

And the winner is!



Shawn Schock won first place with her "Monster Cookies" at the 4th Annual Cookie Contest sponsored by The Norton Telegram. Prizes were donated by local merchants: Endzone, The Norton Theatre, The Norton Telegram, Destination Kitchen and Stitch Up a Storm.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Drive safely this holiday season

Winter conditions and increased travel make it imperative that you focus on safe driving.

With Christmas this week and New Year's next week, the Kansas Highway Patrol is urging motorists to practice safety on the roadways this holiday season. More people will be traveling, impaired drivers could be encountered, and winter weather is always a threat this time of year.

Impaired drivers are dangerous any time of year, but with the winter holidays, more instances of impaired driving could occur due to Christmas and New Year's parties, and other celebrations with family and friends. Since Thanksgiving, the Patrol has displayed red ribbons on agency-owned vehicles to show the agency's zero tolerance policy toward impaired driving and also to memorialize the lives lost due to alcohol-related tragedies.

If you are planning on imbibing in alcohol this holiday season just be smart and designate a sober driver, utilize a taxi or call a sober friend. The results if you don't could be life changing.

During Christmas 2009 there were: 559 total crashes; 96 injury crashes; 1 fatal crash; 20 alcohol-related crashes and 7 alcohol-related injury crashes.

During New Year's 2009/2010 there were: 487 total crashes; 87 injury crashes; 3 fatal crashes; 58 alcohol-related crashes; 20 alcohol-related injury crashes and 1 alcohol-related fatal crash.

Winter weather can create substantial problems on the highways throughout the winter months. This presents a challenge for

motorists trying to travel through the holiday season. KDOT's Kan-Drive travel information portal, which can be accessed at: www.KanDrive.org, is very helpful for making driving decisions. Drivers will still be able to access 511 for road conditions, closures, work zones, and weather information.

Motorists can also contribute to a safer traveling experience by using the following tips: Prepare your vehicle for winter travel by replacing your wiper blades, ensuring your tires have good tread, and checking your vehicle's fluids, exhaust system, and other mechanical equipment.

Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights, and use your headlights for visibility. Accelerate and brake gen-

tly, and increase your following distance between you and other vehicles in adverse weather.

Steer in the direction you want to go if your vehicle loses traction and begins to slide.

Allow for more time when traveling to and from work, home, school, or other activities.

Always wear your seat belt and properly secure children in the appropriate safety seats.

Do not use cruise control when you are traveling in wet or snowy conditions.

If you're involved in a non-injury crash that involves non-hazardous materials, if it is safe to do so, move your vehicle out of the lane of traffic to protect yourself as well as other motorists.

•PUBLIC NOTICE• RESOLUTION NO. 16-2010

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-2010

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AND DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTH 93.7 FEET OF LOTS THIRTY SEVEN AND THIRTY NINE IN BLOCK 18 OF THE NORTON TOWN ASSOCIATION ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTON, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 401 E MAIN STREET, NORTON, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

Section 1: That the enforcing officer of the City of Norton, Kansas, did on the 11th day of October, 2010, file with the governing body of the City a statement in writing that a certain structure, hereinafter described, was unsafe and dangerous.

Section 2: That the Governing Body did by Resolution No. 12-2010 dated the 20th day of October, 2010, fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law.

Section 3: That Resolution No. 12-2010 was published in the official city newspaper on the 22nd day of October, 2010, and on the 29th day of October, 2010 and a copy of said resolution was served upon all persons entitled thereto as provided by law.

Section 4: That on the 1st day of December, 2010, the governing body did by Resolution 15-2010 continue the hearing to the 15th day of December, 2010 and give notice to all interested parties and that said continuance was done at the request of the owner or agent. That on December 15th, 2010, the governing body did conduct the hearing as scheduled and took evidence from the following: the enforcing officer on behalf of the City, Jeff Wolf. The following parties in interest appeared and presented evidence: Marvin Honas, the acknowledged current homeowner was present and presented evidence.

Section 5: That the governing body hereby finds that the structure located at:

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is unsafe and dangerous and the City directs that such structure be repaired to city code or that the structure be removed and the premises be made safe and secure.

Section 6: That the owner or agent of such structure is hereby directed to have the roof sufficiently braced and approved by the City Code Inspector within thirty days of today and to commence the repair to code of the structure within thirty days from the date of the publication of this resolution and to have the repairs completed or the removal completed within three hundred sixty-five days of the commencement. Provided, that upon due application by the owner and for good cause shown, the governing body, in its sole discretion, may grant the owner additional time to complete the repair to code or removal of the property. That the owner or agent is ordered to secure a \$3,000 general contractor surety bond and provide to the City a copy of his homeowner's liability policy covering the property.

Section 7: That if the owner or agent fails to have the roof sufficiently braced, or to commence the repair of the structure to code or to remove the structures within the time stated herein, or any additional time granted by the governing body, or fails to diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed, the governing body will cause the structure to be repaired to code, vacated and closed or razed and removed and the costs of repairing to code, and/or vacating and closing and/or razing and removing, less salvage if any, shall be collected in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,115 and amendments thereto, or shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure is located or by both, all as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the owner or agent fails to commence the repair of the structure to code or the removal of the structure within the time provided herein or fails to diligently prosecute the same, the governing body may take such further action as it deems necessary to repair the structure and/or to have such structure vacated and closed and/or to have the structure razed and removed without further notice to the owner or other parties in interest.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official city newspaper and mail a copy to the owners, agents, lienholders, occupants and other parties in interest.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Norton, Kansas on this 15th day of December, 2010.

Attest: /s/ Darla Ellis, City Clerk

/s/David N. Corns, Mayor

Norton Business in the spotlight

Each month this column features one Norton County business selected at random in honor of all our local businesses large and small, well-established and newly-established for their valuable contribution to our economy. Economic development board member Richard Thompson submitted this month's article.

Business Name: Outdoor Power and Performance
Owner: Wava Conard
Address: 111 South Second Avenue
Norton, KS 67654
Phone: 785-877-2617
Type of Business: Auto Repair/ Aftermarket Truck Accessories/ Custom Exhaust Work
Date Established: 1994
E-mail address: outdoor@

Conard found a suitable building located at 111 South Second Avenue for her new business. Upon completion of the move back to Kansas, and after three months of work and planning they had the business up and running in Norton. Outdoor Power and Performance does many types of automobile work including auto repair, custom vehicle exhaust work, and sales of after market pickup truck accessories.

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District to meet Representative

Representative-Elect Ward Cassidy will meet with his constituents on Dec. 30, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bird City Public Library, 110 E. 4th, Bird City.

Citizens of Kansas House District #120 (Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur and Norton Counties) are encouraged to participate in this opportunity to talk with Mr. Cassidy and send him to Topeka prepared to deal with the concerns of his district.

The discussion is sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, KS and the Bird City Public Library.

Sunflower Electric Power plant permit approved

Congressman Jerry Moran issued the following statement after Sunflower Electric Power Corporation was notified today that the construction permit for its 895-megawatt Holcomb expansion project was approved by Acting Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment John Mitchell.

"Approval for the construction of the Holcomb expansion project is good news for our state's economy and the more than 400,000 Kansans who will rely on this new energy source. Not only will this plant deliver a consistent source of base power, it will also create hundreds of jobs across our state.

Furthermore, the construction of the plant should provide greater opportunities to develop renewable energy in Kansas, such as wind power. This project took several years to be approved, but will be of vital importance to our state for many years to come."

The \$2.2 billion project will take approximately 52 months to build, pay \$250 million in labor income and generate \$400 million in total income. During each year of operation, the unit is estimated to generate more than 260 jobs statewide, paying \$17 million in labor income and almost \$200 million in total income.

Club news? call Harriett 877-3361

The Norton City Office will be Closed Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 for the Christmas Holiday

Monday's Refuse Route and Friday's Recyclable Route will be picked up Tuesday, December 23 and Thursday, December 30

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