

Bringin' in the dough...



Saturday Raenee Patterson, left, and Sylvia Estes, members of Girl Scout Troop No. 10197, sold Girl Scout cookies at a booth at Jamboree Foods. Both girls are fourth graders at Eisenhower Elementary. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Meeting will deal with corn, soybean production

With the unusually high price of farm commodities, it is critical that producers obtain the most yields possible from their crops. On Thursday, March 6, Phillips/Rooks Extension District, along with Smith County Extension, will host an Informational meeting on Corn and Soybean Production starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Phillips County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building north of Phillipsburg. The program will conclude at approximately 4 p.m.

A free noon lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. before the program and is being sponsored by the First National Bank and Trust of Phillipsburg. Pre-registration to the Phillips/Rooks Extension District or the Smith County Extension Offices would be appreciated by Monday, March 3, to ensure adequate meal supplies. Contact the following K-State

Research and Extension Offices: Phillips County, (785) 543-6845; Rooks County Extension, (785) 425-6851; or Smith County Extension, (785) 282-6823.

The program will focus on all aspects of Corn and Soybean Production including, planting rates and dates, variety selection, insect and disease management, fertility and weed control. Local demonstration test plot information will also be presented. Speakers will include Dr. Kraig Roozeboom, K-State Research and Extension Agronomist; Dr. Brian Olson, K-State Research and Extension NW Area Extension Agronomist, Rachael Boyle, Phillips/Rooks Extension District Agriculture Agent; and Sandra L. Wick, Smith County Extension Agriculture Agent.

All interested producers are encouraged to attend.

Eisenhower 'rounds up' potential kindergarteners

Eisenhower Elementary School will hold its annual Kindergarten Roundup Monday, March 3. Parents and their kindergartener are invited to drop-in for a visit from 4 to 5 p.m. This is the time they will visit the classrooms and meet the kindergarten teachers.

At 5 p.m. Principal Corey Roy will conduct a meeting in the cafeteria with parents and their kindergarten child.

Mr. Roy and the teaching staff will discuss some of the expectations of the kindergarten program and provide some ideas to help parents prepare their child for school.

The school nurse will also be there to discuss what shots are needed for school attendance and any other medical issues.

If you have any questions, call the school at 877-5113.

Hospital looking for good nursing school location

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton County Hospital Board is still looking for a good location for the Colby Community College's nursing program.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said they were looking at a few spots, but nothing concrete yet. He said their architect asked if they wanted plans drawn up, but the hospital hasn't requested that yet.

He said he mentioned to the Norton County Commission the hospital's possible interest in buying the Emergency Medical Service building after the new ambulance facility is used. The commission said they might be using it for storage.

Mr. Miller suggested that they make a formal request in writing to buy that building from the county. It would be a great location for the nursing school since it is just across the street from the hospital.

Board President Dennis Gilhousen said the location makes

all the sense in the world. He said if they buy the building, the county has a vacant lot across the street from the courthouse that it could possibly build something for storage on.

Board member Warren White said he felt they should write the letter, letting the county know how serious they were about the building.

"It's all about location," said Board member Steve Berry. "This location would be great for the school."

The hospital board passed a motion to open negotiations with the county for the ambulance building.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that a walk-through had been done of the lower level with 11 contractors, several of whom were local. Mr. Miller said bids came back on Feb. 18. Mark Brooks from Murray Company and Mark Crane from Health Facilities Group were at the hospital last Friday to open bids. Mr. Miller said the bids looked positive and should be under the \$496,000 approved previously by the board. The lower level will take four and a half to five months and will be

done in two phases.

- Discussed several scholarships available to employees and nursing students.

- Designated The Bank, First Security Bank and Trust, First State Bank, Almema State Bank and United Northwest Federal Credit Union as the hospital's banks for 2008, KQNK Radio as the official radio station, The Norton Telegram as the official newspaper, and John McClymont as legal counsel.

- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss the confidential quarterly risk management report. After returning to open session, the board approved the report.

- Reviewed quality improvement reports from the human resources, social services and activities, respiratory therapy, safety, engineering and dietary departments.

- Learned that the hospital has 96 Lifeline units in homes in the Norton area.

- Heard that the hospital will be participating in the health fair from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the National Guard Armory in Norton.

- Heard a presentation from

Joan Streck, head obstetrics nurse, on the obstetrics department. She said they've started doing seat checks on the third Wednesday of each month for the public and are also doing seat checks for new parents before they take their baby home. There are three nurses who are certified to do the checks, she said. For labor and delivery, mothers receive one-on-one care and after the birth, babies are roomed with their mothers. She said each baby has an alarm on its ankle for security, so the babies can't be taken from the hospital. She said they will now be putting pictures of newborn babies on the hospital's website after the babies have been discharged.

- Approved the purchase of a cardiac monitor, a humidified oxygen machine, and equipment for the jaundice monitor for the obstetrics department at a total of \$8,490; \$8,500 was budgeted.

- Accepted the revised nursing policy and procedures as presented.

- Approved the write-off accounts and sent them to collection.

College holds seminar on QuickBooks

HAYS — Fort Hays State University's Kansas Small Business Development Center will offer a three-part QuickBooks seminar from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. April 21, April 28 and May 5 in Fort Hays State University's McCartney Hall, room 116.

The introductory course will teach the basics of record keeping using QuickBooks software and provide a user-friendly way to handle business finances.

Session 1 of QuickBooks covers the basics of recordkeeping, getting started with QuickBooks and working with lists. Session 2 will instruct on setting up inventory and invoices, customizing and designing forms and processing payment. Session 3 will include information on tracking payroll and sales taxes and creating reports.

The registration deadline for a discounted rate of \$150 is April 14. Late registration fee is \$180.

To register, call the FHSU KS-BDC at (785)-628-5615 or e-mail ksbdcc@fhsu.edu.

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Norton Community High School Students of the Month for January 2008

Ashley Esslinger



Parents: Kevin & Tara Esslinger
Grade: Sophomore

Nominating Staff Members — Marie Miller and Mindy Fleckenstein

"Ashley works very hard to do well in school. Her attitude and work ethic need to be recognized."

— Mrs. Miller

"I nominate Ashley Esslinger for student of the month. She works so hard in class and she completes all her assignments to the best of her ability. I have been really impressed with how well she has been doing in my class lately."

— Mrs. Fleckenstein

Factoids about Ashley

Favorite Class: Art I & Animal Science
Favorite Drink: Dr. Pepper
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Food: Lasagna, pizza & chips
Favorite Movie: Hildago
Favorite Saying: "Yeah, Right!"
Favorite Song: Too many to choose from
Favorite Hang out: Home
Personal Hero: My dad
Future Plans: Attend Colby Community College for two years and come back and work for Esslinger Ranch.

Spencer Shirk



Parents: Lamont & Pam Shirk
Grade: Freshman

Nominating Staff Member — David Will

"I would like to nominate Spencer Shirk. I think he gets along with most students and teachers well. He is working hard in school and sports, and does good work in his classes and activities too."

— Mr. Will

Factoids about Spencer

Favorite Class: Biology
Favorite Drink: Gatorade
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Movie: Behind Enemy Lines
Favorite Saying: "When you come to the end of the rope, tie a knot and hang on!"
Favorite Song: "Amarillo Sky"
Favorite Hang-out: Home
Personal Hero: Tommie Frazier
Future Plans: College

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