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Briefly

Shrine Bowl invite set for Wednesday

A school assembly will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton to present senior all-state football player Zac Dreher with his formal invitation to play in this year's Kansas Shrine Bowl all-star football game.

Shriners will be present to tell about the purpose of the Shrine Bowl. The public is invited to attend.

Time to renew vehicle 'A' tags

Heavy truck and trailer tag renewals along with all persons with last name beginning with "A" or businesses that start with "A" have until Feb. 28 to renew their tags without paying a penalty. The heavy truck tags are tags with a rating of 16,000 lbs. or more. Remember to bring your proof of insurance on each vehicle. For trailers, the insurance on the vehicles that pulls it most often is needed. Vehicle business is done from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the county treasurer's office.

Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember to bring along your social security card or something that has your social security number on it for verification. Instructional permits (IP) and Driver Education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment. You will need to bring a certified birth certificate, social security card and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

The Norton County Treasurer's office will be closed for business on Feb. 16, for the Presidents Day holiday. If you have questions, please call the office at (785) 877-5795. All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Weather

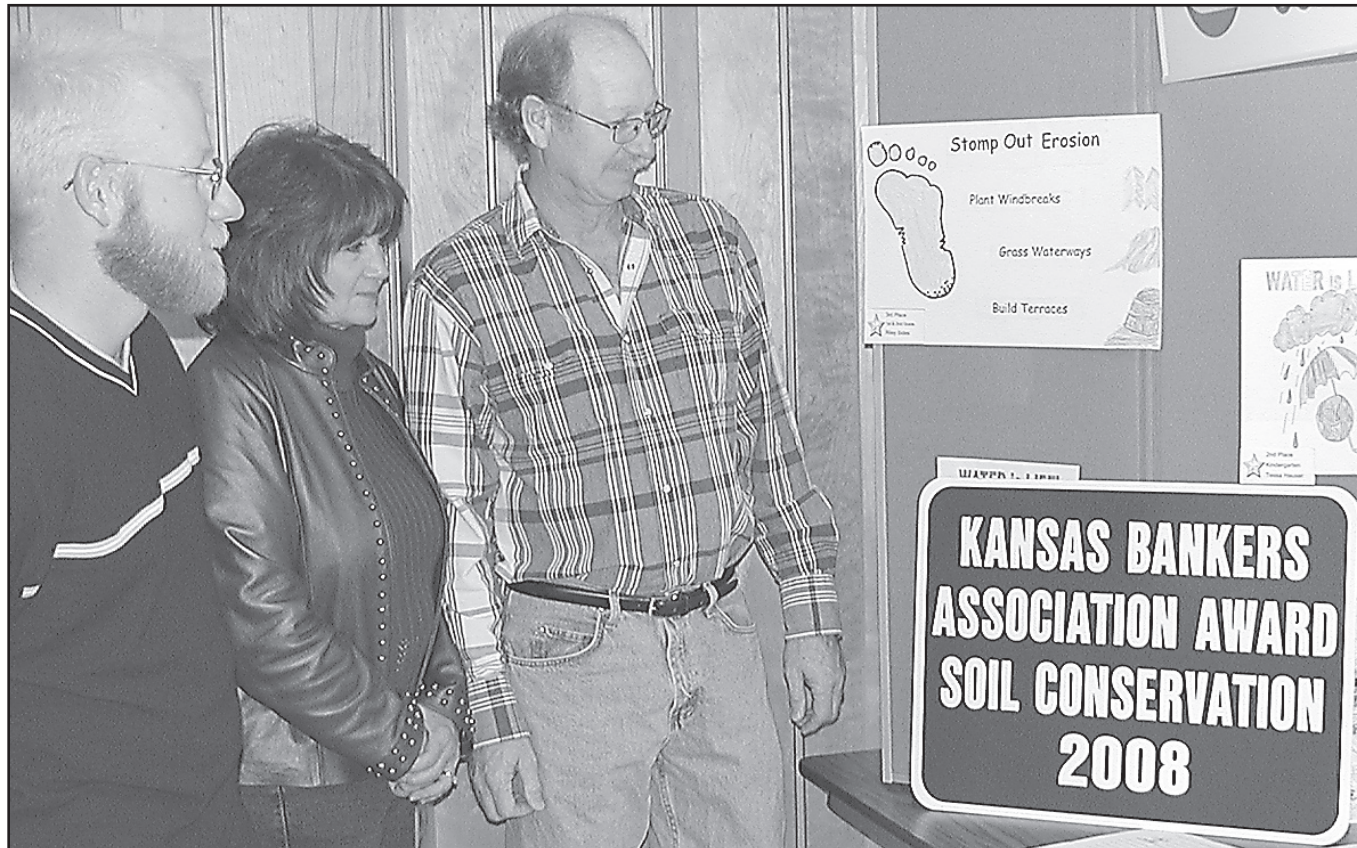
Forecast:

Tonight - A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 28. Blustery with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 52. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 22. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 48. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery with a low around 20. Friday - A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 34.

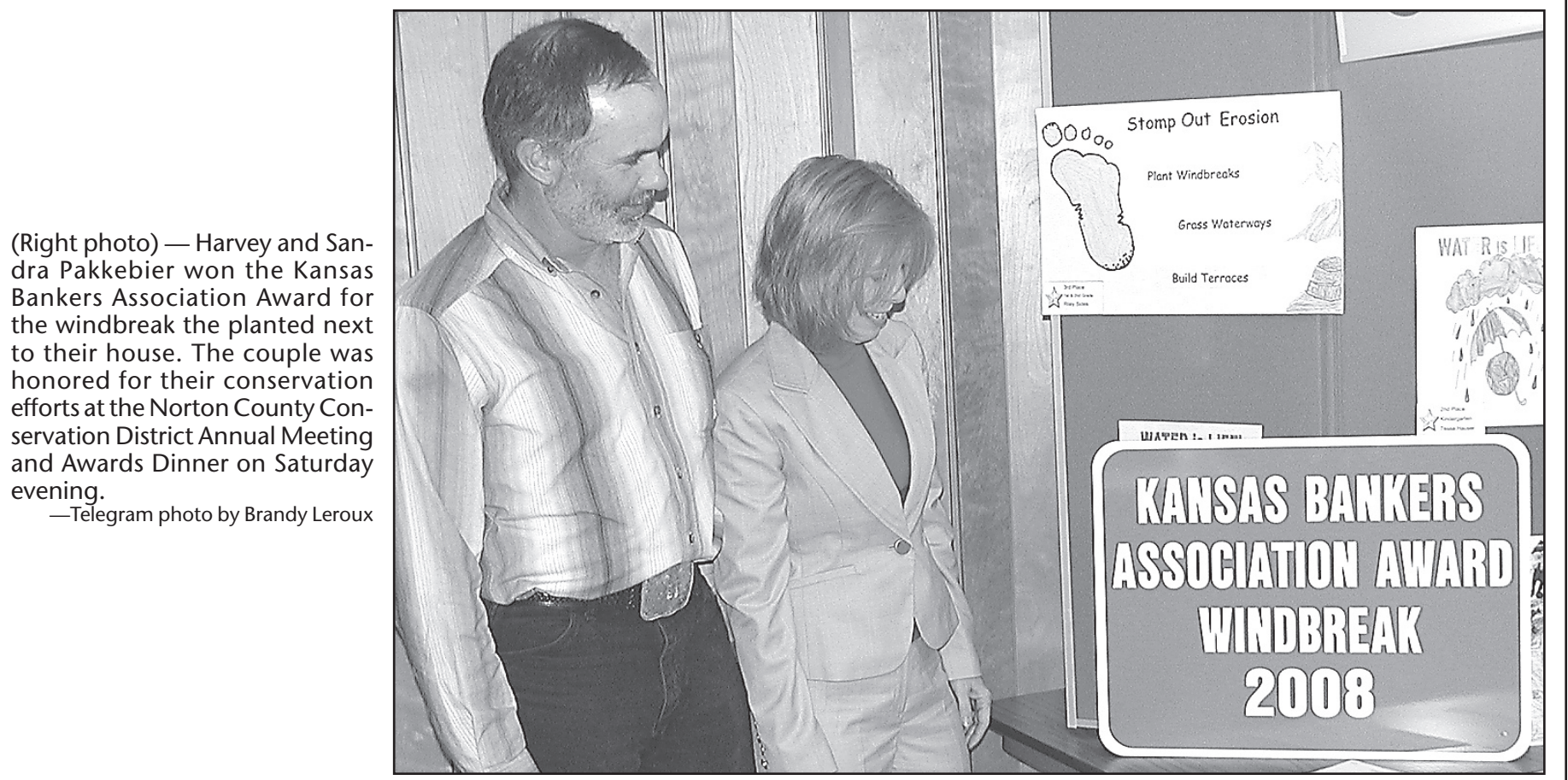
Prayer

Dear God, strengthen and guide us today. May our thoughts, words, and actions testify to our love for you.
Amen

For a job well done



(Left photo) — Kirk, left, Deb, center, and Steve Persinger won the 2008 Kansas Bankers Association Award for no-till farming. The family was honored at the Norton County Conservation District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Saturday evening.
—Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux



(Right photo) — Harvey and Sandra Pakkebieer won the Kansas Bankers Association Award for the windbreak the planted next to their house. The couple was honored for their conservation efforts at the Norton County Conservation District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Saturday evening.
—Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Academic teams rank with the best

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Last week was full of great news for Norton's academic teams, from grade school on up to high school.

On Monday, Nancy Sebelius, Norton schools' gifted instructor, received word that both the fifth and sixth grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl teams placed first in the state, and received ribbons and trophies for both teams.

Tuesday, the high school Scholars' Bowl team took first place at the tournament in Phillipsburg. The team had an 8-0 record, and defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian, one of their toughest rivals.

"I would like to congratulate Mrs. Sebelius and the Scholars' Bowl team," said Norton Community High School Principal Rudy Perez. "We have been fortunate to be able to fill at least three teams at our own invitational. Although Norton High School is largely noted for its athletic accomplishments, we have a very strong academic program. A special thanks to John Becker, who has been the 'official driver' of the team throughout this season and in past seasons! Best of luck to the team as they travel to Belle Plaine this weekend."

Wednesday, Mrs. Sebelius received a certificate, saying the fifth grade Knowledge Master Open team placed first in the state, second in the nation in their division out of about 350 students, and fourth in the nation overall out of more than 200 teams.

Thursday, the seventh and eighth grade Scholars' Bowl teams went to their first competition of the season in Smith Center. Both teams won the gold medal.

Mrs. Sebelius said she is proud and
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Piano player grabs first place in talent show

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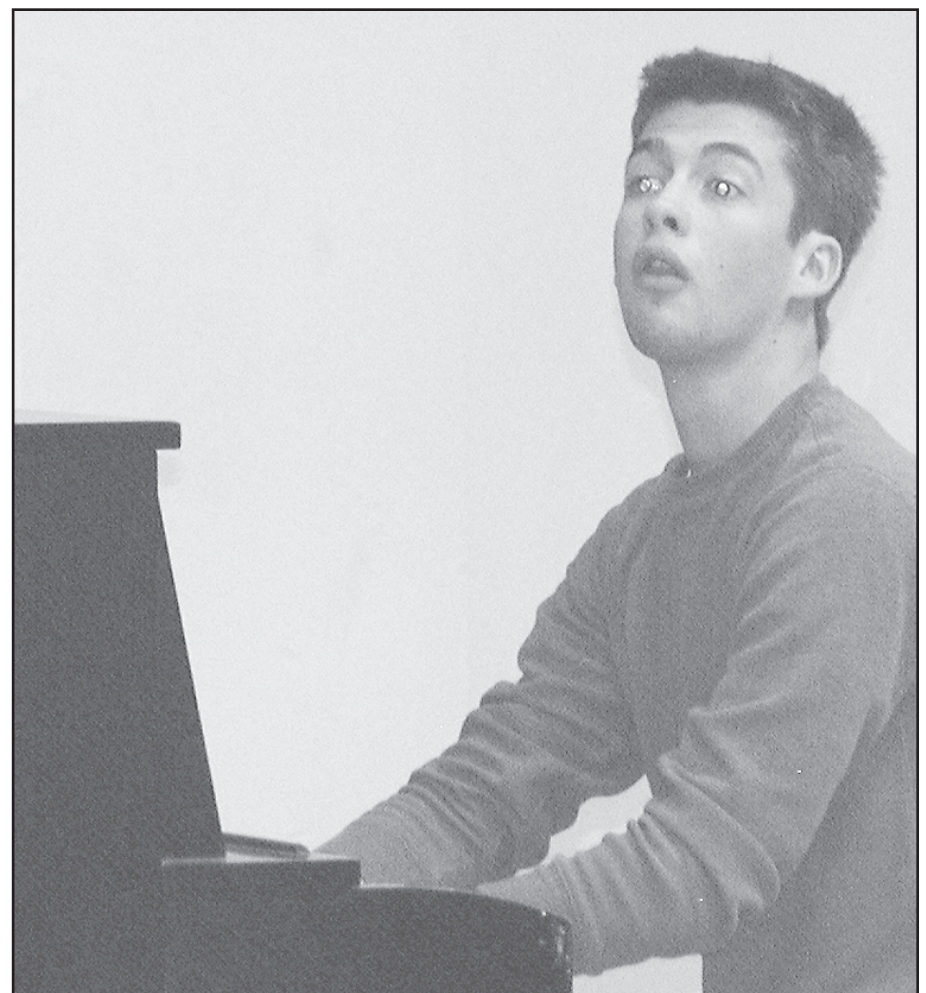
Stanton Nelson won first place at Saturday's Northern Valley Soup Supper and Talent Show, performing several of his own piano compositions.

Other winners were Heather Hansen, vocal solo; Hal Hansen, banjo and vocal solo; Visually Disturbed, a rock band with Travis Redeker, Jordan Herman and Bryce Bird; Jeremy Wetter, trumpet solo; Brittney Braun, vocal solo; Brittney Wright and Brooklyn Baker, vocal duet; and Katie Johnson and Sarah Baird, vocal duet.

"Our Soup Supper and Talent Show was a success," said Dr. Sue Ann Stutheit, coordinator of the event. "We raised almost \$1,000 toward our music department's trip to Kansas City. We hope to have two more fund raisers this school year."

She said that anyone at the Talent Show would have to agree that Northern Valley has an abundance of talent, and it was especially fun to hear acts like Hal Hansen's banjo solo — who knew? Also, the student rock band, Visually Disturbed, was well-received. I think it is great when students take their music skills outside the school and just make music for fun!"

Dr. Stutheit said she would like to thank Garden Gate Floral, Destination Kitchen, White Fields Coffee, All Creatures Vet Clinic, Groomingdales, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Pure Prairie Natural Foods, Norton Highway Car Wash and Rainbow Lanes for donating prizes.



Stanton Nelson played several piano solos, including waltzes and songs he composed himself at Saturday night's Northern Valley Soup Supper and Talent Show. Stanton won first place.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Arrest made in Norton business break-ins

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Cody Hale, Norton, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor theft in the recent business break-ins. Misdemeanor theft means the total value was less than \$1,000.

The Norton Police Department found a mix of vehicle air conditioner condensers

and radiators in Hale's possession. Brad Harding, owner of Gall Motor Company, reported several radiators and air conditioner condensers missing from his property on Jan. 21.

"We are continuing to work on the other business break-ins," said Norton Chief of Police Pat Morel. "We have evidence and are following all leads."

A warrant was issued for Hale's arrest, which was served last Tuesday by Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl.

Hale had his first appearance in court last Thursday, and pleaded not guilty. The court appointed Missi Schoen, from Worden Law Office, as his attorney.

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