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— WINTER SALE — Hall's Clothing. Save 25% to 50%: Flannels, sweaters, coats, shirts and more! Downtown Norton.

The USS Maddox Destroyer Association is holding a reunion Sept. 13 to 16 in Herndon, Va. If you were stationed aboard the Maddox and would like to attend, contact Cliff Gillespie, 2118 Hines Rd., Jennings, La. 70546 (337) 616 -8450 or e-mail: cwgilles45@aol.com.

— PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Norton American Legion.

Amanda Donahey, a senior at Bethany College, was included on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. Miss Donahey is majoring in elementary education. Her parents are Larry and Marilyn Donahey.

— STEAK and SEAFOOD night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

— NORTON COUNTY Community Service Association will hold their annual meeting Wed., Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Public Library. Public is welcome to attend.

4-H NEWS

By BAILEY AMBROSIER

The Busy Beavers 4-H meeting was called to order Dec. 10 with 21 members, two leaders, 14 parents, and four visitors present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Austin Hager. Joy Johnson gave the leader's report and handed out record books. There was no old business nor any new business.

Bailey Ambrosier, Weston Harting, and Skylar Johnson gave openings. Austin Hager talked about bull whips and gave a demonstration on how to "crack the whip." Zachary Esslinger gave a talk about his bearded dragon. We were all informed about this pet known as the "gentle giant."

The club then played limbo for their recreational activity. When the limbo game was finished, homemade pizza was enjoyed by all.

Norton Junior High lists first semester honor roll

Highest Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Troy Bainter, Melinda Becker, Maia Carlson, Dakota Dreher, Taylor Gordon, Spencer Shirk and Dustyna Sprigg.

Seventh Grade: Brae Bigge, Eric Becker, Rhees Carlson and Mariah Farber.

Honor Roll I

Eighth Grade: Morgan Baumann, Jade Braun, Bill Broeckelman, Melissa Byler, Chrysinia Fanders, Kyra Fulton, Diedre Kramer, Josiah Laughlin, Kaid McKenna, Nicquel Mcvey, Zoey Meyers, Sophie Mills, David Mizell, Kelsie Morel, Andrew Otter, Meaghan Peterson, Kaylen Rossi, Shelby Shaefers, Rebekah Streck and Brett Terrell.

Seventh Grade: Abby Bainter, Cayleb Campbell, R.J. Ellis, Alexis Henson, Dillon McConney, Taylor Meder, Ashley McMullen, Kylie Nuzum, Mitchell Shelton, Erin Terrell and Brooklyn Winkel.

Honor Roll II

Eighth Grade: Cole Archer, Scott Arehart, Danelle Eagleburger, Tyler Esslinger, Allison Gass, Justin Griffith, Kelsie Griffith, Rebecca Hansen, Landon Keiswetter, John Koch, Caleb Laughlin, Jacob Mizell, Tanner Morel, Luke Ninemire, Jacob Nuzum, Zachary Porter, Kaitlyn Ross, Katie Scott, Rachel Shepard, Sharrelle Shinn, Rylee Stanley and Lindsey Tacha.

Seventh Grade: Alyssa Boser, Destiny Chastain, Fayth Davenport, Kurt Douglas, Clayton Esslinger, Benjamin Gallegos, Carson Kaiser, Sady Keilig, Tyler Lewis, Tye Nickell, Shylo Paxton, Jordan Wahlmeier and Justin Waggoner.

Energy company wants to send five students to Washington

Midwest Energy is looking for five students interested in an all-expense paid educational trip to Washington D.C. The five students selected will join over 1,500 others from across the country for the Government In Action Youth Tour.

The students must be juniors in high school and their parents or guardians must receive electric or natural gas service from Midwest Energy.

Applications have been sent to all high school counselors in the area the company serves. Applications may also be obtained from the Midwest Energy web site at *www.mwenergy.com*. Prospective applicants should fill out the application and return it to Midwest Energy by Feb. 16.

The Washington D.C. Youth Tour is organized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association with assistance from state cooperative associations including Kansas Electric Cooperatives. According to Earnie Lehman, President and General Manager for Midwest Energy, "For many students, this will be a trip of a lifetime. They will see the many historic sights of Washington D.C., visit with our elected representatives and experience our government in action." Midwest Energy has five Board of Director Districts and one student from each district will be chosen, based on the applications received. The applicants will be notified in early March. Those five chosen will be joining other high school students from across the United States.

The Youth Tour takes place June 7-14.

Winter inspired theme for quilter's meeting

By BEVERLY KINDLER

Thirty-one members of the Heritage Quilt Club braved icy roads and streets to meet for the January meeting. Keeping with the winter theme, the hostesses decorated tables with snowmen.

Show and Tell also revealed quilted items with a winter theme: a wall hanging titled, "Winter Quilters", by Janice Beale; a snowman with a very tall hat by Jo Pakkebier; a Santa wall hanging and a January calendar block by Cheryl Roberts. Mrs. Roberts also displayed a full-size quilt, country sampler.

Regina Stark shared a scrappy quilt and a Thimbleberries quilt of the month with painted designs in the center of each block. Joyce Trumbo displayed a quilt that belonged to her great-grandmother. Audrey Wiltfong shared a baby quilt she had made with heart motifs in pastel colors.

Announcements were made about the quilt display at the Norton Public Library featuring work of members of the Heritage Quilt Club. Freda Weyand announced final plans for the quilt workshop she will be teaching Jan. 27.

Members had an opportunity to learn concepts related to quilting during the Round Table presentations. Kay Strevey shared information about kinds of threads available for a variety of quilting projects. She stressed the importance of using the correct size of needle with the thread being used.

Lavon McCormack displayed a variety of crazy quilt blocks to show embroidery stitches used in crazy quilting. She also had a display of different threads that could be used for embroidery. Reference books with instructions for embroidery stitches were also available.

"Preparing Your Quilt for Longarm Quilting" was the topic for Freda Weyand's presentation. She shared 15 tips to use as you prepare your quilt for machine quilting. These ideas would help achieve the best possible finished quilted project.

Judi Carlyle demonstrated how to cut a five-pointed star in one snip. With paper and scissors, each member practiced folding and cutting a star. This star motif is to be an optional block if members want to make a block and participate in the block drawing at the next meeting.

Hostesses were Anise Gill, Audrey Wiltfong, Vadis Madden and Ilene Ankenman.

Norton women needed for Mrs. Kansas pageant entries

The Mrs. Kansas organization is still looking for married women living in Norton County who wish to represent their community in its 2007 state competition.

Selected applicants will receive an official title and banner and become the community's representative. The state competition will be held March 22 - 24 at the Historic Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita.

The winner of the Mrs. Kansas pageant will spend two fun-filled weeks in Tucson, Ariz.

For information on how you can enter the pageant, call Tracy Crist at 817-442-8896 or e-mail her at: *info@MrsKansas.net*.

Norton County Weather – January 16th – 20th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25/8	35/13	38/15	35/13	38/15

Normal High: 38
Normal Low: 15

Sunrise: 7:57 to 7:59am
Sunset: 5:41 to 5:46pm

It may be a while before we get all of the snow and ice melted with afternoon highs only reaching a few degrees above freezing this week. Another 3" to 5" of fluffy white snow fell over the weekend, but the extended period looks snow free. The next chance for some light snow will be early next week. This winter's snowfall will go a long way in helping drought conditions this spring!

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Home Ec teacher wants it her way

The Rock 'n Roll Kid

Liza Deines

A distinct smell of sawdust and varnish still lingers as we girls of the Home Economics class venture into the newly remodeled kitchen units that have been prepared for us. In 1956 almost every girl took Home Economics for we were not preparing to become lawyers and doctors but housewives and mothers. If any of us were fortunate enough to be sent to college it was in pursuit of a Mrs. Degree. So after six weeks of torturous sewing lessons, here we stand in our project aprons, ready to learn to cook.

I really hated the sewing and had not made a good grade on any of my assignments. At the time I didn't realize that I had a vision problem that interfered with the depth perception essential to sewing. So I am hoping that having a little knowledge from home might aid me in culinary skills. These hopes fell flat when the first thing the teacher said was "I don't want to hear 'Mom does it this way', even once in this class. We will learn the proper way." Darn! "And, we will eat or at least taste everything we cook, no matter how it turns out." Double darn! This teacher may be a real tough cookie.

And, so our hour began. Brand new measuring cups and spoons rattled against colorful Pyrex bowls in pursuit of baking powder biscuits. We use canned shortening (Mary Lou's mother swears by lard), we sift the flour with measured salt and baking powder (my Mama never measured, she "pinched"). "No fingers in the dough, please, girls,". Mrs. B said, as several of us tried to make biscuits like our mothers did daily. We mix with forks as the milk is added and roll the dough out with brand new rolling pins. All our mothers "patted" to ensure tenderness, but by now we knew better than to even suggest such a heinous thing. We learn there is a special cutter made just for biscuits and that no cook with any decency just uses the lid of the baking powder can. At last, into the oven they go on shiny new pans. Mama uses a blackened marshmallow tin lid and her biscuits never stick.

A sigh of relief and we must begin to clean the kitchen units up. There is flour everywhere from the inexpert sifting and rolling, splashes of milk and greasy blobs of this and that. We wash and grumble. The ovens begin to smell pretty good and we haul out our pans, warm and fragrant.

Oleo from the new refrigerator and we sit down to eat and grade the "product", as Mrs. B insists on calling the biscuits. They're a production all right, hard as bullets from over-mixing, commercial shortening, milk instead of cream plus being stuck to the shiny pans.

"Not a good product, girls. Maybe a C," Mrs. B announces after breaking open and trying one from each test kitchen. The bell rings and as we dash off, muttering bitterly, she calls after us "Tomorrow we tackle Eggs Goldenrod!"

"Oh, gosh," wails Joye "what is that? What can she make us do to ruin an egg?"

"I cannot imagine," I reply "but I believe I'll work harder in my accounting and typing classes."

Privately I reason, I'm pretty good in office classes. Already handicapped by being short and round and not that cute, if I have to cook Mrs. B's style and make biscuits like that, I'll probably never marry. I'd better be prepared to earn my own living.

Comedian to headline show at Oberlin's Gateway

Ben Ulin, comedian/illusionist, will perform at Morgan Theater in The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

He has been known as Iowa's favorite comedy-magician for over 18 years. He has headlined at every major comedy club and has performed for hundreds of company functions and colleges throughout the Midwest. He is the main attraction at Adventureland Amusement Park with the longest running show for 10 years. Now, he has combined his riotous comedy club act with the big-time illusions to create one of the funniest touring magic shows ever. His show includes music, costumes, audience participation, a beautiful lady assistant and tricks, both large and small. He is associated with Kenneth Muller's Comedy Productions as a performer.

Sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities, this is a season ticket event or $10 for adults and $5 for students grades 1-12. For details, call Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

MARKETS

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