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Downtown district receives historic status

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The nomination of the Norton Downtown Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places was approved by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review at its meeting Nov. 20 in Topeka.

While it received the designation to the state register last month, the National Parks Service will review the nomination to the National Register. It should be approved by the Parks Service by the end of January, said Kerry Davis, nomination preparer and owner of Preservation Solutions, LLC.

Preservation Solutions is an historic preservation consultant hired earlier this year by the Norton City/County Economic Development to prepare and submit the nomination.

The National Register lists historic properties worthy of preservation, but a listing doesn't mean limitations are placed on the property by the government or that public visitation is required.

The designation could mean tax incentives for businesses who wish to make improvements, Davis said in a phone conversation.

Having the entire district approved means that the whole group of buildings have passed the first step collectively; however, any improvements on each building will be considered separately because each has inherently different circumstances based on eligibility status, the level of work involved and whether they are income producing or non-profit entities.

Some grants are available for rehabilitation projects, but they are highly competitive and usually go to public buildings such as courthouses, libraries and post offices, not to private properties, Davis said.

While the designation also means the district falls under the Kansas Historical Preservation Act which says that any work on a property within 500 feet of the historic district listing boundary that



Verla Grysch, administrative assistant at the Norton City/County Economic Development Office, points out the original skylights in the upstairs hall at the Heaton Building in downtown Norton. The building is part of the newly designated Historic District. —Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

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Briefly Post Office gives holiday mail dates

The Postal Service recommends the following mail-by dates to ensure your gift arrives on time: international mail, Dec. 3-20; military mail destined for Iraq or Afghanistan, Dec. 4; military mail for other overseas bases, Dec. 10; parcel post, Dec. 15; first class mail, Dec. 20; priority mail, Dec. 21, and express mail, Dec. 22.

Schedule given for meal deliveries

Meals on Wheels schedule for Dec. 6 through Jan. 2:

Dec. 6-12: Women's Council Christian Church, contact Carmen Lesh 877-2310
Dec. 13-19: Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact Fonda Lawrence 877-3145

Dec. 20-26: Norton Rotary Club, contact Gloria Zwickle 877-3666

Dec. 27-Jan. 2: Child Study Club, contact Amy Menagh 877-3238

Each group should have 3 persons with their own car to deliver the noon meal. Volunteers report at 11:30 a.m. for delivery, Monday through Sunday.

Be sure to turn in the list of volunteers to Alice Hawks at the hospital by Friday of the week before your group starts their delivery.

Kansas Veterans Rep here next week

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the City Office to assist veterans and their dependents with claims Tuesday, Dec. 7.

If you are unable to contact her at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.54
Milo	\$4.53
Soybeans	\$11.88
Corn	\$4.88

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 24. **Saturday** - Mostly cloudy with a high near 38. **Saturday Night** - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 19. **Sunday** - A 20 percent chance of snow. **Sunday Night** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 17. **Monday** - A 20 percent chance of snow.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 30 Low 18, High 36
Wednesday, Dec. 2 Low 13, High 48
Thursday, Dec. 3 Low 25, High 52
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to give generously of our time to those who grieve. Show us how we can make a difference. Amen.



Christmas treats



Bev Wilken begins making her selection of cookies and candy at the United Methodist Women of Norton's Cookie and Candy Walk Wednesday, at the Norton Senior Center. —Telegram Photo by Judy Sherard

Commissioners pay bills

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The Norton County Commissioners met on Tuesday this week to approve payment of the end of the month bills. John Miller was absent.

Ron Kent asked the commissioners for millings to fill in where the road meets the driveway of his business Norton Ice. Commission Chairman Richard Thompson and Commissioner Carolyn Applegate agreed to the request.

Kent also told commissioners he needed an easement to cross a road in Cinema Hills twice to tie into the sewer. "Traditionally we don't have a problem crossing the road for utilities," said Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius.

Thompson and Applegate authorized him to use a county easement but asked for paperwork identifying specific information.

Applegate mentioned that she had heard many comments about the lights that have been put up on the courthouse as well as Santa's house. Applegate said

there were many favorable comments Santa's opening night.

Cindy Linner, Norton County Treasurer, said sales tax collection was down \$3,000 from a year ago, when she gave her monthly report.

Sandy Smith, Road and Bridge Department administrative assistant, told the commissioners she would meet with Steve Berland about the bridge work that needs to be done before ordering supplies.

Her department is working on taking inventory and organizing it.

Smith asked the commissioners if it would be possible to purchase a 22-foot tilt top trailer to be used to haul the bobcat loader.

Workers currently have to use the large trailer or borrow someone's personal trailer if it's in use.

R.A. Peterson, D.C., whose term on the Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees will expire at the end of the year, met with the board to tell them he is interested in serving another term.

Christmas on Us is in third week

A total of 3,420 tickets were collected during the third week of Christmas On Us. Each of the ten participating businesses had tickets in the drawing.

Last week 2,526 tickets were collected. This year's total so far is 8,609 tickets.

One \$50 instant winner, Weldon "Willie" Carlin, Norton, claimed a winning ticket at Ag Valley Co-op for the second week. Be sure to check for matching ticket numbers in the sponsors' ads on

the Christmas on Us page of The Telegram every Tuesday. Winners have until Monday to bring their tickets in to The Telegram office, 215 S. Kansas Avenue. Prizes are in the form of script money spendable only at Christmas on Us participating businesses. Those businesses have posters displayed.

Shoppers get one ticket for every

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Holiday Sale Under Way

NAME BRANDS ON SALE:

La-Z-Boy, Chromcraft, Bassett, Lacrosse, Whirlpool, Amana, Mowhawk and Shaw Carpet



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