

Hats off



Trent Merchant, left, Tevin Petrie, center, and Justis Posson, right, wore the Abraham Lincoln hats they made during Diane Lambrecht's art class. Thursday was former President Lincoln's birthday, and the students learned about him while making their hats. - Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

'Buy Local Week' has success story

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The Norton City/County Economic Development's Buy Local Week Scavenger Hunt prize winners were drawn live on KQNK radio on Tuesday after party line. The first place winner of \$250 in Chamber Bucks was Veronica Monier, Norton; the second place winner of \$100 in Chamber Bucks was Deb Jackson, Norton; and the third place winner of \$50 in Chamber Bucks was Shannon Goss, rural Norton County.

"Buy Local Week was successful in bringing attention to the importance of shopping locally in Norton County," said Norton City/County Economic Development director Diane Becker. "We received thirty-five entries for the Buy

Local Week Scavenger Hunt and many people enjoyed the contest. Businesses throughout the county participated in the promotion through the Scavenger Hunt at no charge, and 10 businesses advertised special Buy Local Week promotions."

Miss Becker said one of the greatest success stories was Barb Goeken, a Norton resident who works at Pamida. Miss Goeken was looking for the hidden logo in Stitch Up A Storm when she noticed they carry something Pamida does not — embroidery thread. Miss Goeken said customers frequently ask for embroidery thread, and now she'll know where to refer the customers.

Jamie Wentz, co-owner of Stitch Up A Storm, prepared a list of the items her store car-

ries so Miss Goeken, or anyone else who works at Pamida, can refer customers there when they need something Pamida doesn't have.

"In general the businesses felt that Buy Local Week succeeded in educating the public about the importance of shopping locally," said Miss Becker. "The radio and newspaper advertising was effective. The business owners did have great suggestions on improving the Scavenger Hunt since several of the people who participated did not purchase anything at the time. They feel the best model is the Christmas on Us promotion that requires people to purchase goods to participate. Many commented on their excitement for next year's Buy Local Week."

City to change employee handbook

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Karen Griffiths, Norton City Attorney, will present a resolution for changes to the Norton City Employee Handbook and Personnel Rules at the city council meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The council will meet in the city building on E. Washington Street.

Council member Jeff Otter proposed changes during the city council's last meeting on Feb. 4. The changes he proposed were eliminating the extra day off for the New Year's holiday and instead giving an additional discretionary day off, which would be added in 2010; eliminating the first four ranges on

the city's pay scale and shifting the remaining ranges up to what is currently range 5 to become range 1; eliminating the positions of Power Plant Operator II and Water/Sewer Plant Operator II; moving Park/Cemetery Supervisor and City Clerk positions down on the pay range by one space; adding evaluation forms and disciplinary forms to the employee manual; and changing meal allowances from individual meals to a daily total allowance.

The city only has one discretionary day for employees and no city employee will receive a raise from the changes in pay scales.

Also on the city's agenda for Wednesday, Valley Hope As-

sociation building permit for \$4,686 to install a septic system and restroom at the Valley Hope hangar at the Norton Airport; City Administrator Rob Lawson will give his report; Council member Toby Kuhn, who is also chairman of the Public Safety Committee, will give a report on the Public Safety meeting that was held Monday, Feb. 9.

Upcoming city committee meetings are:

- Parks Committee on Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Works Committee on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend the city council meetings and the committee meetings, all of which are at the city building.

Seminar for pilots scheduled

A Federal Aviation Administration safety seminar for pilots will be held in the terminal building at Colby's Shalz Field Municipal Airport on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

The program will include technically advanced aircraft; the New Wings program (a training program that counts towards required pilot safety training); airport operations class B, C, D, E and G; the sport pilot program (a new program for which information will be distributed and questions may be asked); and medical issues (FAA requirements for fitness and what medical issues affect licensing).

Lunch will be free. For information, contact Mark Ostmeier

at (785) 460-4438 or check www.faasafety.gov.

The event is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team/Wichita Flight

Standards District Office, MC Aviation Service, Great Plains Spraying, Friends of the Colby Airport, CBK Flyers and Dillon Stores.

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McMullen & Wyatt Auctions is now taking consignments for our Annual Spring Auction. Any farm related items, livestock equipment, tools, machinery, tractors, or trucks accepted for the March 28 auction. To consign or for more information, please contact Donald or Robert

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Accident report

Monday, Jan. 12 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on highway K-9. Kevin Strutt, Hoxie, was driving east on K-9 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Strutt was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Officer Adam Wahlmeier responded to a two-vehicle accident on Woodfield. Diana Smith, Norton, was legally parked at the curb. An unknown vehicle slid on the ice and hit her vehicle. The driver left the scene without reporting the accident. Damage was listed as less than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 283 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Pfannenstiel was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Tamara Walter, Norton, was listed as a passenger. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Officer Adam Wahlmeier responded to a one-vehicle accident on Taft Street. Randy Willmes, Norton, was driving east on Taft and lost control of his vehicle. Mr. Willmes slid into the ditch and hit a power line pole. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were listed.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 — Officer Jody Enfield responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Norton County Hospital parking lot. Sidney Gosselin, Norton, was backing out of a parking spot and struck a vehicle driven by Mary Meyer, Norton. Ms.

Meyer was unable to stop due to the ice on the parking lot. Damage was not listed. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Jan. 29 — Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway K-9. Jnell Conkey, Edmond, was driving east on K-9 when a deer came onto the road. Ms. Conkey was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Feb. 2 — Assistant Chief Jeremy Hartwell responded to a two-vehicle accident on North Wabash. Marilyn Dicks, Norton, was backing out of a private driveway and hit a vehicle driven by Lori Ebner, Norton, who was driving south on Wabash. Damage was listed as less than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Feb. 5 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a cow-related accident on Highway 36. A semi truck, driven by Patrick Skinner, Edgar, Neb., was driving west on Highway 36 when a cow came onto the road. Mr. Skinner was unable to avoid hitting the cow. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Feb. 5 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a cow-related accident on Highway 36. David Wilson, Colorado Springs, was driving east on Highway 36 when a cow came onto the road. Mr. Wilson was unable to avoid hitting the cow. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. Delano Forrest, Colorado Springs, was listed as a passenger in the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Assistant Chief Jeremy Hartwell respond-

ed to a one-vehicle accident in the Valley Hope parking lot. Michael Isbill, Norton, was backing from a parking spot and hit a metal pole. The pole was not damaged. No damage amount was listed. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 283. Kayla Douglas, Norton, was driving north on Highway 283 when a deer came onto the road. Ms. Douglas was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 36. Gramm Simmonds, Estherville, Iowa, was driving east on Highway 36 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Simmonds was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Feb. 9 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 36. Patrick Douglas, Norton, was driving east on Highway 36 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Douglas was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, Feb. 12 — Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 383. Carol Kemp, Littleton, Colo., was driving east on Highway 383 when a deer came onto the road. Ms. Kemp was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Rotarians to take over radio station

Sunday the Norton Rotary Club, in conjunction with KQNK Radio, will present "Rotary Radio Day."

Rotarians will take over the airwaves from noon to 5 p.m. and serve as the disc jockeys to raise money for club projects, including the Norton Rotary

BB Gun Teams, scholarships and immunization assistance with the Norton County Health Department.

The Rotarians, up to this point, have been busy selling spots to Norton county individuals and businesses that can either be used for advertising or congratulatory

ads for Rotary.

These advertisements will be read by local Rotary members, which can make for interesting and entertaining radio.

Every dollar received from these spots goes to Rotary, which in turn goes directly back into the community.

Resident named to editorial board

Jessica Kennedy of Colby has been selected to participate on the editorial board of the Girl Scouts of the USA and Microsoft's new online safety campaign called LMK, which is text-speak for Let Me Know, an online safety resource where girls are the technology experts on subjects that are often best discussed at a teen to teen level, like cyber-bullying, predators and social networking.

This girl-led campaign allows girls to share their online concerns

with peer "tech-perts" about the issues that affect them while raising awareness about how to keep girls ages 13-17 safe when surfing the web. In addition, parents have access to a site specifically geared to their needs, equipping them with the tools necessary to understand and act on the rapidly changing world of online safety.

"I think it is important for teens to advocate for online safety because the Internet is such a big part of our lives, yet one that a lot of us take for granted," said Jes-

sica. "I decided to join LMK so I could help other kids understand some of the risks that exist online and teach people how to avoid them."

The campaign includes an interactive Web site for girls, as well as an e-newsletter and web site for adults. Each month, the all-girl editorial board explores a different internet safety topic online and then shares what they learned in the e-newsletter which is distributed to adults the following month.

Conservation winners announced

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Winners in the 2008 Norton County Conservation District coloring contest, poster contest and essay contest were announced at the banquet held Saturday evening. They are as follows:

- Kindergarten, Olivia Carter,

first place; Tessa Hauser, second place; and Devin Shearer, third place.

- 1st and 2nd grade poster winners, Nick Stutsman, first place; Dylan Goss, second place; and Riley Sides, third place.

- 3rd and 4th grade poster winners, Chaylee Lowry, first place; Carson Wallace, second

place; and Caden Kinderknecht, third place.

- 5th and 6th grade poster winners, Chris Reynolds, first place; Audrey Morel, second place; and Tea VanPatten, third place.

- Essay Winners, Jonathan White, first place; Chandler Sumner, second place; and Andrew Bashford, third place.

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