

Lee and Siobhan Hanes discussed the best place for the sign in their restaurant. They hope to have their restaurant, the Stonehouse, open by the end of October.

— Telegram Photo by Brandy Leroux

New restaurant, bakery opening soon

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Soon Nortonites may not have to drive out of town to get a fancy meal. Lee and Siobhan Hanes bought the Pinestone building, and are turning it into what they hope will be a restaurant and bakery that will please the people of Norton. They've rented out the apartments, and are now working on renovating the front of the building to be

a restaurant and a bakery. At first it was only going to be a bakery, but Mrs. Hanes wanted to do more. The equipment needed has been purchased, and now they're just working on the details.

"I want our menu to be a touch above what you can find in the surrounding area," said Mrs. Hanes. "It will be a small restaurant, with candles and cloth napkins on the tables, wine in elegant stemware with dinner, just a quiet, relaxing place to dine.'

The restaurant, named Stonehouse, seats only 28 people.

An eclectic collection of antiques decorate the window sills, including a miniature spinning wheel.

It has been a work in progress. The Hanes bought the building two and a half years ago. Since then, they've remodeled and updated the Pinestone apartments in the back of the building, which are now fully rented out, and they've had to almost completely gut the part of the building where the restaurant and bakery will be.

"We had to update and or replace all the wiring, plumbing and duct work, we had to tear down walls and replace carpeting, and install fire sprinklers throughout. The kitchen floor was layers of newer stuff on top of the older, and under all that, we found the original mosaic tiles from when this building was a gambling house in the late 1800s," said Mrs. Hanes.

In addition to the restaurant, there will be a bakery where Mrs. Hanes will make fancy desserts like Boston Creme Pies, petits fours, Black Forest cakes, tarts, breads and her specialty, cheesecakes. Mrs. Hanes has decided not to sell donuts or specialty coffees out of respect for White Fields Coffeehouse.

"It's a wonderful place, and I don't want to take business from them," she said.

Right now, Stonehouse is on waiting lists for every heating and plumbing place in town.

"Once we get that done, we can start preparations to open for business," said Mrs. Hanes. The Hanes hope Stonehouse

will be open by the end of Oc-

"We prefer for people to make reservations, but if we have seating available, we will accept walk-ins as well. No one will be turned away if we have a place for

them," said Mrs. Hanes. Until they are more sure of how well the restaurant will do, they plan on only being open for the evening meal, possibly as early as 5:00 for the early birds.

"I wanted to make something special, something different, for Norton. There is a difference between eating supper at home and dining out in a nice restaurant,"

Local award winners moving to regionals

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils named the winners of the 2008 Kansas RC&D Awards at their August meeting in Junction City. All state winners were submitted by the Solomon Valley RC&D and have been forwarded to Southwest States RC&D Councils for consideration for regional awards. Local and area people and groups were also honored.

Regional winners will be chosen and submitted to the National Office of the National Association of RC&D Councils by Oct. 10. The judging for the national awards shall commence on Nov. 15 and awards will be presented during the 2009 Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.

State winners were named in the following categories:

 Outstanding Performance by a Council-Solomon Valley RC&D for their dedication to providing programs on land conservation, land and water management, and community development for the six counties of Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, and Smith.

• Outstanding Performance by a Council Member - Lujeana Howell, Stockton, for her exceptional service to the Solomon Valley RC&D Council and numerous projects, especially her work on the Stockton Play and Recreation for Kids (P.A.R.K.).

• Outstanding Supporting Or-

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ganization - Norton County allow today's youth to make edu-K-State Research and Exten- cated decisions to help protect sion, Graham County K-State and conserve our nation's natural Research and Extension, Smith County K-State Research and Extension, Phillips-Rooks K-State Research and Extension, and Post Rock K-State Research and Extension for their willingness to use their innovative spirit and coordination skills in collaboration with the Solomon Valley RC&D on projects that reach across the six county area.

 Outstanding Youth Involvement Award – Kansas Natural tive educational programs that all program areas of the RC&D.

resources both now and well into the future, and specifically for their work on Wildlife Agriculture Conservation Knowledge for Youth (WACKY) Day that reaches all sixth grade students in the six county area.

• Outstanding Program Assistant Award - Teresa Webb, Solomon Valley RC&D Program Assistant and Smoky Hills RC&DActing Program Assistant, for taking initiative to seek out Resource Foundation for their projects and grants, her great atdedication to providing innova-titude, and willingness to work in



Norton Arts Council sees new memberships



Judy Carlyle, Norton, rearranged the lights around the old door decorating her wall Sunday during the Arts Council Homes Tour.

— Telegram Photo by Brandy Leroux

Carol Erlenbusch, President of the Norton County Arts Council, estimated that she would guess about 75 people visited the homes during the annual tour Sunday.

'It was a beautiful day, and we had a great turn out for the tours," said Mrs. Erlenbusch. "The Arts Council would like to say thank you to everyone who showed their homes, and also thank you to everyone who bought memberships. They are what keeps the Arts Council alive."

Most of the memberships bought were renewals, though there were some new memberships purchased.

"We are always looking for volunteers for next year's Homes Tour," said Mrs. Erlenbusch.

Memberships can be purchased at any time from Mrs. Erlenbusch at the First State Bank, or at any function the Arts Council hosts.



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