

Feed 'em, wash 'em



Brick masons are practically done with the exterior work at the new Subway sandwich shop on U.S. Highway 36 in Norton. The national sandwich franchise is scheduled to open later this spring.

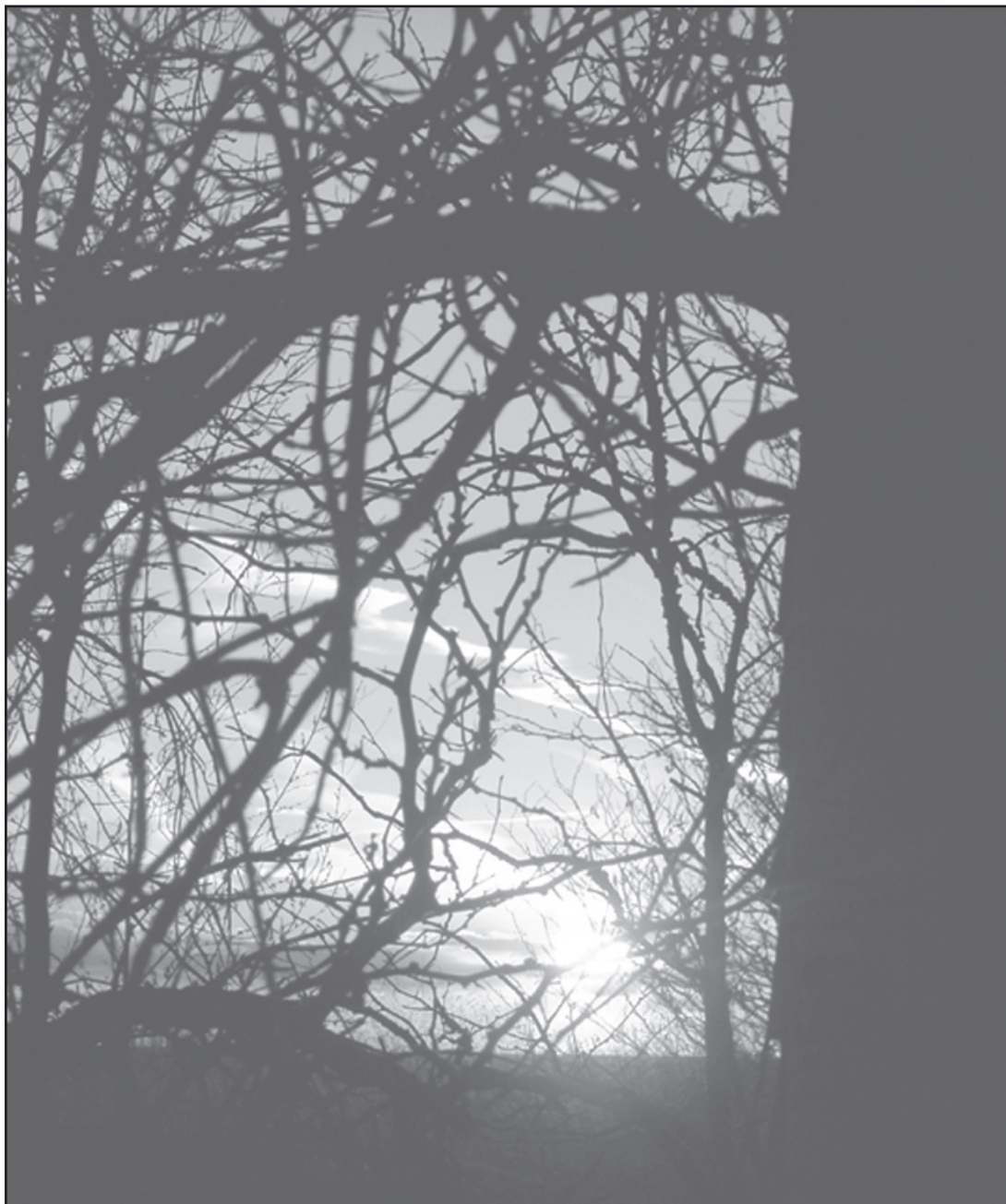
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



A Colorado motorist took advantage of the sunny weather Sunday to stop in Norton and wash winter's grime off his car.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Rays of silence



The sun's rays weave their way through the tangled web of trees next to an abandoned home near Hendley, Neb. With April just about over, later sunsets now allow for more outdoor activities.

— Telegram photo by Christie Anderson

Training set for Care assessors

Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) assessors in northwest Kansas will be held on Tuesday, April 29, in Hays. The training will be held at Commerce Bank, 718 Main Street, in the basement meeting room. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and training will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone seeking nursing facility placement must have a CARE assessment, as required by Kansas law. The Kansas Department on Aging, in cooperation with the

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\$500 awaits three students

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Students are always looking for scholarships.

And those fortunate enough to pocket a couple of those, are a step or two ahead of those who overlook or underestimate their clout.

There's a new scholarship surfacing that not only rewards three students \$500 each, but will also bring driving safety to the forefront.

Information *The Telegram* received this week is calling for entries for the Youth Traffic Safety Month Scholarship Contest, created by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Transportation. Purpose of the new contest is to encourage teen drivers to talk to each other about the importance of traffic safety.

"Spring is an exciting time for youth. It's prom and graduation season, the school year is coming to an end, and summer is just around the corner," said Pete Bodyk, Chief of the Kansas Department of Transportation's Bureau of Traffic Safety.

"While thinking about their summer plans, we also want youth to think about how they can improve their driving habits and those of their peers," he said.

The three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Kansas students currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- 1) a 30-second public service announcement for radio;
- 2) a 30-second public service announcement for television; or
- 3) an 11 X 17 poster.

Entries must address at least one of the following topics: seat belts, drinking and driving, reckless and distracted driving, motorcycle safety, and/or speeding.

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 30. Full contest rules, entry forms and posters are available online at www.kansashighwaypatrol.org.

The contest is being held in coordination with the second annual National Youth Traffic Safety Month (May), sponsored by the National Organization for Youth.

Mr. Bodyk said this traffic safety month scholarship contest is an excellent opportunity for youth to think about steps they can take to become responsible drivers.

Any Norton, Almena, Lenora or other area young people out there interested in gaining some fame and also \$500 for their effort?

Area dairy continues to expand

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Four brothers who love the dairy industry are developing their own business to complement two of their parents' businesses.

Ken, Clay, Mike and David McCarty have formed McCarty Brothers Heifers, L.L.C. and are building a heifer yard which has been licensed by the state to hold up to 3,800 heifers. A heifer is a bovine that has not yet been bred to reproduce.

The heifer yard will be used as a site to raise livestock for McCarty Dairy of Rexford and Bird City Dairy, owned by their parents, Tom and Judy McCarty of Colby. The heifer yard will be located adjacent to McCarty dairy, which is five and one-half miles south of Rexford on U.S. Highway 83.

"Right now our heifers are being raised in Pretty Prairie," Judy McCarty said.

"We have push out feed, and we have hay that is not dairy quality, so we can use that for our heifers."

Push out feed is grain that is left over after dairy cows have eaten, usually while standing in stalls inside a dairy barn.

The McCarty family moved their dairy operation from Pennsylvania to Rexford in 1999. Ken and Clay McCarty currently work at McCarty Dairy; Mike McCarty works at Bird City Dairy; and David is the manager of Frontier Dairy at Syracuse.

Starting with a herd of 1,200 heifers, Judy McCarty said her sons hope to have their new heifer yard by June 1.

"We felt it was a plus to raise our heifers here," she said. "Folks from Kansas State University came out and helped us plan the yard."

Both dairies will continue to raise their dairy calves until they reach about 400 pounds, then the McCarty brothers will move the calves to the heifer yard and artificially inseminate them to reproduce.

"They'll use sex semen which will give them about a 60 percent chance of having a heifer," McCarty said. "This will increase the number of heifers we have for our milking facilities."

Once calves reach the 400 pound point and are moved to the heifer yard, they will be bred and raised until somewhere between four and six weeks prior to calving and

then be returned to the dairy from which they came, Bird City Dairy or McCarty Dairy.

"This will decrease our costs," McCarty said. "It will decrease our transportation costs for sure."

While the McCarty brothers will hire someone to manage the new yard, current dairy employees will be utilized for the remainder of the staff. There are 16 employees at McCarty Dairy.

They work with 1,900 cows that generate about 13,000 gallons, or two semi-trucks, of milk each day. Milking 22 of 24 hours each day, the dairy is operated in three shifts which rotate each month.

"We are pretty excited about it," McCarty said. "Heifers are like teenagers, they are always curious and we've been wanting to do this for a while and it will be a real plus for all of us."

McCarty said making the move from Pennsylvania to northwest Kansas has been good for the entire family.

"We've developed long-term relationships with hay growers and it's been a great opportunity for our boys," McCarty said. "They've had opportunities here that they would not have had back in Pennsylvania."

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