

Year end

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walls, updating the bathrooms and some work in the basement. The Foundation hired Schamber Historic Preservation Company out of Damar, for the job. Garrett's Plumbing and Heating installed all new heat, air, electric and plumbing. There will also be brand new gas lines run for the structure.

The second step will be to restore all of the windows and window wells, as well as the back porch which, when finished, will resemble the front porch on a smaller scale.

"The nature of the inside will remain the same with a few modifications to accommodate for better use of space and to maintain an environmentally controlled atmosphere. All of the infrastructure will be new," said Len Schamber.

At this point, the entire second floor has been stripped down, insulated and sheet rocked. The exterior walls on the ground floor are being re-plastered and the interior walls have yet to be insulated and sheet rocked. There is now heat and electricity throughout the old home. Almost all of the windows are complete and the new back porch and all the floors will be the last things to be done. Expected completion of the project is mid-March according to sub-contractor Brian Luther of Goodland..

NORTON BUSINESSES

In January, two well-established

business, Town & Country Kitchen and Destination Kitchen, were under new ownership.

Town & Country
Brenda and John Sanders officially took over the the Town & Country Kitchen from Don and Cindy McMullen on Jan. 1.

Brenda had worked at the restaurant for the previous 10 years and worked her way up to manager, but she said she never really thought about being the owner.

"We didn't plan on buying Town & Country. I figured I would work for 10 more years then retire," said Brenda. "I enjoy what I do, I was brought up with it. My mom had a bar and then a cafe in Edgar, Neb."

Even with new ownership and a little remodeling, the Town & Country Kitchen remains a family restaurant that serves home-style cooking.

"It's a pretty good business already, we're just trying to build on that."

Destination Kitchen
Shannon Esslinger became the new owner of Destination Kitchen on Jan. 25. The business was purchased from former owners, Cindy Boller and Georgia Mann. Esslinger, who is part-owner of Kowpoke Supply and Lumber, said after twenty years in the hardware business, "It was time for a change and I like to bake."

Destination Kitchen continues to be the all-around kitchen supply store that patrons are ac-

customed to, but Esslinger also made changes including renovations to the interior of the store.

The back wall was torn down to add more seating, sandwiches are served at lunch, a salad bar was added and a pizza oven. They now offer carry out for pizzas on Monday nights from 5 to 7 p.m.

Of course, Destination Kitchen will continue to have coffee, pastries and cakes.

"We want this to be like home, with people sitting, talking and eating good food," said Esslinger.

Bodyworx
One of the many new unique small businesses in Norton is Bodyworx at 212 S. State St. Formerly known as Elements of Massage of Norton, on November 1, owner and operator Amber Nuttycomb changed the name to Bodyworx because of naming rights.

Bodyworx is a full-service day, night or weekend spa with four massage rooms in a rustic and relaxing atmosphere, with a variety of spa packages available that are customized to the client's need, and a hair and nail salon.

High Plains Respiratory & Medical Equipment

Owner Jerrod Poire opened the doors to High Plains Respiratory & Medical Equipment, located at 112 S. State St., on Monday, Sept. 23 of this year. High Plains sells power chairs, lift chairs, wheel chairs, hospital beds, scooters and much



The Lyons house has been under restoration for over a year now and it has been a leading story throughout the year. The home has withstood many winters in its lifetime and now it looks as if it has a second chance at life and will see many more winters.

- Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

more. Also accepting BCBS of Kansas, covering Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Ellis, Trego and Gove Counties.

Ag-One Crop Insurance
Ag-One Crop Insurance was opened for business in February. Russ Frack is the owner and agent at Ag-One, which is located at 206 E. Washington. Ag-One Crop Insurance special-

izes in multi-peril crop and hail insurance.

This was just a quick look back at the more newsworthy events of 2013 and the growth

of our county.

Perhaps 2014 will bring about another state wrestling championship!

SUDUKO

Sudoku Puzzle #3132-M

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Medium

CROSSWORD

"From the Horse's Mouth"

Across

- 1 Laughter's sound
- 5 Scary snake
- 10 Thicke or Alda of TV
- 14 Frosted the cake
- 15 Like a smooth operator
- 16 Six, turned upside-down
- 17 Amorous gaze
- 19 Complete
- 20 Huge crowds
- 21 Like some owls
- 23 They hold hands
- 24 Cod and Canaveral
- 25 Thrill
- 28 Some church ceremonies
- 31 Enjoys Mark Twain or John Grisham
- 32 Gandolfini or Garfield
- 33 "Whazzat?"
- 34 Pre-
- 35 Doesn't just sip
- 36 Cooper or Oldman of Hollywood
- 37 Ship's plea
- 38 Big name in Chicago politics
- 39 Aesop's lesson
- 40 Puts in the envelope
- 42 How lowlifes operate
- 43 Hotel offerings
- 44 Totals
- 45 It's in your blood
- 47 Injured, as an ankle
- 51 Best Picture Nominee of 1981
- 52 Slow rate
- 54 Stare
- 55 "The Trial" author Franz

Down

- 1 Boo's partner
- 2 Pain in the neck, maybe
- 3 End of a loaf of bread
- 4 Australian city that's also a woman's name
- 5 Take for granted
- 6 Some love songs
- 7 24-hour periods
- 8 The night before
- 9 Gives new form to
- 10 Former Soviet president Gromyko
- 11 Most of something
- 12 "Breathing Lessons" novelist Tyler
- 13 The Beatles' "I ___ You"
- 18 Cities on the water
- 22 Makes a choice
- 24 Showy on purpose
- 25 Delete
- 26 Element in air
- 27 Kurt Vonnegut novel
- 28 Hay amounts
- 29 Painting on a wall
- 30 In a reserved manner
- 32 "Around the World in Eighty Days" author ___ Verne
- 35 Riot police gear
- 36 Talked at the back fence
- 38 Goner's fate
- 39 Ladies of the house, informally
- 41 Defeats
- 42 Sack cloth
- 44 Secretly put alcohol in, as fruit punch
- 45 Occasion to use a limo
- 46 Building blocks name
- 47 Bank vault
- 48 Grandma
- 49 College course, casually
- 50 Office furniture
- 53 "Nope"

Cover your acres meeting in Oberlin

Nationally recognized speakers and experts in agricultural field research, yield production and crop management will share a wealth of knowledge with farmers during the 11th Annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 21 and 22, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Presented by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, Cover Your Acres promotes "no-till" farming, featuring the newest and best farm technology and production practices.

Last year's conference was very well attended, said Twin Creeks Extension Director Byron Hale, with well over 600 people registered during the two-day event. Organized by area farmers and extension

agents from neighboring counties, the conference has something for everyone, said Twin Creeks Agent Keith VanSkiel.

"I would encourage anyone who farms out in this area to take a look at the program and try to attend the conference," said Mr. VanSkiel. "It's stayed very popular over the last 10 years."

This year's Cover Your Acres features speakers from federal agencies and state agricultural universities covering a multitude of topics for farmers.

Featured speakers include Dr. Merle Vigil of Akron, Colo., who will talk about intensifying dryland systems and crop rotations, and Dr. Randy Anderson of Brookings, S.D. Both have backgrounds in researching dryland crop production, having worked at the U.S. Department

of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service station in Akron, Colo.

"Our goal has always been to provide a conference that's specific to the central High Plains in terms of applicability," said Lucas Haag of Colby, an assistant professor and northwest area Extension agronomist. "We work very hard for our presenters and topics to be a research based, systems approach to no-till, dryland production."

Other noted speakers slated to appear at the conference include Barry Flinchbaugh, who will discuss the current Farm Bill situation, and agricultural policy, as well as Dan O'Brien, another conference "fan favorite" of previous years, according to Mr. Haag, who will focus on futures markets.

People can register online at

www.northwest.ksu.edu/CoverYourAcres Early-bird registration is due by Wednesday, Jan. 15. The conference offers three flexible options for those who want to attend. The cost for attending the conference on Tuesday, Jan. 21, is \$35, while the cost on Wednesday, Jan. 22 is \$30. The cost for both days is \$50. After Jan. 15, however, the cost for registration will be \$50 per day. Lunch will be served both days.

For information, call Mr. Haag at (785) 462-6281 or go to the Cover Your Acres website.

Almena gets gift from Norton Landfill

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Lenora is giving a dump gift to its sister city Almena and the city officials there couldn't be happier about it.

Mathew Van Patten, Almena city operator, appeared before the Norton County commissioners at their meeting on Monday with a request to use Lenora's discount at the landfill.

Each year, the commissioners allow a discount at the landfill for the disposal of five dilapidated houses. Usually the commissioners allocate three spots for the City of Norton and one each for Lenora and Almena.

This year, however, Almena had two properties that would qualify and Lenora had none.

So Lenora offered to donate its unused dump privilege to Almena.

"They said they'd be more than happy to let us have it," Mr. Van Patten told the commissioners as he presented a confirmation letter from the City of Lenora to them.

County Solid Waste supervisor John Miller was also at the meeting and confirmed that both cities had talked to him about the trade.

"I told them they needed to talk to Lenora and to you," he said.

The commissioners asked about the timing since there would be no more time to tear a property down and get it to the landfill.

Mr. Van Patten said that the property had been demolished and disposed of at the landfill

in September but that the fees have not yet been paid awaiting a response from Lenora and the county.

"Sounds good. Go for it," responded Commissioner R.A. Peterson.

Commissioners Charles Posson and Richard Thompson agreed.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that a new phone system was installed in the courthouse.

- Held a budget hearing to increase the spending limit for the county health department from \$432,000 to \$485,000 and authorized an amended county budget.

Although the health department got more in this year, it

also spent that excess, County Clerk Robert Wyatt told the commissioners.

"They spent more than their budget authority so they'll have no cash at the end of the year," he said. "The good thing is they had the cash."

- Heard from Mr. Miller that the landfill is now open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday.

- Learned from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that the county received almost \$30,600 from the state in taxes, which is about \$5,000 more than last December.

- Were told by Mrs. Linner that the treasurer's office would close at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday so that the staff could make a deposit and close out the end-of-the-year books.

Community Calendar

Please submit your events for the Community Calendar which is printed in the Monday EXTRA. Events may be e-mailed to: nortontelegram@nwkansas.com or the nortontelegram@nwkansas.com or mailed to 215 South Kansas Avenue

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