



Carol Erlenbusch, above, salesperson for *The Norton Telegram*, holds high a card displaying one of the numbers to be drawn during the newspaper's first Christmas On Us promotion. It's estimated over 400 people gathered at the corner of State and Main for the event that would eventually distribute \$2,000 to two local winners. Little Morgan Olliff, below, is all smiles as she drew the first number of the day.

# Youngsters pick winning tickets in cash giveaway

## Top ticket nets man \$1,500

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 It took a few minutes to find the right ticket, which she had gotten at Moffet Drug.

She said she plans to use the money for Christmas presents for her family.

Then it was time for the big one. One person would win \$1,500.

Kaley Hadley reached in and pulled out No. 8898790.

Norm Walter from Walter Motor thought he was holding the winning ticket for one of his customers but it turned out to be only eight numbers off.

The ticket had come from Jamboree Foods but no one showed up to claim the money.

So Sylvia Estes came forward and picked out ticket No. 1826469.

This time Dave Fischer from Computer Pro came forward. He had come to the drawing to help out a couple of his customers, who were older or could not practically attend the drawing.

He had the winning ticket, which belonged to John L. Wray, who had purchased a computer.

Mr. Fischer went to get Mr. Wray, who is legally blind, while the crowd took the candy canes the *Norton Telegram* employees were handing out and drifted away.

Mr. Wray asked if he could use some of his winnings to help the Senior Citizens Center and the transportation bus, both of which help him.

*Telegram* Publisher Cynthia Haynes assured him that that was possible as long as the scrip money was spent at the Norton businesses, which sponsored the contest.

Over the last month *The Telegram* has been running the Christmas On Us contest. During that time, tickets were drawn from the big trash can and the numbers published in the Christmas On Us ads. Ten people spotted their numbers and came to the newspaper office to each claim \$50 in scrip.

Winning \$50 in instant cash were Carla Derauf, Scott Ellis, Mark Griffin, Virginia Harvey, Barbara Goeken, Lois Rostek, June Kline, Becky Ables, Cindy Penner and Reva Benien.

Altogether, *The Norton Telegram* and Norton merchants handed out \$2,500 in the contest, all of which must be spent with participating businesses.

Those businesses are Kowpoke Supply, Moffet Drug Store, Russ' Jewelry, The Sewing Box, Kellie's, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Jackrabbit Service, Don's Floor Covering, Pamida Pharmacy, Norton Shop and Save, First State Bank, Walter Motor Co., Pace Family Fitness, Dairy Queen, Town and Country Kitchen, Felton's Building Center, Norton County Cooperative Association, Sander Furniture and Gifts, White Fields Coffee House, Jamboree Foods, Prairie Wind Eyecare, ComputerPro, Hot Shots, Norton Flowers, Nex-Tech, Here's Your Sign and Norton Homestore.



Tammy Miller, above, of Norton, was the first winner of the day, Saturday, when her number was drawn for the \$500 prize during *The Norton Telegram's* first Christmas On Us Promotion. John L. Wray, left, also of Norton, was the big winner of the day when one of the tickets he held was drawn for the grand prize of \$1,500. Mr. Wray is visually impaired so Dave Fischer, of Computer Pro, was the one actually checking the numbers for Mr. Wray.

**Christmas On Us photos by Carolyn Plotts**