

Tuesday
January 30, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Doug Johnston

Briefly Conservation holding meeting

The Norton County Conservation District will hold its 61st annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Norton American Legion.

Don and Marilyn Lowry and their sons, Curtis and Cindy Lowry and Clint and Sherri Lowry, will be honored with the soil conservation award for the conservation practices they use in running the family farm, Spring Creek.

Doris Clydesdale will also be honored with the windbreak award for her efforts to get a new windbreak to thrive to replace an old, dying windbreak.

Quilters plan to meet Monday

Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5 in the basement meeting room at Prairie Land Electric.

The program on "Beading" will be presented by Jerris McMullen, Regina Stark and Beverly Kindler. Kits for the work session will be available.

Members are reminded of the workshop on Feb. 3 to be conducted by Freda Weyand.

Symposium set for women

A symposium for contemporary prairie women called, "Women Today: Modern Marvels" will be held beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Edwards County Fair Building, Kinsley.

Topics covered during the symposium will be business tips, quick meals, marketing, ag tourism, identity theft, fashion, financial management, decorating, nutrition, massage and volunteerism.

Registration is \$50. For more information call 877-464-3929.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows around 15. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of very light snow. Highs in the upper 20s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 11. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 20s.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 22, High 41
Saturday Low 15, High 26
Sunday Low -1, High 30
Monday Low 14, High 33
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to recognize when we are tempted. Help us remember to call on you in those times and allow your Spirit to empower us to choose your way. **Amen**

Faster than a speeding bullet



With the help of Trenton Sprague, Lion Todd Zerger and his dad, Joe Zerger, (above) kept track of who won one of the races at the Pinewood Derby Saturday. The cars being raced (right) were made by the Cub and Boy Scouts out of a block of wood.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Derby turns wood into something special

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton Cub Scouts found out how fast their designs and alterations made a block of wood on wheels go at the annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday at The Rock.

Each Cub made a car out of a block of wood, designing and weighting them to get the maximum effect, and then watched the cars go as they were raced on a track built by Ed Witt of the Lions Club.

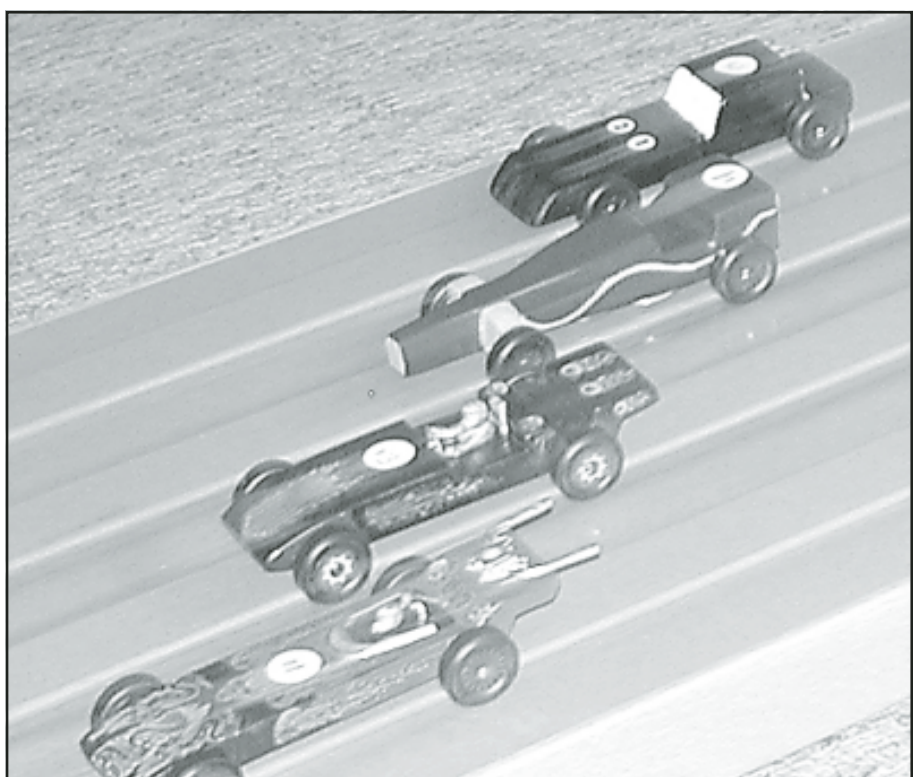
Trenton Sprague's racer won the derby for a second year in a row, with Chris Richards coming in a close second, also

for the second year. Gabriel Bird won third and Zach Bird placed fourth.

Philip Boutwell received the slowpoke award and Luke Keilig got best design.

Also participating in the event were Nic Koch, Chris Chambers, Cameron Heikes, Kory Horachek, Adam Baughman, Leif Carlson, and Andrew Bashford.

The derby is sponsored by the Norton Lion's Club, whose members ran the races and did the judging. Helping out this year were Ed Witt, Mark Keilig and Todd Zerger, who's father, Joe, was also there.



The regional derby will be held sometime this spring. All Cub Scouts are in-

vited to participate.

County activities planned around food check-out

Americans have the greatest food supply in the world and spend less of their overall take-home pay on groceries than any other country. Statistics say that by Feb. 6 you will have earned enough money to feed your family for the entire year.

To celebrate the occasion a full week of activities have been planned around Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 4-10. Feb. 6 is Food Check-Out Day. A display will be on hand at the Farm Bureau office, 205 N. Kansas. Also, look for table tents at area restaurants with a list of the week's events and interesting food facts.

Norton County Farm Bureau Association director Patsy Maddy said Food Trivia would be featured on KQNK Radio Monday through Friday that week during the station's popular Party Line Show. If you have the correct answer and are the chosen caller you will win a "Meal Deal" that includes meat, vegetables, fruit and dessert. The grocery packages may be picked up at the Farm Bureau office.

Farm Bureau will also have a food basket containing \$50 worth of groceries to present to the family of the first baby born at Norton County Hospital, closest to

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Energy saved with efficiency

By VERONICA MONIER

Good windows, proper insulation and an efficient heating and cooling system were the topics talked about at Prairie Land Electric's energy efficient night last Wednesday.

Wes DeBey, with Pella Windows, was the first of two presenters. Mr. DeBey said as a contractor, he had learned over the years to use energy efficient windows and doors and good insulation.

"A lot of people say, 'you work for Pella, so you have to speak well of them,'" he said. "But, I used and bought Pella before I ever worked for them. They're that good."

He said the windows are a little more expensive, but are worth it in the end in saved heating and cooling costs. Every window, he said, is individually tested for efficiency and meets the Energy Star program's standards.

Mr. DeBey said he used Pella in his own home, which is 2,800 square feet. He said the house is completely electric and uses geothermal heating. It has a radiant heat system to warm the floors throughout the home. He has two renters in the basement, a yard light and two wells. His last utility bill was only \$230.

The second presenter, Mace Hensen with GeoComfort Geothermal Sys

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Chocolate auctioned to help kids

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Here's a way to satisfy your craving for chocolate and help neglected and abused children in the process.

The third Annual Chocolate for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Cocktail Party and Chocolate Auction will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Huck Boyd Center, Phillipsburg, with a social hour. There will be cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and, of course, a chocolate fountain.

The auction begins at 5 p.m. with over 66 silent auction packages going up for

bids. Selling to the highest bidder will be spa packages, tools, jewelry, paintings, and home decor items.

A live auction will also be held. Some of the items featured include a Howard Miller mantel clock; a trip to Breckenridge, Colo.; two signed and numbered prints; University of Kansas football tickets; get-away trip packages to Salina and Wichita; an air impact wrench; and a wooden maple vase.

CASA board member Elaine Mann, Norton, said, "The donors have been

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Coyotes, crows will be on the run during contest

It's time again for that familiar sound.

The annual coyote and crow calling contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 in Norton County. All contestants must be pre-registered by 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9.

The contest will begin one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset. Callers can use any legal means to call and shoot coyotes and crows.

Coyotes and bobcats count for ten points, while crows are one point. The team with the most points will be the winner. In case of a tie, the earliest team to check in will be the winner.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams with an 80 percent payback to the top five teams. The remainder of the money will be donated to youth shooting sports.

There will be an award for the largest coyote and an award for the most crows. Check in time on Saturday will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the rear parking lot of O'Briens, 110 S. State St., Norton. No one will be allowed to check in after 7 p.m.

Price of entry is \$20 for a two-man team and includes a meal Saturday night.

Checks should be made payable to Rick McChesney, 324 S. First, Norton, Kan., 67654. For more information, contact Rick McChesney at 877-2606 or John Baker at 877-3253.