

There're new 'Attitudes' in town

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

After weeks and weeks of cleaning, remodeling, painting and planning, Norton's newest nightspot is open.

Attitudes Steak House and Lounge at 402 S. State, owned and managed by Troy Meyers and Lindy Hyke, is open every day from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Mr. Meyers said the kitchen was approved Thursday by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and he plans to begin serving a lunch menu on the lounge side soon. The establishment will then be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. until closing.

Additional kitchen equipment is expected to arrive soon and, when it does, he will open the restaurant side. Mr. Meyers said the smoke-free restaurant will have something on the menu for everyone. He will feature daily lunch and evening specials and will also offer chicken, fish and steak dinners off the menu. One of his specialties is peppered steak; another is chili steak.

Mr. Meyers has had over nine years of bar and restaurant experience working in Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. He moved to Norton in 1997 where he was an officer at Norton



Attitudes owners Troy Meyers and Lindy Hyke work together behind the bar.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Correctional Facility.

"Lindy and I really appreciate all the help we've had from our family and friends to get the business open," he said. "We want 'Attitudes' to be a friendly, neighborhood place."

Some of the changes made include new carpet on both the lounge and restaurant sides, lots of

paint, a re-built bar, and lots of general repair and cleaning.

He has big plans for "Attitudes". He intends to bring in a big-screen television for the Monday night football crowd; he wants to sponsor pool and poker tournaments; and have dart tournaments.

There is a dance floor and Mr. Meyers plans to fill it when he

brings in live bands and deejays. He wants to have karaoke nights and a variety of entertainment.

Mr. Meyers and Ms. Hyke have two children, Kira, 7 and Riley, 3.

Plans are still being made for the grand opening. Mr. Meyers said it will be grand, too, "with a live band and everything."

Chamber talks about Christmas

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Christmas isn't that far off and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce members were talking about sleigh rides and Santa's visits at their Sept. 14 board meeting.

Members discussed changing the night of the sleigh rides, but decided because of sports events and weekend activities to keep it on Thursdays.

Chamber Director Karla Reed said that 221 people were served at the Teachers Welcome Picnic and that Moonlight Madness will be held on Thursday.

During a discussion about the membership dues schedule, the board agreed that the wording that stated a "business employing one person" was misleading. They

decided to change the \$75 membership to read, "self-employed, no employees".

Ribbon cuttings are in the planning stages for six new or remodeled businesses — Edward Jones, Kelly Hill; Norton National Guard Armory; Norton Coin Laundry, owned by Gary and Jolynn Lockhart; e11even, owned by Joslyn Henson; Rawhide Ironworks, owned by Roger and Linda Fuller; and Attitudes Steakhouse and Lounge, owned by Troy Meyers and Lindy Hyke.

In other business the board:

- Changed the city and county representatives to non-voting members.

- Set Oct. 12 as the next meeting date.

Norton teams do well in state judging contest

By KEITH VANSKIKE, County Extension director

Contests in photography, livestock and lifeskills were held at the end of the 4-H year.

The state livestock judging contest was held at Kansas State University campus on Aug. 27.

The Norton County 4-H team of

Kerby Brandyberry, Tim Becker and Joshua VanSkiike placed 34th overall out of 45 teams. The group judged eight classes and four sets of oral reasons. Tim Becker placed 154th individually with 369 points. Kerby Brandyberry placed 153th with 378 points and Joshua VanSkiike scored 471 points and placed 90th.

Senior photography judging had 37 teams and 125 individuals. Tanner Griffith placed 32nd, Katrina Wentz took 99th and Annette Becker placed 37th. The team was ranked 18th.

Intermediate photography judging had 61 teams and the Norton team placed 8th. Carissa Wentz placed 24th; Jade Braun, 17th; Christopher Maddy, 75th; and Megan Wentz, 129th.

In the senior lifeskills contest, the Norton team placed 33rd. Jacob VanSkiike placed 92nd; Tanner Griffith, 33rd; Katrina Wentz, 124th; and Josh VanSkiike, 240th.



Jeremie Krehbiel, left, hands boxes of disaster relief supplies to a worker on the ground while his nephew, Wes Georgeson, right, goes back for another box.

— Photo by Garrett Beydler

Local drive sent needed relief supplies to Louisiana

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Communities across northwest Kansas joined forces to send much-needed supplies to refugees from Hurricane Katrina.

Doug Zillinger, FFA advisor at Northern Valley High School, made contact with Kathy Conerly this counterpart at a high school in Zachary, La.

Zachary is a town of 11,000 in a rural area about 45 miles northeast of Baton Rouge, La. The community was primarily affected by high winds which caused some damage to trees and houses. The biggest impact was felt by the school district when the system had to absorb 800 students from New Orleans who were forced to leave their homes and move to one of the shelters set up in Zachary. The town's resources were stretched to the limit.

The FFA organizations in

Norton, Hill City, Quinter, Atwood, Oakley, Hoxie, WaKeeney and Almena coordinated relief efforts in their towns and collected enough food, water, school supplies, toiletries, diapers and clothing to completely fill a semi-trailer.

The Norton Community High School Student Council, KAYS and Family Career and Community Leaders of America also helped with the collection. Norton businesses, organizations and individuals chipped in \$2,800 to help with gas expenses and to buy

additional supplies like baby formula.

Supplies from all the towns were gathered at the Hill City Ag Department where they were loaded onto a semi-trailer.

Russell Hendrich of Run Our Way Express Co., Portis, provided

the trailer and Jeremie Krehbiel of Swine Transportation Service, Long Island, supplied the semi-tractor. Mr. Krehbiel and Garret Beydler, FFA advisor from Norton, drove the load to Louisiana, leaving at 10 p.m. Sept. 9 and returning the afternoon of Sept. 11. Accompanying the men was Mr. Beydler's grandson, Wesley Georgeson.

Miss Conerly had about 30 students waiting to meet the truck and help unload.

"The Norton community went above and beyond the call of duty donating supplies as well as cash," Mr. Beydler said. "Everyone was very generous. I thank the community for their generous contributions. Having the opportunity to see, first-hand, how appreciative the people of Zachary were, made me proud to come from Norton. What an awesome experience."

Teacher expresses gratitude to Norton

A Letter to Garrett Beydler, Norton FFA Advisor, from Kathy Conerly,

We enjoyed having you guys down. The following groups benefited from the donations:

- All new Zachary students displaced by the storm were given a set of school supplies, according to their level, and packets of toiletries. We called their parents and asked them to pick up anything

they needed, before we shipped it to the shelters.

- Dozens of evacuated families filtered through the gym, obtaining supplies for their households. All were living in single-dwelling homes that contained from two to four families.

- Many pairs of khaki pants and athletic shoes were pulled from the boxes of clothes so that the students could have uniforms that fit.

- We donated two pallets of water to policemen who had been on duty for two weeks straight, most on 12-hour shifts.

- The remaining bulk food was brought to a church-run shelter.

The new residents of Zachary feel that they have truly been blessed by your generosity. Many would like to send letters of appreciation.

NOTICE

The public is invited to the biennial Fall Harvest Festival at Cottonwood Ranch, State Historic Site near Studley on Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Along with demonstrations and activities such as cornshelling, ropemaking, washboard laundry, pressing apples for cider, and butter churning you may watch a wool spinner, blacksmith, and other craftspeople at work.

This year the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch is adding a new twist to the event by hosting Marvin Mann of Plainville, a fully accredited International Society of Appraisers member, to appraise your antiques and heirlooms. To offset costs a fee of \$1 per item is requested. The "Aged Objects Road Show" will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end around 2:30 p.m. So blow the dust off that old object or bric-a-brac and find out what it is worth.

This event is co-sponsored by Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and the Kansas State Historical Society.

Vendors are welcome and admission to this event is free.

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Consultant, Jane Kersenbrock

invites you to a "Get Together" on Saturday, September 24 at 603 Pool Drive, Norton.

Get together and learn about the new products from 2-3:30 and Crop with your friends from 3:30-5.

— Refreshments will be served —

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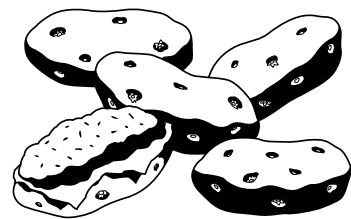
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