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Briefly

Bunny shoot is set for this Saturday

The Norton Archery Club Bunny Shoot will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16. Must be pre-entered by 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 (\$20 - 2 man team). Recurve, long bow, or compound bow only. Fifty percent pay back to top three teams. Shooting hours start one half hour before sunrise. Check in no later than 6 p.m. Contact John Baker (877-3253) or Randy West (877-5269) for more information.

President's Day closes businesses

The Norton First State Bank will be closed on Monday for Presidents Day and will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

Blood drive will be held on Tuesday

The American Red Cross NW Kansas Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the Norton 4-H Building from noon to 6 p.m. To schedule your appointment call 1-800- Red Cross. It's open to the public and walk-ins are welcome.

Junior high concert set for Monday

There will be a Norton Junior High band and vocal concert at the junior high gym on Monday at 7:30 a.m.

Valentine party for PALS on Monday

The Norton FFA Chapter will have a PALS Valentine's Day party with their little biddies from Eisenhower Elementary school at 7 p.m. Monday night at the Norton High School.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.32
Milo	\$6.69
Soybeans	\$13.63
Corn	\$7.08

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy in the morning then clear with a high of 54. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 27. Sunday - Clear with a high of 63. Sunday Night - Clear in the evening then overcast. Low of 30. Monday - Mostly cloudy with a high of 46. Tuesday - Partly cloudy with fog.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Feb. 12Low 19, High 44
 Wednesday, Feb. 13Low 24, High 55
 Thursday, Feb. 14Low 15, High 44
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to believe that you are with us even during the darkest times of our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Coach recognized for years of service

By Dick Boyd

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Kevin Jilka, former highly successful head coach for 29 years of the Norton Community High School girls basketball team, was publicly recognized on Friday, Feb. 1 along with the members of his 1983 Norton state championship team.

Kevin and his former players were honored during breaks in the Norton-Hill City girls and boys basketball games in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton. and during a reception following the games.

During the festivities, it was pointed out that Kevin had 469 wins in his career, which was a 73 percent winning percentage.

His teams averaged 16 wins and 6 losses during the 29 years.

His Lady Jays won 11 Mid-Continent League season championships and 11 league tournament championships. They earned seven sub-state championships and had five state tournament placings with one state championship in 1983.

Kevin also coached three Norton teams to perfect 18-0 regular season records. These were in 1984-85, 1988-89 and 1994-95.

Five times coach Jilka was named "Coach of the Year". He was so honored once by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association and twice each by the Hays Daily News and Salina Journal.

Also recognized were Kevin's No.1 fans, his mother, Beth, and wife, Janet.

Words of praise

Lary Stull, former Norton Community High School principal, spoke to the large crowd about his memories of his successful girls' coach.



Pictured are the members of Norton's 1983 State Champion girls basketball team or representatives who were honored along with former head coach Kevin Jilka on Friday, Feb. 1 in Norton. They are, from left, Lynn (McMullen) Lewis, LaNell Cox, Amy (Bullock) Kramer, Nancy (VanDerWege) Bolden, head coach Kevin Jilka; back row: Susan Anthony representing her daughter Gina (Anthony) Timmons, Bea Nelson representing her daughter Tara Nelson, Angela (McKinley) Taylor, assistant coach Leslie (Dodd) Bates, Kim (Myers) Kasson, Heidi Stutterheim, Conrad Cox representing his daughter Renee (Cox) Wilberger.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

"Kevin Jilka came to Norton full of confidence," said Lary.

"He was raised in Hill City, involved in athletics, from a family whose father was a coach, official, league commis-

sioner and who set an example of dedication and an extreme work ethic that could not be met by many others. His mother was probably his greatest supporter for all these years. All this gave

Kevin the fantastic foundation and formula for success.

"If his confidence was ever shaken,

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Multiple items discussed at board meeting

By Mike Stephens

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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, held its regular meeting on Monday at the Alice Tweed Center.

The annual Fire Marshal's inspection was held last week with only minor corrections to be made, according to Superintendent Greg Mann. He also reported that the new hot water boiler at Eisenhower Elementary has gone bad and will be replaced under the warranty, and that the next meeting of the Facilities Steering Committee will be on Feb. 21.

"The next three weeks will be busy as we host Regional Wrestling this weekend, MCEL Music Festival the next week and Sub-State Basketball the following week," said Mann.

Revamping At-Risk funding is a topic of discussion in Topeka, Mann reported, and that the board needs to keep an eye on, and that common core

language arts transition grade level meetings were held last week.

Keith Hauser, Technology Coordinator, reported to the board on the I-pad pilot program which began two weeks ago in the 5th and 6th grade classes. Principal Corey Roy said the students are excited to use the I-pads to enhance their lessons.

Principal Roy also presented information to the board regarding the summer school program, but no action on the proposal is expected until March.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the alternate classes for Fine Arts and Science as presented for 2013-14. The Fine Arts classes approved were Architectural Drafting, Advanced Multi-Media Technology and Advanced Cabinet Making. The science classes approved were Intro to Technology (HS), Animal Science and Plant Science. These classes fulfill graduation requirements, but do not

meet the Regents Qualified Admission guidelines.

The Board also unanimously approved the 2013-14 academic calendar for U.S.D. 211 as proposed by the calendar committee. President April Karnopp thanked the committee and Superintendent Mann for their work on the project.

The Superintendent also reported on the capital outlay projects to the Board. Mann said the focus needs to be on the door, locks and bleachers. A locksmith from Salina will tour the facilities in early March for an estimate of costs and action on this matter will be tabled until the March meeting.

President Karnopp reported that she attended the NCKSEC meeting via phone conference last month. Board member Craig Renner did not attend the PDC meeting and Bill Jones did not attend the Curriculum Council meeting.

The School Board went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. and returned to the open meeting at 9:20 p.m., at which time the Board unanimously passed a motion to approve the resignation from Diana Montoia as Assistant Cook at NCHS/NJHS effective Feb. 22, 2013. The Board approved the resignation of Chance McKinney as well, as NCHS SAC Sponsor effective at the end of this contract year.

The Board's March meeting date, which will be during spring break, was discussed as well. The Board determined that six members would be in attendance therefore the schedule would not be changed.

The Board also thanked the Norton Junior High School KAYS for the Valentine's cards and candy bars they received.

Long standing business now under new ownership

By Mike Stephens

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The new year has brought new ownership to the Town & Country Kitchen restaurant. After 15 years, Don and Cindy McMullen, decided to retire

from the business and sold the restaurant to Brenda and John Sanders, who officially took over on January 1.

Brenda Sanders had worked at the restaurant for the past 10 years and worked her way up to manager, but

she said she never really thought about being the owner.

"We didn't plan on buying Town & Country. I figured I would work for 10 more years then retire," said Sanders.

About six months ago, according to Sanders, Cindy McMullen approached her about buying the restaurant. Sanders said owning a restaurant requires a lot of hard work but by buying Town & Country she and her employees would keep their jobs, whereas, another owner could bring in new employees.

"With us buying the restaurant there wouldn't be massive changes and everyone would have their jobs, because you just never know," said Sanders.

Even though there won't be major changes to the restaurant it will get a bit of a face lift. The sign in the parking lot has been repaired and has new lights and the entry way has been given a fresh coat of paint and new linoleum has been laid down. The Sanders plan on replacing the carpet inside the restaurant with hard wood flooring and new curtains.

"The goal is to get it cleaned up. We want it to look nice and clean, with good food and friendly help," said Sanders.

A new menu design has been created, a suggestion box at the counter, and the dining room chairs will eventually be replaced as well, but the booths will remain the same and gravel will be added to the parking lot to keep the dust down. A few new items have been added to the menu and the prices have been reduced on a few menu items.

The biggest transition, according to Sanders, from manager to owner is making time for the book work.

"I spend most of my time in the kitchen and fill-in wherever needed, but I have to take time for the office work too. My husband has been doing a lot of the book work."

Despite the hard work and long hours (about 110 hours a week) Sanders says it's a labor of love.

"I enjoy what I do, I was brought up with it. My mom had a bar and then a cafe in Edgar, Neb," said Sanders.

Even with new ownership a little remodeling, the Town & Country Kitchen remains a family restaurant that serves homestyle cooking.

"It's a pretty good business already, we're just trying to build on that," said Sanders.



As of Jan. 1, Brenda and John Sanders are the new owners of the Town & Country Kitchen restaurant. The Sanders' have started a few remodeling projects and more are expected, including new flooring and chairs.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

