

Flags in Focus



The Prairie Dusters Drill Team performance was an impressive tribute to the American flag. The local women's drill team on horseback was formed in 1985 and they have traveled many miles to do what they love to do, fly the American flag from the back of a horse. — Telegram Photo by Dick Boyd

Whispering Pines part of Sunday's tour

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Whispering Pines is on the list for the Norton Arts Council Homes Tour this year.

Cynthia Collins, the Director at Whispering Pines, will be taking tourists to view Betty Reid's two bedroom independent living apartment, an unoccupied one bedroom apartment, and Elva Lyndeman's

assisted living apartment.

In the common area, tourists can sit and wait for the next tour.

Ms. Collins will be giving the tours, and though she can take large groups to tour the apartments, she asks for everyone's patience if they have to wait.

There is a spa room with a whirlpool hot tub, a stationary bicycle and a recumbent bicycle.

"The spa room is very popular with the residents," said Ms. Collins.

In Ms. Reid's apartment, she has a picture of her grandmother on the wall, and beside it, the dress her grandmother wore in the picture.

The facility also boasts a storm shelter. It is reinforced concrete and block and holds 40 people.

Jocelyn home is hospitality house for tour

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Judy Jocelyn's entire home, as well as the garage, will be open for the public to tour.

Ms. Jocelyn's house is the hospitality house, where cookies and punch will be served.

For as long as she can remember, she has loved to decorate.

"I decorate with things I love, things I've collected and things people have given me," said Ms. Jocelyn.

If there is a theme to her decorating, it could be called "eclectic world antiques."

In her living room, Ms. Jocelyn has a Mexican antique armoire, desk and table that were bought about 15 years ago in Arizona.

In the master bedroom, she

Homes Tour Sunday
The Norton Arts Council Homes Tour will be Sunday, Sept. 14 from 2-4 p.m.

Homes on the tour this year are Judy Carlyle, 815 Timbercreek, Bernie and Jane Mindrup, 807 Valley Vista, Whispering Pines, west US-36, and Judy Jocelyn, 805 Timbercreek, which is also the hospitality house, serving refreshments. For more information, or to purchase memberships, call Carol at 877-5611 or 877-3341.

includes a walk-in closet, and a bathroom.

There are many pictures hanging on the walls, and more in the garage. There are ones she bought in Africa on a trip 10 years ago, as well as a painting on handmade papyrus. On the kitchen bar is a giraffe bowl that she also bought in Africa.

Also in the garage is a watercolor painting from the 1930's.

The guest bedroom has netting over the bed, an antique dresser and an etagere.

On her porch is a table and matching chair set, made of bamboo, and a leather chair hand painted in Mexico, which she has also had for about 15 years.

Ms. Jocelyn was born and raised in Almena, and has only lived at Timbercreek for 3 months.

Business briefs

Curt Wahlmeier, an American Family Insurance agent in Norton, has been recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Insurance Agency Program.

Mr. Wahlmeier joins other American Family agents who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to outstanding customer service. Wahlmeier has been an agent for American Family since July 2005. His office is located at 111 West Washington St. in Norton, and at 105 S. 3rd Street, Hill City.

The service excellence distinction is determined through a two-part evaluation process conducted by J.D. Power and Associates — through a customer satisfaction survey, and a rigorous on-site evaluation based on five best practice areas. Only agencies that perform in the top 20 percent

of all agencies nationwide based on customer satisfaction surveys are eligible for the honor.

Work continues on a new sit-down restaurant, and bakery, in the downtown business district of Norton.

The Norton Telegram will provide readers with the particulars in a story in its Tuesday edition.

Are you expanding your business, remodeling, relocating, adding new employees or honoring longtime employees? Have you been recognized for your business practices? Anybody retiring? Have you, or any of your employees, attended any seminars? If so, let us know so we can include that information in this column. No regular advertising, please. tom.d@nwkansas.com, 877-6908, fax 877-3732 or drop by the office at 215 S. Kansas Ave.

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Woodworking course receives funds

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A memorial fund has named the Norton School District's woodworking program as beneficiary of several thousand dollars.

Shirley Farber and family presented the Norton School Board Monday night with a check for \$3000.01 from the *Ford Farber Memorial Fund* to be used to purchase equipment for the wood shop, and the remaining amount to be used for a scholarship for an outstanding woodworking student.

Mr. Farber taught at the Norton School District for 21 years before retiring. After the presentation, School Board President Mark Keilig presented Mrs. Farber and family with a certificate of appreciation.

Superintendent's report
Superintendent Greg Mann told the board the dead tree at the north end of Eisenhower Elementary was cut down, and a new honey locust tree has been planted at the south end. He also said there will be a change this year in the schedule for the High Plains Sports Medicine trainer to come to Norton. He will be here on Mondays, during the school day and on Wednesdays.

The superintendent said the legal situation with Travis Field has been settled, and he feels very good about what Counselor S. Douglas Sebelius has done.

With the declining number of teams playing 11-man football in the Mid-Continent League, Superintendent Mann is looking into options that would add more schools to a new league, while also keeping the ones we already play.

Principals' reports
Corey Roy, Eisenhower Elementary School principal, said he has a total enrollment of 326 students, and noted that average daily attendance is 97.75 percent.

Rudy Perez, Norton Community High School principal, said the high school students performed above the state and national standards last year on the ACT tests. Also, he said the number of new students for the year (those not previously attending Norton schools) was 13, the same number as students who transferred from Norton for this school year. The enrollment for the high school stands at 227 students.

Jeff Wallingford, Norton Junior High principal, said he has 127 students. He also said, "morale and excitement is some of the best that I have ever experienced as an educator for the beginning of a school year,

and I believe it is setting the tone for an excellent...school year."

Other reports
Joan Bolt, Eisenhower Elementary physical education teacher and the wellness curriculum chairperson, reported there were no major changes in the program, and that it is in line with state standards. Mrs. Bolt said she's adding more "brain-based activities," such as juggling and stacking cups.

Keith Hauser, the school district's director of technology, presented the revised applied technologies curriculum, and said there are not any major changes and that it follows the national standards. It is

scheduled to be considered for adoption at the October meeting.

Other items
The board set the Blue Cross Blue Shield options beginning Oct. 1 as they were for the 2007-08 school year, and increased the board's contribution to \$300 per month.

Superintendent Mann asked the board to approve him and Jim Jackson, transportation director, to develop bid specifications for a new wheelchair accessible bus.

Olivia Georgeson Krehbiel was named junior high assistant girls' basketball coach, and Sherri Bell was approved as the high school and junior high assistant cook.

• PUBLIC NOTICE •

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HOUGHTON, Deceased

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 12, 19, 26, 2008 (3T)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **THOMAS HOUGHTON, Deceased**
Case No. 2008-PR-39

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th day of September, 2008, a Petition was filed in this Court by Patricia Wallace, praying that the Court issue Letters of Administration, that the matter proceed to intestate probate, that Patricia Wallace be appointed Administrator, and that she be granted Letters of Administration.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to file your

written defenses thereto on or before **Friday, October 3, 2008, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m.**, of said day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, State of Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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