



Shelbi McKenna took aim at her target during the Kansas State Fall Archery Shoot on Sept. 22. Shelbi was one of several Norton County archers who competed in the shoot.

— Photo courtesy of John Baker

Revitalization act is in the works

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The Norton County Economic Development Board has decided to go forward with the Neighborhood Revitalization Act.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker said after discussing the act with the Norton County Commission, two further revisions were made. The first, she said, was to put a \$250,000 cap on all property other than residential. The second change is that the plan will be instated for a five-year period rather than a three-year period.

Board member Curtis Eveleigh asked why they would want to put a cap on any of the property.

Ms. Becker said the caps are big enough that they allow for a lot of improvement, but they still give the county some protection. She said there is also a clause that says the county commission can make exceptions.

Board member John Miller said if someone wants to build a \$1 million plant and they follow the guidelines of the Board of Tax Appeals, they can get tax exemptions. That helps the county, because one of the guidelines is a guarantee of adding more employees.

Plus, he said, they have to sell this to every other taxing entity in the county — every city, school district, cemetery district and fire district.

Mr. Eveleigh said he didn't think the other entities would have a problem accepting this, even without the caps.

If there is no cap, Mr. Miller said he didn't think the other entities would go for it.

Board member Donna Foley said she thinks it better if companies get the bigger tax exemptions under the Board of Tax Appeals, so that the county gets the jobs. She said she thinks the caps will also help them to sell it to the

other entities because it adds more structure.

The board approved the Neighborhood Revitalization Act with the revision and sent it to the Norton County Commission for their approval. The vote passed 6-1 with Mr. Eveleigh voting no.

In other business, the board:

- Spoke to Steve Zadow of Mapes and Miller, certified public accountants, about the budget and the capacities of the new economic development capital outlay funds.

- Discussed the software needed for the Neighborhood Revitalization Act. Ms. Becker said the software will cost \$5,000; the maintenance program, \$2,800; and the training, \$900. The board will be discussing with the county how much the county will be paying and how much economic development will be paying. It will be something to look at at the Nov. 13 meeting.

Teachers trading up for laptops

By **VERONICA MONIER**
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The Norton School District is buying its teachers laptops.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the plan was to buy laptops for all eligible teachers, counselors, librarians and administrators to replace the desktop computers. This, he said, is the first step in going to a one-to-one initiative.

A problem they were facing with a one-to-one, which would give each student a laptop, was how to filter the computers so students couldn't go to websites they weren't supposed to when not on school property. Also, he said, another problem was the teachers would be behind if they received their laptops when the students did.

Giving the teachers laptops early allows them to be more proficient and makes them more comfortable, he said.

The filtering problem, he said, is solved by each laptop having a mobile filter. When the students

are in school, the computers will be filtered by the district's system. When they aren't, there is a mobile filtering system that will block most of the major sites students shouldn't be on.

Mr. Mann said they would be doing this instead of buying a mobile computer lab.

He said each laptop would cost about \$1,100, which includes accident insurance, AppleCare coverage, the mobile filtering system, a padded case and a mouse for those who want one.

They are anticipating that about 90 percent of the qualifying staff will want to turn in their desktops for laptops, he said. At the moment, he said, they will not be requiring teachers to make the change, but will have the understanding that when their desktop comes up for scheduled replacement, it will be replaced with a laptop.

The board approved the motion to buy laptops for the eligible staff who wanted them.

In other business, the board:

- Adopted the revised science curriculum as presented.

- Heard a report from Frank Otter, the district's representative on the Northwest Kansas Technical College board.

- Heard a presentation of the 2006-07 Kansas Assessment Tests and the district's status relating to adequate yearly progress from Pam Menagh, wellness and accreditation coordinator. Mrs. Menagh said that all three buildings, as well as the district as a whole, made adequate yearly progress. Eisenhower made standard of excellence in both reading and math and the junior high made standard of excellence in reading. She also reported on the Communities That Care survey results.

- Adopted the board goals with the recommended dates.

- Hired Kayla Cox as the junior high assistant girls basketball coach.

- Held two 15-minute closed sessions to discuss land acquisition.

Archers do well at state competition

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Norton County archers took first place in all three of the team competitions at the Kansas State Fall Archery Shoot.

In the barebow team competition, Norton County scored 916 for first place. Making up the team were Chase Braun, with a score of 270; Caleb Vanover, 242; Kegan Vanover, 221; Diedre Kramer, 183; and alternate Jessie Gallentine, 106.

In the olympic team competition, Kyle Edgett scored 316, Carson Braun, 298; Diedre Kramer, 269; and Kegan Vanover, 95, for a total first place score of 978.

In the open team competition, Norton County totaled 1,527 points for first place. Making up the team were Kyle Edgett, 422; Carson Braun, 397; Chase Braun, 386; Jessie Gallentine, 322; and alternate Caleb Vanover, 291.

In the individual competitions, Norton County also did well.

Lane Vanover took first in the junior olympic competition by taking second in 3D with 84 points and first in FITA with 115 points for a total of 199. Shelbi McKenna also shot in junior olympic, scoring fifth in 3D with 84 and fifth in FITA with 59 for an overall fifth placing with 107 points.

Kyle Edgett also took first individually with 316 points for Norton County in the senior olympic competition. For first overall, Kyle took second in 3D with 117 and first in FITA with 199

points. Carson Braun was behind him in second place overall with a first place score of 119 in 3D and a second place score of 179 in FITA for a total of 298 points. He was followed by Diedre Kramer in third place overall with 269 points. Diedre placed fourth in 3D with 97 and third in FITA with 172 points. Kegan Vanover placed eighth overall for Norton County with 95 points. He scored 56 in 3D for seventh and 39 in FITA for eighth.

In the junior barebow competition, Marc Miller placed second overall with 221 points by scoring 63 points in 3D for ninth place and 158 points in FITA for first. Shelbi McKenna placed fifth overall with 192 points by scoring 55 in 3D for 12th place and 137 in FITA for third.

Diedre Kramer took top marks for Norton County in the senior barebow competition with a total of 270 points for second place overall. She took seventh in 3D with 102 and first in FITA with 168. Chase Braun took fourth overall with 242 points by placing fifth in 3D with 111 and fourth in FITA with 131. Others placing for Norton County in senior barebow were Jessie Gallentine, eighth in 3D with 101 and ninth in FITA with 82 for eighth overall at 183; Caleb Vanover, ninth in 3D with 83 and 10th in FITA with 79 for 10th overall at 162; and Kegan Vanover, 12th in 3D with 55 and 14th in FITA with 51 for 13th overall at 106.

In the junior open competition, Marc Miller placed fifth overall with 337 points by scoring fourth by tie-breaker in 3D with 143 and third in FITA with 194. Lane Vanover placed 12th overall with 250 points. He placed 11th in 3D with 100 and 12th in FITA with 150.

Kyle Edgett led for Norton County in the senior open competition with 422 points for second place overall. He took first in 3D with 196 and second in FITA with 226. Carson Braun followed in fourth place overall with 397 points. He scored 178 in 3D for fifth and 219 in FITA for fourth. Chase Braun took sixth overall with 386 points after losing a tie-breaker. He scored 168 in 3D for sixth and 218 in FITA for fourth. Jessie Gallentine placed seventh overall with 322 points by taking 10th in 3D with 127 points and seventh in FITA with 195. Caleb Vanover took 11th overall with 291 points. He placed eighth in 3D with 134 points and 12th in FITA with 157 points.

Development chooses October business

By **DIANE BECKER**
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The October 2007 *Business in the Spotlight* is Time Zone Bar and Grill in Lenora.

Business in the Spotlight, sponsored by Norton City/County Economic Development, highlights one Norton County business per month in an effort to support local businesses and area entrepreneurs through providing free, in depth advertising. A second goal is to promote thinking locally by increasing community awareness of the businesses that exist right here in Norton County.

The Time Zone Bar and Grill recently reopened its doors to a freshly renovated facility and business philosophy.

Treva and Larry Patterson opened the Time Zone Bar and Grill in August after months of remodeling, including refinishing the wood floors, laying new carpet, installing new booths, replacing kitchen equipment and adding a buffet. Perhaps the most

valuable change is the new emphasis on customer service and quality food. For example, all of the steaks served at the Time Zone are from America's Best Steaks.

Larry Patterson said, "Having been in the restaurant business in the past, we saw a great opportunity for a business in Lenora that offered high quality, home-cooked meals in a clean and friendly atmosphere."

The Time Zone Bar and Grill is also a source of entertainment. Poker Night is held every Tuesday and Saturday night. Thursdays are famous for pan-fried chicken and Fridays for prime rib. In addition to themed nights, there are plans to have bands and other entertainers come in on Saturdays.

Nothing in the Time Zone is new. The bar and grill captures the fascinating history of Lenora

through old photographs of the town and memorabilia from the school and past businesses. Step back in time and see the original wooden clock that served as the bell system at Lenora Schools, the neon Rudy's beauty shop sign, the original tie for the Lenora School band, the stoplight, and much more. This emphasis on history is the source of the bar and grill's name, the Time Zone.

Thank you to the Time Zone Bar and Grill, Treva and Larry Patterson, for participating as the October *Business in the Spotlight*.

I would like to encourage everyone to experience the nostalgia of Lenora's past while enjoying a delicious, home cooked meal in an inviting atmosphere at the newly-reopened Time Zone Bar and Grill on Main Street in Lenora.

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