

The Prairie Dog has Christmas in August

Five camp sites took part in the seventh annual Prairie Dog Christmas. An event to put the campers and visitors in the mood for the Christmas spirit. The idea is to decorate your camp site for the Christmas holiday.

Robert and Judy Groneweg of Oberlin took part for the first time this year. Their site had red lights outlining the area with a blow up Frosty and a blow up Santa in his sleigh pulled by Rudolph.

The second site was that of camp hosts, Vicki and Mike Bailey of Jennings. It was their fourth year decorating for the occasion. Their theme was hooked on Christmas. Santa was sitting in his boat fishing on the

waves with Nemo, Willy, and other fish surrounding him and the floating buoys. Camp neighbors, Mick and Colette Miller helped decorate their site, they decided to sit this year out themselves.

The third site was a joint effort by three families, Marcia and Leon Shoemaker of Norton, Rick and Koreen Triplett of Logan and Scott and Robin Sproul of Lenora. This was the first year to decorate for all three of these camp sites. Decorated with lights and garlan Santa was found sitting in his lawn chair with Rudolph and a decorated Christmas tree at his side.

Mr. Groneweg said that they had been out at the lake for two weeks

camping. When asked what prodded them to take part he said, "It sounded like fun and something to do." They had just found out about the contest and flew home the morning of the contest and gathered up their blow up lawn decorations and lights just to take part this year.

The camp of three families decided to take part when the Triplett family heard about it and recruited the Shoemaker and Sproul families. Mr. Sproul said, "Marcia called and told us about the contest and that we should join them in decorating along with the Triplett family."

Two judges were recruited, Deana Wente from KQNK and Kim Snyder,

City Council woman and owner of Bella Sole. Park Ranger, Toby Kuhn, escorted the ladies around to the camp sites Saturday evening to pick their favorite. "We had to do things a bit differently this year due to one camp site being decorated by three families," said Mr. Kuhn. The winners ended up being the three families of Shoemaker, Sproul and Triplett, with a second place tie between the Bailey and Groneweg sites.

Every camp who participated won Chamber Bucks courtesy of Norton Travel and Tourism. This Chamber money can be used in any Chamber member's business here in Norton. This keeps the money at

home, helping out our local economy.

Mr. Kuhn did not know if they would continue doing this again next year or not. If not be rest assured that they will have something just as fun to take part in.



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VEHICLE — Annual-\$24.70; Second-14.70; Daily-4.20; Senior Discount/Annual-13.60; Senior Discount/Second-8.60; Senior Discount Daily-2.85; Duplicate Vehicle-12.50; KOALS Fee-1.50; KOALS Fee-.50.

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tion-11.50; Cabin Rent-45.00; Prime Site Fee-2.50; 30 Day Camping-261.50.

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Resident-17.50; Archery No Resident Tenant-17.50; WTES General Resident-32.50. WTES Youth General Resident-17.50; WTES No Resident Tenant-17.50; HOL Resident-17.50; HOL No Resident-77.50; Special HOL Relative-32.50; WT Antlerless General Resident-17.50; WT Antlerless No Resident-77.50; WT Antlerless Youth General-10.00; Muzzle-

loader L/T-17.50; Muzzleloader Youth Resident-17.50; Muzzleloader No Resident-17.50; Any Deer App-37.50; Any Deer App LO/T-22.50.

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