

Serving lunch



Chris and Evelyn McDiffet helped serve lunch to people who could not be with their families on Christmas during the Norton Area Chamber's 26th annual Christmas Dinner. The event was held at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall at noon on Christmas Day. -Courtesy photo

Learning Center taking students

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At a time when a high school diploma is a necessity to find a job, it is nice to learn that Norton has a remedy for the large drop out problem that has plagued our schools for many years.

The Norton USD District 211 Learning Center will help you get a high school diploma that is issued by Norton Community High School and comes complete with a full graduation ceremony.

Currently there are 78 enrollees at the center. Fifteen of them are students from the high school doing a credit recovery that will permit them to graduate with their class. Sixty-three are students that want to have a high school diploma. There are five students that are on track to graduate in May. The age of students that have taken advantage of this learning opportunity have ranged from 14-60.

There are two teachers at the center. Danna Kelly, a certified teacher, and Sherry Hoover, who is working on getting her certification.

Kelly explained that the atmosphere at the center is based on self motivation.

"A student progresses at their own pace. For adults with other responsibilities, this can be the difference between success and failure," she said.

The curriculum is the same as the high school, 21 credits to complete. Classes are online and can be completed at home. This is a benefit for those adults that have employment and families. The tests are given at the center along with some of the grading.

A relaxed and caring attitude is in the building; teachers want to see success for their students. A child care room is there with a television to keep the children entertained while their parents take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

Students doing a credit recovery are charged a fee based on family income. Other students are able to enroll for no charge. The hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. As there is open enrollment, anyone interested in completing high school and getting a diploma can sign up anytime.

Parish dedicates windows

The United Parish Church of Lenora will have a special service on Jan. 3, 2010 to dedicate their newly restored stained glass windows.

The original stained glass windows were added to the church approximately 80 years ago and were in need of repairs and restoration in order to preserve these vintage beauties.

The congregation has been raising funds for the past year to have the windows restored which came to a cost of about \$32,000.00. Willet Hauser Architectural Glass from Minnesota completed the work in November.

"We're pleased to have this dedication service and would like to invite anyone desiring to attend," said church council members.

"It would be especially nice if the families of ancestors that were part of placing the original windows some 80 years ago could attend." Some of the windows were given in memory of a loved one, and several were given by Sunday School classes or other individuals.

"We would like to say thank you to anyone who helped raise funds in any way whether it was from attending church fundraising functions, monetary donations, or simply by buying quilt raffle tickets. Every dollar raised was very much appreciated," council members said.

Rolls and coffee will be served from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. with the dedication service starting at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Rural Telephone announces capital credits

Rural Telephone's Board of Trustees, during their November meeting, approved \$642,527 in capital credits to be distributed to its members.

"Eligible members who had telephone service with the Lenora-based cooperative during the years of 1988 through 1998 will receive a capital credit check. This is the twenty-fifth consecutive year in which capital credit checks have been issued to Rural Telephone members," said Rural Telephone CEO/General Manager, Larry Sevier. "Capital credit distributions have totaled over \$25 million."

According to Chief Information Officer Mike Pollock, eligible members have started receiving checks the third week of December.

Equity capital provides the financial basis to invest and plan for the future of the organization and to offer broadband and other advanced services while maintaining an adequate debt/equity ratio.

Due to the competitive environment, Rural Telephone must continue to invest in new and advanced service offerings to ensure a strong cooperative in the future.

The Board of Trustees is committed to managing funds in a manner which allows them to evaluate returning some capital to members while retaining sufficient capital to continue to maintain and improve advanced communication services.

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.

Traffic

Dec. 3 - Pamela Bigge, Norton, defective headlamp. Dismissed as headlamp fixed.

Dec. 3 - Dennis Barratt, Lincoln, Neb., speeding 45 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75

Dec. 3 - Bryan Elmore, Carlisle, Ariz., speeding 42 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Katherine Kohr, Huntington, W. Va., turning violation, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Dec. 3 - Christopher Robeson, Enumclaw, Wash., speeding 30 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 3 - Joseph Richardson, Smith Center, speeding 43 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 3 - Jodi Willard, Norton, speeding 49 in a 40 mph zone and failure to have insurance, fine \$330, court cost \$75

Dec. 3 - Da L. Chen, Norton, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 3 - Sarah Horst, Mullen, Neb., speeding 41 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$75.

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

Dec. 3 - Marissa R. Baker, Clayton, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Denver R. Banister, Alliance, Neb., failure to use child

safety restraints and seat belts, fine \$70, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Nick L. Brown, Stockton, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Jeremy L. Brown-Brannon, Almena, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Debbie S. Bryan, Oberlin, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Brittany E. Gaines, Logan, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - John E. Gibson, Gravoismills, Mo., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Cynthia R. Goodman, Gill, Colo., expired registration, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Dave H. Hanneman Jr., Blair, Neb., speeding 82 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$153, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Kimberly Rae Jessup, Almena, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Kathryn M. Kirkland, Arvada, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Danielle C. Knifley, driving under the influence of alcohol, first conviction, transporting an open container, fine \$945, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Lawrence H. Miller, Lombard, Ill., speeding 78 in a 55 mph, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Mark E. Miller, Colby, speeding 78 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$117, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - John M. Powers, Scottsdale, Ariz., speeding 71 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Devinn D. Richardson, Oshkosh, Neb., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

Dec. 3 - Chase R. Vaughn, Colby, speeding 68 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Russell W. Andrews,

Henderson, Colo., speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$72, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Rigoberto M. Barron, Houston, Texas, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone and failure to have a valid driver's license, fine \$114, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Robert L. Barnett, Norcat, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Jocelyn Marie Benoit, Damar, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Michael Scott Boone, Mobile, Ala., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Abdi Fidow, Grand Island, Neb., speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Jay S. Gregg, Golden,

Colo., speeding to fast for road conditions, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Dan D. Lewis, Dresden, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Sarah Kate Lowry, Derby, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Dustin M. Mackle, Lakewood, Colo., speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Daron S. Martin, Kansas City, Mo., speeding 85 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$90, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Rachel A. Mondt, Wichita, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Daniel M. Morrow, Hill City, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$62, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Richard Wesley Purcella, Princeton, Texas, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$62, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Nicole Rhea, New Alamo, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Casey Reed Robison, Norton, expired registration, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Gregory L. Talbert, Cheyenne Wells, Colo., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Dec. 17 - Brenda D. Weiser, Grinnell, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS TO THE ANDBE HOME BOARD

Three positions on the Andbe Home Board of Directors expire in 2010. These positions will be filled by election at the Annual Meeting which will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, at 7 p.m.**

Nominees will be chosen by the Andbe Home Corporation. Nominating Committee. A director must be a resident of Norton County. A director whose term is expiring may be nominated. Any person may propose in writing the name of a person for the committee to consider for nomination. Names must be submitted by February 15, 2010 to:

Andbe Home Inc.
c/o President
201 W. Crance St., Norton, KS 67654

Thank You

To local organizations and individuals who supported our Christmas Basket project.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Norton I.O.O.F, The Thrift Shop, Bev and Chuck Kohfeld, Pamida Foundation, Warren and Wanda Heaton, Jamboree Foods, Lofgreen Farm, Inc., Main St. IGA, Valley Hope Association, VHA employees, Pamida, USD 211, Norton Senior Center, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Busy Beavers 4-H Club, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, PEO, North Dividers FCE Club, KQNK Radio, Norton Telegram, United Methodist Women, Hays SRS Office, New Age Industries, Inc., NCHS Kay Club, Norton Correctional Facility, and the many individuals who donated their time, money and food to make this a successful community project.

Through your generosity, 104 area needy families had a more enjoyable and meaningful Christmas.

The Norton Lions Club
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