



Deborah Combs, new Postmaster at Norcatour, served cake to guests during the open house held Wednesday in honor of her appointment.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

U.S. 36 'Hunt' offers 400 miles of shopping

By TOM PARKER
Washington County News
 "It was like a dump truck full of cash come to town." That's how Carolyn Applegate, coordinator of the Great US 36 Treasure Hunt, described last year's inaugural event.

Stretching from the Colorado border to the Missouri River, it was a 400-mile shopping spree with bargains in every city, every town, lonesome intersections in the middle of nowhere and on isolated farms and houses.

"It was just mind-boggling," said Paul Kallman, Scandia, a member of the US Highway 36 Association. "We had people coming from all over the United States for this."

"For being the first time it was a huge success," Kallman said. "Did we learn from it? Yes we did. Now we're hoping for bigger and better."

For this year they're trying to get one coordinator in each county to help promote and grow the event. Republic County even has coordinators in each town along the route, Kallman said, which is more efficient. Every county along the route is involved. "We're working toward a common goal," he said.

The idea stemmed from a brainstorming session over ways to promote travel on Highway 36. Someone suggested a garage sale like the World's Longest Yard Sale in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky or others in the eastern and southern states. The idea immediately caught on. But the concept of

a yard sale sounded too mundane, so they chose to call it a treasure hunt.

This year's US Highway 36 Treasure Hunt will be held Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, and coordinators are encouraging as many people as possible to either set up and sell along the route or enjoy a weekend of bargain treasure hunting along US 36. For more information, contact 785-282-3548 or visit their Web site at www.ushwy36.com.

To help with promotion of the event the Washington County News is putting together the first ever "treasure map" guide to the US Highway 36 Treasure Hunt. The publication is the official guide sponsored by the US Highway 36 Association. The guide will have maps of every community along the route, bringing attention to local businesses and services for the thousands of shoppers the treasure hunt will entice. Ads and maps for individual garage sales will also be included in the treasure map. Sales people have been out selling ads for the treasure map, which will be printed after a July 15 ad deadline and distributed after Aug. 1 by mail nationally and along the route to help people plan their route. Part of the proceeds will go to the US Highway 36 Association to help promote the event in future years. Call 785-325-2219 and talk to Carol or Susan to be included in this new product.

"I think the travel guide will go over very well," Kallman said.

Prairie View store holds barbecue and concert

After days of preparation and weeks of advertising, The Prairie View Country Store, owned and operated by Christine Henry, held a barbecue and concert at the Prairie View Community Center on June 23.

Ms. Henry said, "It went off without a hitch."

The weather cooperated and the grill, which was fashioned to look like an old train engine, was donated by Judy and Jay VanDerVeen and delivered on the evening of June 22 complete with a big bag of charcoal. On the menu to be grilled were spareribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. Tom Garwood of Prairie View volunteered for the job. Helping alongside of Tom was Pastor Darrell Schmid of the Heartland Worship Center in Agra. Volunteers were Jeri Schmid who helped serve, Darline Brown who brought home baked rolls prepared in her own kitchen, Rhonda Jacques who prepared cakes for dessert and Burdett (Sam) Leydig who assisted in carrying the food from the Prairie View Country Store over to the Community Center.

Shortly after the stroke of noon, the multitudes descended to enjoy

the day's feast, fellowship and music ministry provided by the one and only Van Bradley from Agra.

Signing the guest book were Jo Ann Rust, Darlene Tipp, Carol and Danny Short, Clazine Engelsman, Liz and Tim Jansonius, Glen Hultgren, Rick Hultgren, Josie Versailles, Gloria and Jim Versailles, Jim and Karen Versailles, Erma Jean Nyland, Anissa and Mara Kats, Tucker Versailles, John Kats, Wanda Schemper, Helen S. Chase, Queenie Leydig, Gloria DeWitt, Burdett and Belva Leydig, Henry and Ann Tien, Kent Tien, Tater, Jess and Madison Brackney, Dave and Troy Jansontius, Kristi VenDerVeen, Verna Huiting, Dan and Debbie Florom, Hazel Jansonius, and Brian, Karen, Christina, Gabriel, and Elexsa Anderson.

Stanley Kats also ducked in to put a donation in the pot.

Ms. Henry said, "I want to say a special thanks to everyone for showing up, offering your support and being so generous to someone who just moved here less than a year ago to embark on a new beginning and business venture in Prairie View, Kansas!"

Norcatour swears in new postmaster

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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 On Wednesday, Deborah Combs was installed as the new Postmaster of Norcatour

Performing the swearing in duties was Daniel M. Taylor, Manager of Post Office Operations, Salina. Brenda Darnell, Postmas-

ter of Norton, and Ken Roberts, Lenora's Postmaster, were also present.

Cake, cookies, coffee and punch were served at an open house in the lobby of the Norcatour Post Office.

Several of Ms. Combs' family members were in Norcatour for the open house and installation cer-

emony. They were her parents, Elmo and Anita Scott, Hill City; her daughter Riki Foos, a nursing student in Beloit; and two sisters, Linda Clark, Emporia and Tina and Paul Glendy, WaKeeney.

Ms. Combs has worked for the postal system for 20 years. During her career she has been placed in

Colby, Goodland, Russell, Smith Center, ten years at various post offices in Nebraska, Norton and finally Norcatour.

She said, "I have found the people here to be very nice. I know I'm going to enjoy my time here."

Ms. Combs lives in Norton.

BEAVER CITY NEWS

By JOY STALDER

Friday evening guests of Julie Harper and her houseguests, Laurie and Bobbie Johnston, at a fish fry were Trisha and Devin Lans and Braxtynn and Kevin and Pam Harper and Paige.

Lynn Junker and Doty Thompson were visitors of Novella Hewett Saturday.

Thursday Novella Hewett met Joy Funk and Karie of Culbertson in McCook for lunch.

Saturday evening Arlene Clawson and Barry Daffer of Holdrege, Nona Clawson, Denver, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daffer and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Patterson and family of Norton and Lawrence and Ruth Kentfield met at the Brandin' Iron for supper.

Guests of Lawrence and Ruth Kentfield on Sunday at Our Cafe were Patty Britt of Phoenix and Annabelle Lewis.

Moran: Kansans need relief from rising fuel prices

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the price of oil reached an eleven-month high of \$75 per barrel, Congressman Jerry Moran called on Congress to develop a comprehensive energy policy to reduce American dependence on foreign oil. Congressman Moran spoke to the U.S. House of Representatives and advocated for a policy that includes conservation, renewable energy, increased domestic exploration and production, and expansion of refinery capacity.

"The cost of fuel to get to work, heat and cool homes, and operate farm machinery is felt immediately by working families when energy prices increase," he said. "If we can replace even a portion of the oil we import from volatile regions with domestic oil, natural gas and renewable energy, we can reduce the occurrence of price swings and decrease the adverse impact on the American consumer."

The Congressman spoke to Congress about the need to develop an energy policy that utilizes and expands all forms of renewable energy, including biofuels, wind energy, solar energy and geothermal energy. Kansas is already supplying America with renewable sources of energy and has the potential to help even more. Large

amounts of corn, sorghum and soybeans are produced for use in biofuels and Kansas also has potential to grow feedstock for the newly emerging sector of cellulosic ethanol. In the coming months, it is expected that Kansas will be the site of one of the first industrial-sized cellulosic ethanol plants in the nation. Wind energy is another valuable energy source as it is the cheapest form of renewable energy and has zero emission. Mr. Moran noted, however, that it is necessary for wind energy to be supplemented by existing nuclear or fossil fuel facilities to generate energy as a means when the wind is not blowing.

For U.S. refineries, he spoke about the importance of finding a way to protect the environment without imposing onerous regulations that prevent expansion and stop facilities from being built. The last refinery built in the U.S.

was in 1976 and more than 100 have closed since the 1980s.

Finally, the congressman advocated for policy that encourages conservation and efficiency. He has sponsored legislation to enact achievable standards that will lead to the production of more efficient vehicles, including increased fuel economy standards and decreased carbon dioxide emissions for vehicles. Congress should also encourage individuals to conserve by providing tax credits for constructing and updating buildings with energy efficient technologies.

"We have heard it said that 'we cannot drill our way out of this problem,'" he said. "Conservation practices or the production of renewable energy alone will not get us out of the problem either. It will take a combination of all of these resources together to move away from our reliance on foreign oil."

CORRECTION

An ad for the first ever downtown Open Air Market appeared in the July 9 edition of The Monday Extra. The name of Norton Shop and Save Grocery Store was inadvertently omitted from the list of participating businesses and Sander Furniture and Gifts was accidentally included. These were proofreading errors.

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