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Home of Marlin Bozarth

Briefly

Moran to visit

Norton, Norcatour

First District Congressman Jerry Moran will be in Norton and Norcatour on Monday, Feb. 6 as he continues his annual "Listening Tour" of all counties in the Big First. He will be at the Town and Country Kitchen in Norton for the Rotary Club luncheon at noon and at 2:30 p.m. he will be in downtown Norcatour.

Constituents can visit his website at www.house.gov/moranks.

Norton students to get a day off

Another reminder was issued today about the Tuesday, Feb. 7 schedule for students in the Norton School District. The day has been designated a special day of in-service for the teachers and staff, meaning there will be no school for the students.

Those attending the in-service will receive training in the second phase of Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Dealing with Poverty."

Church schedules 'singspiration'

CrossRoads Church, 313 W. Lincoln, is sponsoring a "singspiration" from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday. A potluck supper will follow the singing at 5:30 p.m.

Beef decision disturbs Moran

Congressman Jerry Moran released this statement on Japan's announcement to halt imports of U.S. beef.

"The news from Japan was very disappointing. Having worked for two years to regain access to this market, I am concerned about this unfortunate situation. We do not know at this time whether this is an outright ban or a temporary suspension and how long it will last. By working with industry and Department of Agriculture officials, I hope we can correct this error and prevent future occurrences."

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of rain and a slight chance of snow in the morning...then a chance of rain in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy and colder with lows in the mid 20s.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to be a loving and calming influence in all our conversations. May we speak words that encourage and uplift others. **Amen**

Ripping it up...



Members of Norton Community High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America organization (above) have adopted two rooms at The Haven. Members, left to right, Dani Wuest, Courtney Smith, Amie Richard and Morgan Kauten rolled up old carpeting from one of the rooms. The girls tossed it off the second floor balcony (below). — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

High school girls aiding The Haven

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

A Norton high school group is the first to adopt two rooms at The Haven.

Members of Family Career and Community Leaders of America have been redecorating two rooms at The Haven, a house in Norton where families of inmates at Norton Correctional Facility can stay when they come to visit.

Amie Richard, co-chair of the project said, "We wanted to do something to help families."

The youngsters developed a seashore theme for the two rooms after seeing the paint color chosen by The Haven's board of directors. The rooms will be named "Shore Side" and "Ocean Front".

About 10 students out of the 80 members have been involved with the work at The Haven. Regina Stark is the group's advisor.

...tossing it out



Don't be hanging around Norton Feb. 4 Fair warning issued to coyotes and crows

By TOM DREILING

If you're a coyote or a crow, your days may be numbered if you're hanging around Norton on Saturday, Feb. 4.

That's the day for a "Coyote & Crow Calling Contest," at which awards will be presented to those with the sharpest skills that particular day.

The calling hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, and participants may use any legal means to call and shoot coyotes and crows as allowed by state hunting regulations.

Coyotes and bobcats count for 10 points and crows count for one. The team compiling the most total points is the winner; however, in case of a tie the earlier team to check in will win all the marbles.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams, and 80 per cent pay back to the top five teams. The remainder of proceeds will be donated to youth shooting sports.

Also in the honors category, there will be an award for the largest coyote and an award for most crows.

Check in time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at O'Briens rear parking lot at 110 S. State Street, Norton on Friday, Feb. 3. No check in after 7 p.m. Pre-entry must be before 6 p.m., also on Friday.

According to Rick McChesney and John Baker, "This contest is intended for a fun day of calling coyotes and crows and will be on your honor."

Incidentally, there will also be a meal Saturday night.

Call either McChesney (877-2606) or Baker (877-3253) for more details.

Dollars, in the thousands, raised for youth center

BY CAROLYN PLOTTS

The need was there. The need was met. That best explains what took place in downtown Norton Sunday afternoon.

Several thousand dollars were raised at an auction to benefit The Rock Christian Youth Center in Norton.

Auctioneer Duane McEwen donated his time and talent to sell donated items to raise money for the center. Mr. McEwen sold a boat, a car, two pick up trucks and a small sport utility vehicle. Over 40 individual items were sold with several being redonated and resold.

Trent Richmond, one of the event's organizers said it was a great auction with a good attendance raising more than \$6,500.

He said a large number of people came early and took a tour of the newly remodeled facility. He said many left money to help the center.

Youth from the Church of God, with Brenda Dole as their adult advisor, operated a food stand. Pies were donated from

the Almena Congregational church.

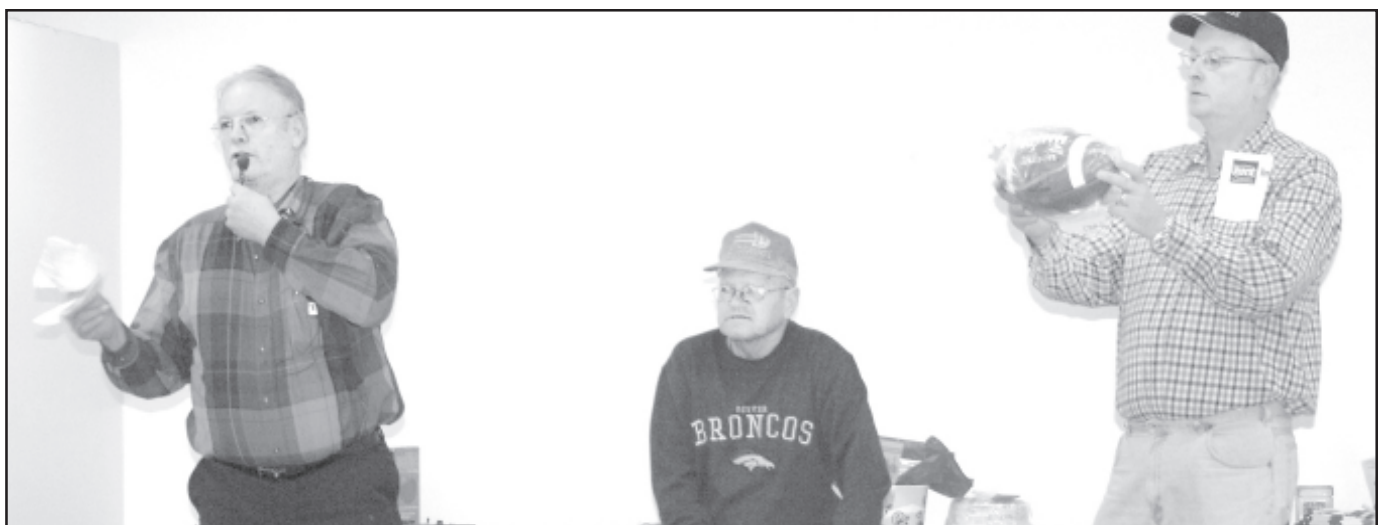
Mr. Richmond said, "I feel like we're 90 per-cent complete now. We just need to finish the floor, do some plumbing and

a few final details."

The next planned event is a Super Bowl party for Norton area high school youth. All events are chaperoned by approved

adult supervisors.

Any group interested in using the youth center may contact Mr. Richmond at Bridges Insurance, 871-0368.



Auctioneer Duane McEwen, left, looks for a high bidder, while Kenny Leiker, center, and Mike Volgamore, help display items at an auction held Sunday to benefit The Rock Christian Youth Center.

— Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

Melvin could be next coach

By TOM DREILING

Superintendent Greg Mann of the Norton School District summed it up best: "When discussing our vacant head football coaching position we came to the conclusion that an outstanding candidate was already on our staff."

The head coaching job became vacant last week when Bruce Graber, veteran Norton coach, announced his resignation to assume the head coaching slot at El Dorado.

Lucas Melvin, currently an assistant football coach at the high school, will be recommended to the district board of education as the next head football coach. The action is expected to take place at the board's next meeting.

"Mr. Melvin is very bright and has prepared diligently himself to be a head coach," Supt. Mann said. "We believe that he is more than ready for this responsibility. He is a passionate person and he will bring a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to our football program."

Supt. Mann added, "We believe that he will continue the success of our highly respected football program and add to its long tradition of excellence."

Mr. Melvin, a graduate of Colby High School, Hutchinson Community College and Fort Hays State University, has been employed in the Norton School District as the junior high computer technology teacher since the fall of 1997. During his time here he has been the head junior high football coach, a junior high track and basketball coach and, since 1998, an assistant high school football coach.

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Filings erase need for Norton, Lenora primary

By TOM DREILING

There won't be city primary elections in Norton or Lenora.

That became apparent when the filing deadline ended at noon Tuesday.

The only people coming forward to put their names on the ballot were all incumbents, according to the Norton County Clerk's office.

In Norton, appearing on the general election ballot will be the following:

- Ward 1 — Jerry Jones
- Ward 2 — Donna Foley
- Ward 3 — James G. Williams

Lenora's candidates are Deborah Kay Anderson, Phillip Rule and Larry A. Shepard.

The general election will take place on April 4. Registration deadline for those going to the polls but are not registered to vote, is March 20.