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Norton County Afghans, Kansas Picture Books and Norton and Kansas Christmas Ornaments . . .

Friday

December 17, 2010

Briefly

School to dismiss early for Christmas

The Norton Schools will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 and buses will run at dismissal.

School will resume at the the normal time on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

Library movie night and hours

The Norton Public Library's "Monday at the Movies" is on Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. The movie will be "Mrs. Miracle". The Hospice Tree is located at the Norton Public Library. Donations can be made at the Library. The Library's holiday hours: closed Dec. 24 then open up again on Dec. 28 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. then closed again on Dec. 31 and re-open again on Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tag renewal and taxes are due

Dec. 20 is the deadline for the First Half Taxes to be paid without penalty. The deadline for Automobile, light truck and motor cycle tag renewal for names beginning with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" is Dec. 30. The Norton County Treasurers office will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 for the holidays.

Chamber hosts Christmas dinner

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce 27th annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. This dinner is for anyone who cannot be with loved ones on Christmas Day. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or desert to complete the feast. There is no charge for the dinner, however donations will be accepted. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office, at 785-877-2501

Markets

Friday, December 17, 2010

Wheat	\$6.64
Milo	\$4.90
Soybeans	\$12.08
Corn	\$5.25

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

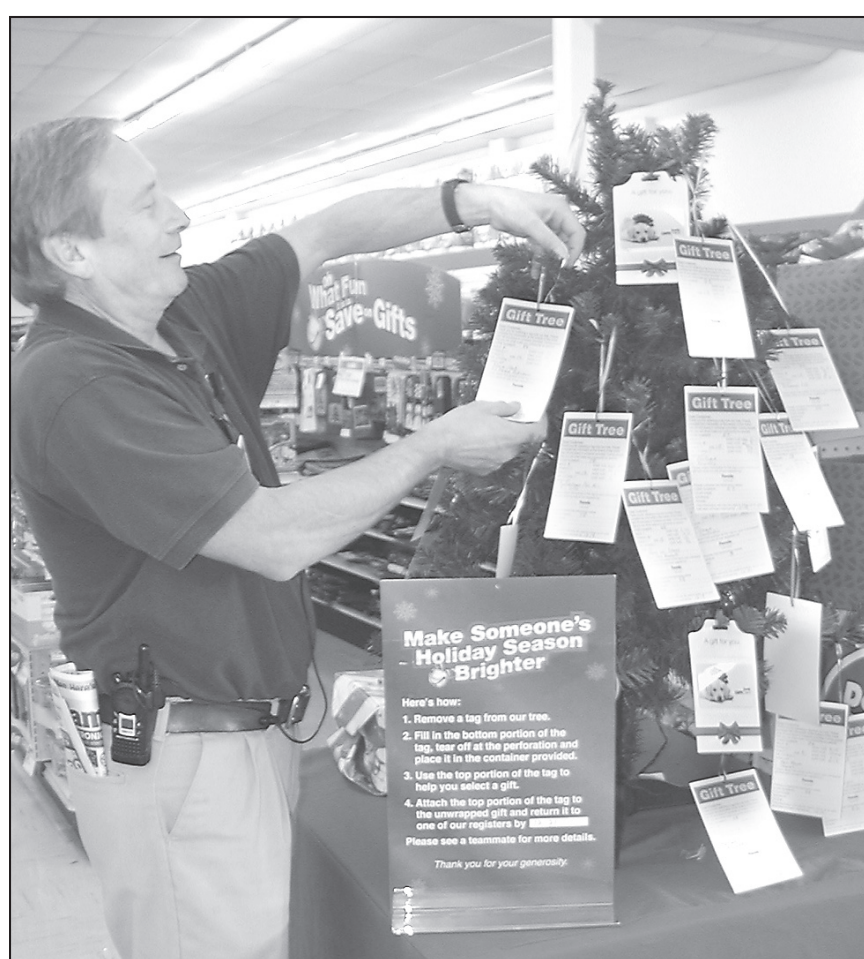
Kingham Report

Tuesday, Dec. 14Low 17, High 44
Wednesday, Dec. 15.....Low 18, High 44
Thursday, Dec. 16.....Low 22, High 41
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, forgive our selfishness. Help us to focus on the needs of others, to be good news to others before we tell them the Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A tree of hopes and dreams



Norton Pamida Store manager Joel Duscher hangs a gift tag on the Angel Tree on display in the store. Twenty-two tags are still waiting to be chosen to receive gifts for Christmas. All givers and receivers remain anonymous.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Pamida's Angel tree helps area families

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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For 22 years the Norton Pamida Store has been helping local "Santa Clauses" provide a Merry Christmas for needy Norton area children and their families.

Store manager Joel Duscher said every year he contacts the Social Rehabilitative Services office in Hays and the office provides a form for families to fill out. With all names kept anonymous, the list is sent to Mr. Duscher at the store where tags are numbered, filled out and hung on the Angel Tree on display inside the Norton store. Information on the tag includes size, color, needs and wants of the individual.

Pamida shoppers are encouraged to pick one or more tags and bring unwrapped presents back to the store where a group of volunteers will wrap them. Since the address is the only thing known about the recipient, the presents are bagged with the address only. Deliveries are made by Norton Boy Scouts and a team of Pamida staff, maintaining the anonymity of both givers and receivers.

Mr. Duscher said the Norton community really supports the store's promotion. He said, "That's what touches me, how generous the community is with its time and money."

Mr. Duscher said he knows the recipients appreciate the gifts. He said a woman

had been on the Angel Tree program one year but, did not request to be on it the next year. Instead, she came to the store and volunteered to wrap all the Angel Tree presents. He said she wanted to show her gratitude. He said families often send the store thank you cards.

This year the Pamida Angel Tree had 85 requests for help; almost double the requests from 2009. Mr. Duscher said 29 tags still remain on tree and may be picked up anytime during store hours.

Angel tree is one of many community service projects the staff and management of Pamida support. The "Round-Up" promotion is in progress to benefit God's Pantry. As shoppers have their purchases rung up, the clerk asks if they want to "round-it-up" with the change going to help the community food bank. The Pamida Foundation has also donated \$1,500 to the pantry.

Other projects to receive help from Pamida include March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, American Heart Association, the Back-To-School program for needy students in the Almaena school district, the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall, a grant to Sunshine Learning Center and funding to help purchase a drug dog through Norton County Sheriff's office.

So far this year, the Norton Pamida store has donated almost \$4,000 to local organizations.

Commissioners face dilemma over remaining millings

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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Norton County Commissioners are just hoping there will be enough asphalt millings to cover both road projects and what they owe landowners in rent for use of stockpile sites.

Last week the commissioners found out that one set of landowners, Spencer and Roger Braun felt they were owed 10 loads a year in exchange for storing the millings. The Brauns said that they had received 16 loads but, since the millings had been on the property for four years, they were owed another 24 loads.

Not finding any documentation the

commissioners asked the county attorney to write and tell the men not to remove any millings.

After the letter had gone out, Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith found a rental agreement, which was signed in 2006.

So on Monday, Roger Braun met with commissioners during their meeting to hash out the problem.

"We're in our fifth year of a two-year agreement," Mr. Braun told the commissioners adding that he wasn't happy about either the article in the newspaper or the letter from the attorney.

"We know we have a problem with

this," Commissioner John Miller said. "We've got to use the millings on the FEMA project. You and I can probably reach an agreement but working with the feds. . ."

Mr. Miller said that the county will need almost 9,000 cubic yards of asphalt millings to put on roads that have been repaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency over the last couple of years.

Mr. Miller asked if the county had any agreement to haul millings for the Brauns because he didn't know if the county had the equipment and manpower to do so right now. Also, he asked how much

would 24 loads be.

At 17 cubic yards a load, he figured, the county owes the Brauns 408 cubic yards of material.

Members of the Road and Bridge crew in attendance said that the county should have almost 10,000 cubic yards but that there might be other calls on those and all figures are just estimates.

Miller said the county could start using off the pile at the Brauns almost immediately but that it will still take quite a while to get it cleaned up especially since the millings will have to be dug out of the

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Telegram's Christmas On Us promotion comes to an end

The Christmas On Us promotion wrapped up last night. The drawing for two unclaimed \$50 instant tickets were drawn along with the three big prizes of \$200, \$300 and \$500.

The program kicked off on Nov. 9 with a full page to introduce the participating sponsors. For every ten dollars spent in the business they would get a ticket with numbers on them. For the next four weeks, every Tuesday new ads came out with numbers hidden within them. These numbers were for the instant \$50 ticket winners. A total of ten instant winners were provided for along with the three bigger prizes awarded last night. Only eight instant winners claimed their prizes which comes in the form of scrip money that can only be spent at the participating Christmas On Us sponsors' place of business. Each winner has until March 31, 2011 to spend their winnings.

"We had some new sponsors this year and we were able to give out as much money this year as we did last year so I would say that once again, it was a great success." General Manager/Advertising Director Dana Paxton stated. "I like this promotion due to the fact that we are keeping money here in Norton instead of seeing it all leave town."

This year's sponsors were; Attitudes, Ag Valley Coop, Kellies Inc., Sander Furniture, La Canteras, Stitch Up A Storm, Nex Tech, Engel's Sales and Service and Main Street IGA.

The first number to be drawn was for one of the unclaimed \$50 winners. It took one draw to find a winning ticket from Main Street IGA and it went to John Carlin. The second prize drawn for was for the other unclaimed \$50 winner. It took two times for Althea Paxton, Santa's helper, to find that winner and it came from Sander Furniture and was Tim Kelley.

The bigger drawings came next. The first was for the \$200 prize. Miss Paxton dug deep and pulled one ticket before she found the winner from The Norton Telegram and it was Alvin Mapes. Next, was for the \$300 prize. One ticket was drawn and came from Ag Valley Coop and James Seamons came forward with the winning ticket. Last but not least, the biggest prize of the night was to be drawn, with the crowd becoming restless Miss Paxton stuck her arm back in the tumbler twice and finally, the ticket from Ag Valley Coop was pulled and a very excited Kim Gallentine came forward with the match-

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After drawing only seven tickets total, we had five big winners last night at the Christmas On Us drawing. From front, Kim Gallentine was the biggest winner of the night winning \$500, Alvin Mapes won \$200 and in the back, James Seamons won \$300 and one of the \$50 instant winners was John Carlin. Tim Kelley was not pictured but he also won \$50.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill



Mortensen Computer Services

— December 30 — Open House and End of the Year Inventory Reduction Sale —

Stocking Stuffers Starting at 69¢