

Business in the Spotlight

Each month a Norton County business is featured for their valuable contribution to our economy.

This month's article was submitted by economic development board member Barb Brooks.

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February 2013

Ruth's Antiques
Owner: Ruth Hartman
601 A East Holme, East Highway 36
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ruthsantiques.com

Ruth Hartman got her start in the antique business about 25 years ago when she and several other women decided to open a small antique store in downtown Norton. The members of this group varied over the years, but included Sara Hartley, Connie Stroman, Ada Arford, Gloria Nelson, Helen Bullock, and Norma Howorth. They called their store Twice Sold Treasures. It had its beginnings in the Red House called the Dr. Lyons House that was owned by the Moffet's. After a few years it was relocated to a building on State Street owned by Norton Sheet Metal. The next move was to the building where Twice Sold Treasures, under new ownership, is still located. After working together for 11 years, this group of women decided to go their separate ways and the business was sold. It was then that Ruth opened her store on Highway 36, where she has been for the last 12 years, in a building she shares with Duane McEwen.

A lot of items in the store such as glassware came from auctions that Ruth has gone to over the years. Ruth says that people will bring in jewelry boxes that belonged to their Grandmothers

and after they go through them and choose the pieces they want to keep, she will buy the remaining pieces that she thinks she can sell.

In 2003 Ruth decided to expand and reach more potential customers by showing some of her items on the internet. Her internet shop is also called Ruth's Antiques and is on the Ruby Lane site. To easily get to her Ruby Lane shop, go to ruthsantiques.com. There are around 3,000 vendors on this website, so in order to stay at the forefront she has to add new items every day. There is an average of around 770 items in the internet shop. Since getting her shop online, she sells more jewelry and personal items.

Having her shop located on Highway 36 has been good for business and of course brings in more people during the summer months. The annual Highway 36 Treasure Hunt is always great for business and she has repeat customers who come every 3 months or so when they pass through expecting her to be there. The shop is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

Ruth says "I think that the business district in Norton seems very progressive. They seem to be doing very well". She doesn't get downtown as often as she would like because her shop is open during business hours. Even though the shop closes at 3:00, there are still things to do at home, and the items sold online still need to be packaged and mailed which takes some time. Ruth says she may start easing off one of these days, but it seems for now she is enjoying this adventure that began 25 years ago.

A troubled bridge



Repairs began on the train bridge east of Almena on Wednesday. The bridge suffered structural damage after it was burnt from a car accident. The land the bridge is located on is owned by NKC Rail Net. Railworks out of Fremont, Neb. began the work to re-stabilize the bridge so that cars could start using it again.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

HONOR ROLL

Northern Valley Junior High School	Chaylee Lowry Honors I 3.50-3.99	6th Grade Makenna Hammond
2nd Quarter Honor Roll	6th Grade Aidan Baird	Cody Sorenson
Highest 4.00	Amy Leroux	Brianna Sammons
6th Grade	Caden Bach	Sydney Brands
Zoe Cox	Eden Combs	Chance Kinderknecht
Kale Cox	Nicholas Stutsman	Jaden Smith
Ross Cole	Dezirae Williams	7th Grade
Micah Kasson	David Peete	Caden Kinderknecht
Paige Baird	Shayna Speer	Keegan Smith
Riley Sides	Kim Lowry	8th Grade
7th Grade	7th Grade	Johnathan Towery
Brianna Johns	Makensy Schroeder	Carson Wallace
Katie Johnson	Honors II 3.00-3.49	Damian Wellman
HalLee Linner		Kylie Kinderknecht

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS	Friday, Feb. 22	5th and 6th grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Sunday-Saturday, Feb. 17-23	State Wrestling Tournament at FHSU, 10 a.m.	
National FFA Week	ABP Reward Day	Northern Valley
Monday, Feb. 18	Artist of the Month, A.P.	Sunday-Saturday, Feb. 17-23
NHS distributes survey results	Saturday, Feb. 23	National FFA Week
FFA Pals Party, 7 p.m.	Forensics at Hays High School, 7:30 a.m.	Monday, Feb. 18
Tuesday, Feb. 19	State Wrestling Tournament at FHSU, 9 a.m.	No School-President's Day
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.	NJHS	Tuesday, Feb. 19
Student focus group, A.P.	Monday, Feb. 18	Site base council meeting in Almena, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20	Vocal and band concert, 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 20
MCEL Music Festival: No school for students	Wednesday, Feb. 20	HS Activity Period-FFA
FCCLA District Elections at East Campus, 8 a.m.	MCEL Music Festival: No school for students	Chicken Checkers in the HS auditorium
Post-Prom Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	Thursday, Feb. 21
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-23	Wrestling at Osborne with Phillipsburg, Plainville and Trego, 5 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 22
KMEA at Hays	EES	KMEA Convention in Wichita
Thursday, Feb. 21	Wednesday, Feb. 20	Friday, Feb. 22
Kansas Scholastic Press Association Regional Competition at FHSU	Parent-Teacher Conferences: No school for students	KMEA Convention in Wichita
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	
S.I.T. Meeting, 7:45 a.m.		

SCHOOL MENU

Norton Jr.-Sr. High Schools Menu	EES Menu	
Monday, Feb. 18	Monday, Feb. 18	Tuesday, Feb. 19
Breakfast-Pizza squares, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.	Breakfast-Sausage pancake stick, warm syrup, strawberry fruit cup, apple juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.	Breakfast-Breakfast bucket, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Beef and bean tostado, lettuce and chopped tomato, soft chocolate cookie, applesauce or chef salad and milk.	Lunch-Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.	Lunch-Ham-n-scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, buttered green beans and peach half.
Tuesday, Feb. 19	Tuesday, Feb. 19	Wednesday, Feb. 20
Breakfast-Cinnamon bun, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.	Breakfast-Banana spears, apple wedge, oatmeal muffin, grape juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.	Breakfast-Pancakes, ham slice, scrambled eggs, fruit cup and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, pickle, corn, pears or chef salad and milk.	Lunch-Corn dog, sweet potato tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail and milk.	Lunch-Grilled chicken on a bun, potatoes, buttered beets and Orange Smiles.
Wednesday, Feb. 20	Wednesday, Feb. 20	Thursday, Feb. 21
No School---MCEL Music Festival	No School	Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Thursday, Feb. 21	Thursday, Feb. 21	Friday, Feb. 22
Breakfast-Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.	Breakfast-Hot ham slice, hash brown patty, peaches, apple juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.	Breakfast-Ham-n-cheese bagel, hash browns, oranges and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Spaghetti, shredded cheese, garden salad, peaches or chef salad and milk.	Lunch-Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, tomato wedge and milk.	Lunch-Pizzawich, tri-tator, buttered carrots and chocolate pudding.
Friday, Feb. 22	Friday, Feb. 22	Friday, Feb. 22
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.	Breakfast-Ice cold strawberries, bagel w/cream cheese, orange juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.	Breakfast-Ham-n-cheese bagel, hash browns, oranges and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Pepperoni pocket w/marinara sauce, green beans, fruit cup or chef salad and milk.	Lunch-Tuna noodles, green beans, orange half, cheese rolls and milk.	Lunch-Fish sandwich, potatoes, buttered peas and cherry crisp.
	Northern Valley Menu	
	Monday, Feb. 18	
	No School	



Bureau honors tradition of family farms

Tradition and heritage is a big part of what makes agriculture such an attractive way of life for so many Kansans. The lifeblood of our existence, the farms and ranches in Kansas, provide food, fuel and fiber for the world.

The history of these farms and ranches is rich, with many stories to tell. In that spirit, Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's leading agriculture advocacy organization, is launching the thirteenth year of its program for the new millennium to honor those family farms that have passed down this heritage for more than a century.

The Kansas Farm Bureau "Century Farm" program will recognize family farms whose current owner/operator is related to the owner/operator of the farm in 1913 or before. Qualifying farmers will receive a farm sign designating "Century Farm" status and recognition from Kansas Farm Bureau.

"As farmers and ranchers, we are proud of our legacy and heritage," said Steve Baccus, Kansas Farm Bureau president. "The Century Farm program will help others better appreciate the strong family ties and

tradition that we hold so dear."

During the first twelve years of the Century Farm Program, more than 2,200 family farms qualified for the Farm Bureau Century Farm designation.

The deadline for consideration is May 15, 2013. Complete details for qualification and an application can be ob-

tained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or on the KFB web site, <http://www.kfb.org/getinvolved/centuryfarms/>

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

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Norton County Health Promotion Blood Screening

At the Norton County Health Department



**Tuesday,
Feb. 26, 2013**

Time: 7:00 a.m.-
Noon

Provided by a joint effort of the Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital

Need to be fasting (no food or drink after midnight) before testing

Health Profile and CBC #1 - \$40.00

Screens electrolytes, kidney function, alkaline phosphate, glucose, cholesterol (HDL, LDL, VLDL and triglycerides) and CBC

PSA - #2 - \$20.00

Evaluates prostate condition

TSH - #3 - \$15.00

Evaluates thyroid levels and function

HbA1C - #4 - \$35.00

Measure average blood sugar levels - (diabetics only)

LOCATION: Norton County Health Department

801 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas

Questions? Call the Norton County Health Department at 785-877-5745

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

ACCEPT CASH AND CHECK ONLY! INSURANCE BILLING NOT AVAILABLE!