

Chocolate auction raises money to help kids

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Of course, the featured attraction of the evening will be some of the master creations using chocolate.
CASA of the 17th Judicial District helps abused and neglected children from Decatur, Graham, Osborne, Phillips, Smith and Norton counties. Last year, CASA advocates served 41 children and logged over 1,133 volunteer

hours.
Mrs. Mann said, “Please come. Not only will you have a chance for a wonderful social time, but it’s a way to help abused and neglected children in the area at the same time.”
Tickets for the Chocolate Auction are available for a suggested donation of \$7.50 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 785-345-4120. They may also be purchased at the door.

County activities celebrate Food Check-Out Week

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Mrs. Maddy said that all four Norton County grocery stores will be involved with the food promotion week. She said Norton Shop ‘n Save, Jamboree, Almena Market and Country Corner in Lenora

will participate.
If you have questions about Food Check-Out Week, call Mrs. Maddy at 877-7262.
This promotion is made possible by funding assistance provided by Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation.

4-H NEWS

(Continued from Page 3) not on the agenda when we arrived to the conference. Jamey Johnson, a country singer famous for the song, “The Dollar,” was staying at the same hotel we were that same weekend. He came walking up to us when about five of us were hanging out in the lobby and just started a casual conversation, asking us what we were doing there. We told him we were in 4-H, and he said he has a daughter that is a member in 4-H as well. So three of us pitched in some money and bought some 4-H souvenirs and sent them to Jamey’s room for his

daughter. He talked to us for about 20 minutes, and we were almost late to our next activity. That was about the coolest experience I could have asked for.
To top it all off, I will never forget the friendships I made at the Kansas City Global Conference. Although it was very educational and fun, I have learned so much through the long-distance friendships I have kept. I would definitely recommend the conference for any 4-H’er who is interested. You can only go once, so make the best of it!

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Saturday we received another 9 or 10 inches of snow. People were digging out Sunday. There was no Sunday church services at the United Methodist Church.
Richard “Bud” and Helen Rhodes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday January 20 with their family. The event was held at the Sunflower Senior Center.
The United Methodist Women meeting was held Jan. 17 at the church. The Purpose was recited in unison. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The treasurer’s yearly report was given. Members discussed the painting of the classrooms, kitchen and Fellowship Hall to be paid for by the group. Kay Brown motioned to use this for our donation to the church for the year. The general consensus was the new faucets and disposal for the kitchen will be paid for from the Memorial Fund. The prayer chain will be rewritten.

Glenda Johnson is in charge of this. The Prayer Calendar was received and on by Helen Rhodes. Pledge cards were given out to those attending. Under correspondence a “Thank You” was read from Darlene LaRue for the Special Membership Pin given to her. Mrs. Rhodes presented the program, “Fruits of Love”, Quiet Day Service. Kay Brown gave service “Prayer and Self Denial”. She served homemade bread and water. February Roll Call will be a past February Remembrance. Melissa Hasty will give a report on her Met Tour for the program and Vendla Tacha will have devotions.
Frances Bader spent Jan. 15 through Jan. 17 in Colby attending Income Tax instruction class, sponsored by AARP, to offer free tax preparations for low to middle-class income tax payers. Special attention will be given to anyone 60 years of age and older. Contact her at 785-678-2659 for an appointment.

Efficiency saves costs for energy

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“Changing the light bulbs to energy efficient bulbs, good insulation and good windows are all measures that make sense in gaining control over home operating costs,” he said.

Getting a GeoComfort system is also another measure that makes sense. GeoComfort, he said, uses the earth to help heat and cool homes. He said in winter, the system uses the earth’s stored energy to help heat homes, while in summer it takes heat out of the home and lets the earth absorb it. The system, he said, is more efficient than any outside unit.

What makes GeoComfort different, he said, is that it uses a ground loop system that has water running through it to heat or cool a home. There are three types of loop systems — a vertical, where the loops are put vertically into the ground; a horizontal, where the loops are buried horizontally in the ground; and a surface water/pond loop, which uses a nearby pond. The vertical, he said, requires less area but is the most expensive because of digging costs; the horizontal needs a 350 to 500 foot trench and is less expensive; and the surface water/pond loop needs a half acre pond about 10 feet deep and is the least expensive.

The system generally frees up 51 percent of a person’s home operating costs. It uses electricity to power it and gives four times back from what it takes. An added bonus and a free byproduct of the system, he said, is it preheats the water going into the hot water tank so less energy is used to heat it.

They system maintains a constant temperature throughout the year. In summer, there is better



Mace Hensen (above) with GeoComfort Geothermal Systems answered any questions people still had about a geothermal heating and cooling system last Wednesday during Prairie Land Electric’s energy efficient night. Wes DeBey, a another presenter, (below) spoke about Pella Windows.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

dehumidification and in winter, the air isn’t as dry. It puts out cleaner air and so also helps with allergies, he said.

Mr. Hensen said a family who had the system installed paid \$600 a year in heating and cooling costs. Before installation, they paid \$1,700 a year in heating and cooling.

When looking for an installer, he said, the things to look for are to make sure the installer is a veteran in the heating/cooling industry, trained in proper air flow design, offers a free operating cost comparison, knows about propane and gas, and that they service their own equipment.

Dave Bainter is Prairie Land’s installer of the system. Another example of the system is Prairie Land Electric itself. The huge building west of Norton is heated and cooled with a geothermal system. It costs the company 50 cents an hour to heat.

For more information on energy saving practices, call Prairie Land Electric at 877-3323.



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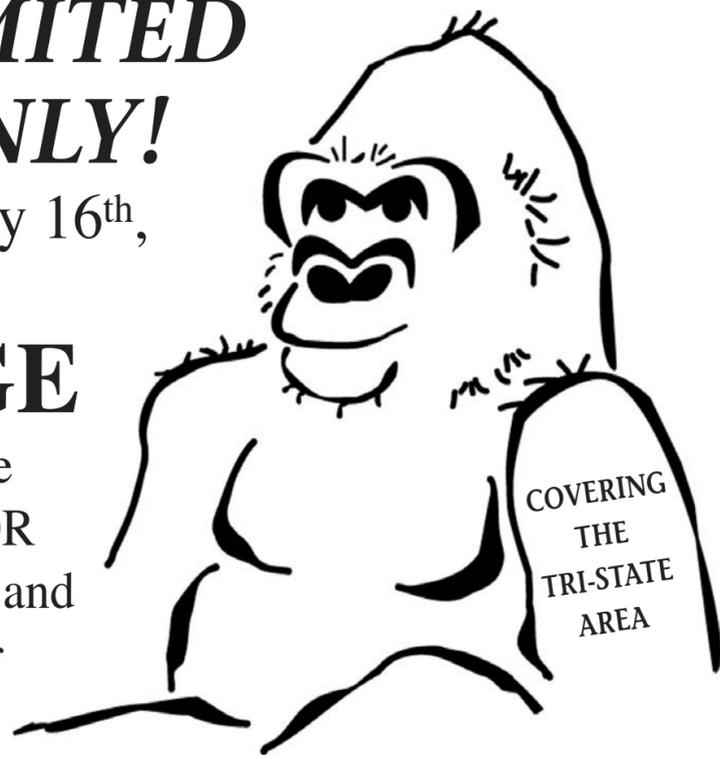
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, January 16, 23, 30, 2007. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-03 In the Matter of the Estate of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson, also known as Aileen Gibson, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Gary Gibson, heir of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson, also known as Aileen Gibson, deceased, praying descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Norton County, Kansas:

A tract of land beginning at a point sixty-six (66) feet North of the Northeast corner of Block Two (2) Purviance’s Addition to Edmond, Kansas, thence North One hundred (100) feet, thence West One hundred (100) feet, thence South One hundred (100) feet, thence East One hundred (100) feet, to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter

(NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Eight (8) in Township Five (5) South of Range Twenty-Two (22) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Norton County, Kansas,

and all personal property and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death; and that such real estate and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, at the Norton County Courthouse in the city of Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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