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Northern Valley boys & girls action against Osborne, Norton boys & girls basketball and Blue Jay wrestlers win.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Ed Ebert

Briefly

Winter concert set for Sunday

The Norton Community High School band will present their winter concert at 2:30 p.m., Sunday.

The concert is free, but in support of Kevin Lentz, brother of bandmembers Sara and Rachael Lentz, the band is encouraging donations to help him in his fight against cancer.

Food distribution will be next week

The Norton County Senior Citizens, Inc. will be distributing government surplus food for low income persons of all ages in Norton County. Food available will include canned chicken, apricot halves, potato flakes, peaches, orange juice and asparagus.

Distribution will be Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Almena Senior Center and from 2 p.m.-4 p.m., at both the senior centers in Norton and Lenora. Distribution will be in Clayton at the Library from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

For more information call Ramona Pabian, 877-5352.

Benefit supper will help family

A benefit soup supper for Randall and Kim Mayo of Norcatur, who had a fire Jan. 18, is set for 5:30 p.m., Saturday at the Educational Building in Norcatur.

Local gospel singing group, "The New Harvesters", will entertain at 7 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — 40 percent chance of snow in the evening. Areas of fog in the evening. **Saturday** — Cloudy with highs in the upper 30s. **Saturday Night** — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. **Sunday** — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. North winds up to 10 mph

Howell report:

Tuesday High 65, Low 31
Wednesday High 49, Low 28
Thursday High 31, Low 29
3/4" of an inch of snow
Week ago High 67, Low 35
Month ago High 43, Low 25
Year ago High 33, Low 2
July precipitation50 inches
Year-to-date precipitation50 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for speaking to us through daily events. Help us to trust that your amazing love is at work in us. Amen

County landfill is coming along

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The first hole is mostly dug but the landfill has a long ways to go before it will be ready to store trash.

At their meeting on Monday, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald gave the Norton County commissioners the first bills from Whitney Construction, the company digging the first pit for the landfill.

The county owes Whitney \$25,800 for work done so far, which includes digging about 79 percent of the first hole (or cell)

and road work.

"They still have about \$80,000 worth of work to do," Commissioner John Miller noted.

"But, he has the hole mostly dug and some of the roads done," Commission Leroy Lang said.

Mr. Archibald said the company was continuing work on the pit and roads around the area.

He also told the commissioners that he thinks he has found the material they want to use on screens, which will be placed

around the landfill to keep trash from blowing. The road and bridge crew has built the frames for the screens and Mr. Archibald has been looking at possible screening material.

The one he likes best has a limited five-year warranty, he said.

"That's the one that looks to me like the best" he told the commissioners. "That's the one we couldn't pull apart. It looked pretty durable."

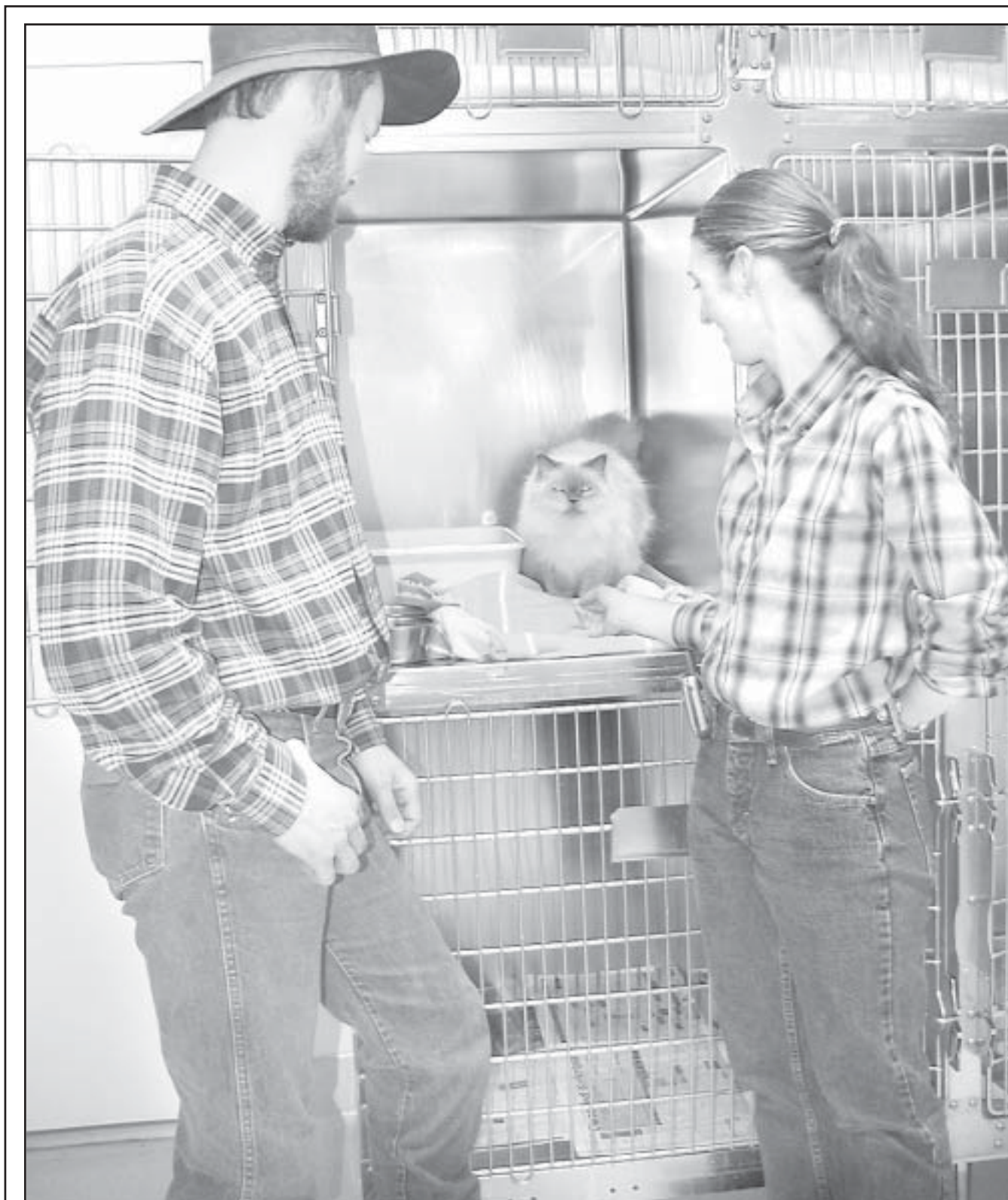
The other problem he wanted to talk to the commissioners about was recycling.

The group that had helped, the Business and Recycling Association, is going out of business, he said. The state's holding a meeting to see if another group needs to be formed to deal with recycling.

Mr. Archibald said he feels the state needs a recycling group.

The Docking Institute is doing a survey for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to see if there is any money to form such a group and they want to know what the counties will pay into it.

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Dr. Aaron White, left, and Dr. Sarah White, right, look in on "Maggie" a Himalayan cat that is staying with them at the newly named Norton Animal Health Center, Ltd. Drs. White have purchased Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Norton and will continue to provide health care for large and small animals.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Veterinarians buy Norton clinic

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Drs. Aaron and Sarah White have purchased the Countryside Veterinary Clinic on U.S. 36 in Norton from Drs. Mark Olson and Travis Hissong

The clinic will be renamed the Norton Animal Health Center, Ltd. "Aaron and I are so thankful for the community support we've received,"

Dr. Sarah said.

Sarah (Ketterl) White, a native of the Herndon area, graduated from Kansas State School of Veterinary Medicine in 2003. Her husband graduated in 2004 and joined her in the practice. Both doctors earned their bachelor degrees from Sterling College.

He is originally from Kingsdown,

southeast of Dodge City.

The clinic will still offer 24-hour emergency care for animals, herd health management, preventative health care for large and small animals, portable radiology, ultrasound, equine and small animal dentistry and grooming by Maritta VanPelt.

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Multi-county road requires work, but cooperation is needed to fix it

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan wants to help out the City of Clayton and get a road rebuilt but he's run into a territory problem

The road he's looking at is on the Decatur-Norton county line, he said. There are about two blocks of it in Clayton and then it runs back to U.S. 383.

"Basically, this one-half mile stretch of road is no-man's land," he told the Norton County commissioners on Monday.

After talking to his counterpart in Decatur County, he said, he discovered that the road belongs to the Pleasantview Township and Decatur County won't deal

with the road.

"Basically part of it is ours, part of it is Pleasantview Township," Mr. Brannan said.

Some of the old culverts on the road have collapsed and there is a drainage problem. Clayton officials are concerned about the safety of the road, he said.

The road needs to be rebuilt, he said, and several tubes put in for drainage. If the township would buy the tubes, his crews would put them in and do the dirt work, he said.

However, finding who to talk to in the townships is tough, he said, and at least (Continued on Page 5)

Coyote, crow calling contest is February 5

The Norton County 4-H Shooting Sports will be holding a coyote and crow calling contest as a fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 5.

All contestants must be pre-registered by 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

The contest will begin one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset. Callers can use any legal means to call and shoot coyotes and crows.

Coyotes and bobcats count for ten points, while crows are one point. (Continued on Page 5)



Specialist Joshua Otter

Local man serves in Iraq

Specialist Joshua Otter is the son of Frank and LeVonne Otter, rural New Almelo. He is serving in Iraq.

He is a member of the 170th Maintenance Unit, Norton. He attended basic training in May of 2000 at Fort Jackson, S. C. He graduated from Lenora High School in May 2001, and took his advanced infantry training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., graduating in (Continued on Page 5)



One of many, Brenda Johnson took the opportunity that this week's nice weather presented to wash her truck. Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse yesterday and so everyone will have to re-wash their vehicles.
— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Road could cost a lot to fix

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one of the culverts or tubes needs to be at least 6-foot, which will cost several thousand dollars.
"If it was brought up to standard it will keep a lot of the traffic off of some of our other streets, which we maintain," Mr. Brannan said.
Commissioner John Miller invited the other two commissioners to go out to look over the road, which is in his district.
Mr. Brannan said he is happy to help but if he can't get the cooperation he needs, he won't do anything either.
"If they're willing to help us

with that road, (Clayton and the township) we'll see what we can do," he said.
In other business, the commissioners:
• Talked about how to split the cost of an economic development program with the City of Norton. The city is talking about a 60/40 split with the county taking up 60 percent but Commissioner Dean Kruse said he thinks a 50/50 split would be more appropriate.
• Talked to Steve Herrs from the Norton County Extension Council about painting and carpeting in the extension office on the first

floor of the courthouse.
Mr. Herrs said the subject was discussed a couple of years ago but nothing has been done.
He brought bids for carpeting from Don's Floor Covering for \$2,189 for nylon carpeting and Murnahan Decorating Service for \$2,135 for the same carpeting.
The commissioners asked County Clerk Robert Wyatt to check the minutes to see what they proposed to do about the redecorating when it was first brought up two years ago.

State looking at recycling group

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In the past, he said, beer manufacturers have kept the recycling effort going with aluminum cans. But, now they're getting out of it.
"How much could you take out of your recycling budget to put into this?" Mr. Miller wanted to know. "We are marginally profitable on paper."
"What's the future of recycling," Commissioner Dean Kruse asked.

"I believe its going to increase," Mr. Archibald said. "The thing is what's it going to cost us as a county to increase it. What's it going to cost us to get rid of it (recyclables)."
"Cardboard and paper has been profitable and a person out of Denver has been taking our glass and plastic for free," he said. "It hasn't cost us anything to transport it," Archibald.
He said that the plastic is being used to make barricades for highways and county highway departments, curb stops for parking lots

and for patio decks.
Mr. Archibald and Mr. Miller agreed the county could put in \$1,000 for a recycling group if it thought that group would be viable.
Mr. Archibald also said that the Phillips County commissioners have asked to come over to look at Norton County's recycling operation.
"Anytime they want to come over we'll accommodate them," Mr. Miller said. "They've been good to us. If they want to come on Sunday, you'll take care of them."

Write-in's needed to fill open spots

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Almena
The City of Almena still has one open position, but the Northern Valley School District had some-one file for each seat.
The city council had two people file for election, but still has one open position. Incumbent Monte Montgomery and newcomer Kevin Sides both filed for office. The open city council position is a four-year term.
On the school board, someone has filed for each position. Filing were Glenn Brands, Blaine Marble and Alan Woodside.
If Mr. Brands is elected, he will have to resign from the school board position he holds now and then someone will be appointed to fill the remaining two years left of the term. Mr. Brands moved, which is why he filed for a new position.
Lenora
The City of Lenora had some-one file for every open position.

Mayor Raymond Heikes and Councilmen Edwin Loyd Schoen and Daniel Mannel all filed for re-election.
On the Lenora School Board, incumbent James Ninemire and newcomer Nicole Rhea both filed for election. There is still one open four-year term position left on the board.
Edmond
The City of Edmond has one city council position that no one filed for.
Newcomer Sherry Showers filed for the mayoral position, while Robert Richard, Tammy Kachel and incumbent Norma Riley all filed for the open city council positions.
The open position is a four-year term.
Clayton
The City of Clayton is short a mayor and two city council members.
Incumbents Carl Robinson, Richard Mather and Ralph Brook all

filed for re-election, but the city still has two open seats on the council as well as an open mayoral seat.
The open positions are four-year terms.

Coyote, crow contest fundraiser for 4-H sports

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The team with the most points will be the winner. In case of a tie, the earliest team to check in will be the winner.
Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams with a 50 percent payback to the top five teams. There will be an award for the largest coyote and an award for the most crows.
Check in time on Saturday will be from 5:30-7 p.m. at O'Briens rear parking lot, 110 S. State St.,

Norton. No one will be allowed to check in after 7 p.m.
Price of entry is \$30 for adults and \$20 for those 16 or younger. The entry fee includes a meal.
Checks should be made payable to Norton Co. 4-H Shooting Sports, 324 S. First Ave., Norton, Kan., 67654.
For more information, contact Rick McChesney at 877-2606 or John Baker at 877-3253.

New Almelo man serves country in Iraq

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August 2001, as a power generator repairer on a "52 Delta".
In the fall of 2002, he attended Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland for electronics and computer technology, graduating in June 2004, with an associate in applied science degree. He worked for Rural Telephone until he was called to active

duty in July 2004.
He is attached to the 161st E Tab Battery from Great Bend serving at Fort Anaconda, Iraq.
Spc. Otter is the brother of Private Brandon Otter, Ft. Eustis, Va., and Gabrielle Otter of the home. He is the grandson of Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; Anetta Knapp of The Manor, Norton; and the late Floyd Knapp, Jr.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:
Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.
Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Ninth, Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball at Smith Center, 4 p.m.
Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA District Elections at Oakley, 9 a.m.; SAC, a.p.
Thursday — Kays, a.p.; Regional Scholar Bowl at Cimarron, 4 p.m.
Friday — Jazz, a.p.; Rotary Scholarship Soup Supper, cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.; Ninth, Junior Varsity, Varsity Basketball vs Hill City, Here, 4 p.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling vs Plainville and Ellis at Ellis, 5 p.m.
Saturday — Regional Piano at Hays; Forensics at Hill City, 7:30 a.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.; "C" Team Girls Basketball at Atwood, 10 a.m.
Next Monday — FFA Winter Leadership at Almena, 4 p.m.; Kay Board, 7:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:
Wednesday — Team, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday — Wrestling at Stockton, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday — Wrestling, Here, Memorial Gym, 9:30 a.m.
EISENHOWER:
Wednesday — Spelling Bee, Band Room, 1:30 p.m.; Team Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday — Early Childhood-Grade 2 Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
ALL SCHOOLS:
Wednesday — Calendar Committee Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.
Next Monday — Inservice Day, No School
Junior/Senior High Breakfast/Lunch Menus:
Monday — Breakfast: Blueberry bread, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrots, roll, chocolate pudding or chef salad, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Bierocks, peas, garden salad, pineapple chunks, or chef salad, milk
Wednesday — Pancakes, sliced ham, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, corn, roll, pears or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Cheddar chowder, broccoli and cauliflower salad, garlic bread, peaches, Snickerdoodle cookie or chef salad, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit, juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken wrap, roll, Jello with whipped topping or chef salad, milk
Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:
Monday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and ham, pears, milk; Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Warm cereal with toppers, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza roll-ups, tossed salad, peaches, cookie, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, milk; Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, roll, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: Golden waffles, warm maple syrup, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, Little Smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce, French bread, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk
NORTHERN VALLEY
Tuesday — Air Force Presentation to Juniors, 1 to 2 p.m.; High School Basketball vs Alma at Almena, 4 p.m.; Little Girls Cheer Camp performance at halftime of A-team boy's game; Dance Team performs at halftime of A-team boy's game
Wednesday — Math Articulation Workshop at Colby, 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday — Lifetouch Spring Pictures start in Long Island, 8:30 a.m.; Dance Team Practice; K-8 Pep Rally in Almena at 3 p.m.; Regional Scholars Bowl at Brewster, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Basketball vs Damar at Almena, 4:30 p.m.; Eighth Grade Cake Raffle, 4 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday — High School vs Eastern Heights at Agra, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday — Junior High Basketball GNEC Tournament at Lo-

gan High School; High School Boys Basketball team to Manhattan to watch KSU game
Monday — High School Cheerleading Practice, 7 a.m.; Dance Team Practice; Winter Leadership Conference, 4 p.m.; Junior High Basketball GNEC Tournament at Logan, TBA
Northern Valley Breakfast and Lunch Menus
Monday — Breakfast: Cheese biscuit with ham, grape juice, cereal, milk; Lunch: Ham-n-beans, cornbread, broccoli, chocolate cake, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal with toppings, toast, sliced peaches, cereal, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger/bun, French fries, baked beans, peaches, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancake on a stick/syrup, hashbrowns, apple juice, cereal, milk; Lunch: Shaved beef/hoagie, tater tots, green beans, brownie, milk
Thursday — Breakfast bucket, fruit punch, cereal, milk Lunch: Bierocks, tri-tators, corn, cherry crisp, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy/biscuits, apple wedges, cereal, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, French bread, peas, apricots, milk
JENNINGS
Tuesday — High School Basketball with Atwood at Hoxie, 6:30 p.m.; Junior High Girls Basketball at Colby, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday — Local Spelling Bee, 10 a.m.
Thursday — Junior High Girls Basketball with Quinter at Oberlin, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Wrestling with Quinter at Oberlin, 6 p.m.
Jennings Lunch Menus:
Monday — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, salad bar, rolls, pineapple, milk
Tuesday — Crisпитos, broccoli and cheese, salad bar, peaches, cookies, milk
Wednesday — Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, salad bar, rolls, pears, milk
Thursday — Clubsubs, Doritos, baked beans, salad bar, mandarin oranges, milk
Friday — Pizza, green beans, breadsticks, salad bar, applesauce, milk

Oberlin doctors keep up veterinary services

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Norton, may have been sold but Drs. Mark Olson and Travis Hissong will continue veterinary services at the Norton Livestock Auction and the Oberlin Livestock Auction.
Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin will continue to offer care for large and small animals in the area, and the sale of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and supplies. Drs. Olson and Hissong will keep appointments at their clinic in Oberlin, on the farm or

ranch, as well as 24-hour emergency service.
Dr. Olson and his wife, Barbara, started the veterinary clinic in 1987. Dr. Hissong joined the prac-

tice in 1996, becoming a full business partner in 2003.
Both doctors are graduates of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Norton clinic bought by couple

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Other employees are assistants Jim Applegate, Shannon Jones and Brenda Combs and clinic helpers sixth grader Kegan Vanover and seventh grader Matt Miller.

The clinic will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.
They offer kennel services for cats and dogs.
To make an appointment call (785) 877-2411.

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