telegram or the Alma Market in Alma and pick up one of the nine designs. Return the colored picture to The Norton Telegram or the Alma Market no later than Wednesday, December 16. The pictures will be displayed in the lobby of The Norton Telegram for judging.

Prizes are being donated by: Norton Dairy Queen; Endzone; Garden Gate Florals Etc.; Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse; Norton Animal Health Center; The Bank; Alma State Bank; Pizza Hut, and The Norton Telegram