



Northern Valley third graders in Mrs. Schooler's class purchased \$250 worth of groceries to donate to God's Pantry in Norton. They purchased the food from Almena Market and delivered it Wednesday afternoon. The class had decided to do chores to earn the money. —Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

# Hospice trees offer memories

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During the holidays many of us gather with family and friends. More often than not, these gatherings include the telling and re-telling of family stories, observations about how a child's behavior or expressions mirrors that of other family members, the sharing of recipes and traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation. And often remembrances of those who are no longer with us.

For those interested in finding a specific place for remembering their loved ones during the holiday season, Hospice Services has such a place, The Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree.

The tree is located at the Norton Public Library. Individuals turn memories into a gift by placing an ornament on the Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree.

The ornament can illuminate the memory of someone special as well as provide "light" and hope for terminally ill patients and their families during the coming year.

The donation for the ornament is for any amount. The person doesn't have to be a hospice patient. You can give in memory or in honor of a loved one too.

The emphasis on remembrance, while present during joyful times, also plays an important role during the Holidays. Losing a loved one is always hard. However, having support can help bring out special moments that might not otherwise be possible.

Hospice Service has bereavement material available for anyone in the community. Please contact Hospice Services at 543-2900 or 1-800-315-5122 for additional bereavement resources or if you have any questions.

## Kids earn money to donate food

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God's Pantry was the scene of delivery on Wednesday when seventeen third grade students from Northern Valley arrived with food. Lots of food.

Mrs. Schooler's third grade

class of 18 decided after Thanksgiving that a Christmas project would be a great goal.

Their idea was to do chores, get paid for their jobs, save it and give it away for Christmas. Mrs. Schooler said "The money they collected had to be earned, no one

could just donate."

The kids worked. Baby-sitting, vacuuming cars, washing dishes, scooping snow and other jobs. They earned money, \$250, to be exact.

Wednesday, the class took their money to Almena Market and

spent all of it on food items.

A yellow school bus carried the kids, teachers and food to Norton, where Elaine Mann and Deb Terrell met them at the pantry.

"A more welcome gift could not have been received," Mann said.

## Host families sought for students

Youth For Understanding USA is seeking local host families to host high school exchange students for the next school year. Youth For Understanding is one of the world's oldest, largest and most respected international exchange programs. Since 1951, Youth For Understanding offices around the world have exchanged approximately 240,000 students. It is a private, non-profit educational program dedicated to preparing young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent

world. Youth For Understanding USA is certified by CSJET standards.

Youth For Understanding USA will welcome new high school international exchange students this August. Our students come from different countries around the world.

They speak English, have their own spending money, health insurance, will attend an American high school and will provide innumerable good memories and experiences to your family!

Open your doors to a new family member this summer and help

him/her adapt to the U.S. lifestyle and culture. Hosting will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about other traditions and languages without leaving home.

Our host families are as diverse as our students. They are couples with or without children, empty nesters, single adults and also come from all cultural and economic backgrounds. Hosting an international exchange student can be an enriching experience for the entire family that will last a lifetime. By opening your home and heart to a student from overseas, your family will gain

a new global perspective, many memories and - quite possibly - a new family member! You can host a student for ten months as a permanent host family, or for only six or 12 weeks as an arrival family.

Our trained Youth For Understanding staff and volunteers are available to support you every step of the way.

If you are interested in hosting a Youth For Understanding student or would like more information, please call 1-866-493-8872 or apply on-line at [www.YouthForUnderstanding-usa.org](http://www.YouthForUnderstanding-usa.org).

## Sheriff's Log

**December 10**  
8:50 a.m. Subject arrived at the Sheriff's Office to thank deputy that checked on his welfare.  
8:50 a.m. Subject advised that his vehicle hit a snow bank on Road 1 and about 2 1/2 miles west of Almena Cemetery and is being towed today and he will need a crash report taken.  
8:53 a.m. Advised Sheriff Thomson and Deputy Bohl of subject thanking deputy and about him being gone Dec. 21.  
8:53 a.m. Advised Sheriff Thomson and Deputy Bohl of crash report needed.  
1:09 p.m. Subject arrived at Sheriff's Office needing a vehicle inspection on a camper at his residence.  
1:12 p.m. Subject left Sheriff's Office and a Deputy will call and then go to residence to do vehicle inspection on camper.

8:38 p.m. Decatur County arrived at the Sheriff's Office with 3 inmates for us to hold.  
10:52 p.m. Advised Deputy Land of call from subject reference on report needed on a busted out taillight.  
**December 11**  
9:57 a.m. Subject called advising they had four vehicles needing a VIN inspection done.  
9:58 a.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl and Deputy Land of above.  
11:33 a.m. Subject arrived at Sheriff's Office to speak with Under Sheriff Wenzl.  
11:41 a.m. Subject left after speaking with Under Sheriff Wenzl.  
12:10 p.m. Received a call from subject in Almena in reference to son's pickup had been keyed at unknown time.  
12:11 Advised Deputy Land

of above.  
2:52 p.m. Subject arrived at Sheriff's Office wanting to visit with Sheriff Thomson and then left to return another time.  
4:25 p.m. Received a 911 call from the Lenora Grade School reference to kids acting up and request that a deputy come down.  
4:28 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl of above.  
**December 12**  
11:17 a.m. Four Subjects arrived at Sheriff's Office to speak with Deputy Bohl.  
11:58 a.m. Four Subjects left Sheriff's Office after speaking with Deputy Bohl.  
8:05 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl that Phillips Conty has an active warrant on subject.  
8:58 p.m. Deputy Bohl arrived at the Sheriff's Office with subject.  
9:11 p.m. Subject left the Sher-

iff's Office after ORing out on his warrant.  
**December 13**  
4:00 p.m. Four subjects arrived at Sheriff's Office to speak with Deputy Bohl.  
5:15 p.m. Four subjects left Sheriff's Office after visiting with Deputy Bohl.  
6:17 p.m. Two subjects arrived back at the Sheriff's Office to visit with Deputy Bohl.  
6:43 p.m. Two subjects left the Sheriff's Office

## Nex-Tech recognized

Nex-Tech was recently recognized at Ingram Micro's 2009 Fall Venture Tech Network Invitational in Denver for having success with one of their product lines.

Gary Aufdemberge, business technology manager, said Nex-Tech received the Spotlight Award for the blade server, which allows one piece of equipment to house multiple servers.

"We showed the most growth with IBM in that product line," Aufdemberge said.

He accepted the award on behalf of Nex-Tech.

"This was a great year for many of our VTN members, with hundreds boasting record growth and profitability," said John Fago, Ingram Micro senior director of channel marketing.

"The energy within the community is contagious, and the peer-to-peer partnering and knowledge sharing has reached an all-time high with no signs of slowing. We are so proud of each and every one of our VTN members and congratulate the 2009 VTN spotlight award winners," he said.

You're Invited to Our  
*Open House*

Monday, December 21,  
Tuesday, December 22,  
and Wednesday, December 23

AT BOTH LOCATIONS:  
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When Dad started having chest pain, I didn't realize how critical the first few minutes were to preventing damage to his heart. The Good Samaritan Hospital paramedics transported him to the Level II trauma center where the heart team opened his blocked artery in less than 30 minutes, preventing any damage. I guess time really is heart muscle, which is one reason why Good Samaritan was the first accredited Chest Pain Center in the state.

Our family is really blessed to have such skillful care close by. When seconds count, the best care from arrival to dismissal is...within reach.

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We would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas

•Dana  
•Sherry •Vicki  
•Erica •Harriett  
•Dick •Derek

Delivering Our Thanks

We're ho-ho-hoping a bundle of good news and glad tidings lands on your doorstep this holiday season. We appreciate your loyal readership!

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