

Time capsule placed at Home on the Range Cabin

By El Dean Holthus

On October 17 another feature was added to the long history life line of the Higley/Home on the Range Cabin when a time capsule was placed in its walls. This was done at the request and direction of Len and Linus Schamber, owners of Schamber Rehabilitation and Restoration of Damar, Kansas under the observation of Gerald Caspers and El Dean Holthus, Trustees of the Ellen Rust Trust. The Schambers have a long history of restoring historical properties in Kansas and were the general contractors on the Home on the Range project. Placing of a time capsule in their completed projects, in addition to excellent craftsmanship, is one of their trademarks. In their work over the years they realize the importance, in restoration, is to have

a documented history of work completed on the property in years past.

This time capsule is made of PVC pipe, sealed at both ends and can be opened only by cutting. The Schambers placed copies of the legal papers involved with the project such as architectural plans, bids, contracts, grant information, essentially anything related to the physical work on the Cabin. Gerald and I placed personal items particularly from the 140th anniversary celebrations and some from the time the site was operated by Ellen Rust. The capsule was then filled with news articles relating to the project and to the day.

50-100 years from now or the next time work is required on the Cabin, this time capsule will provide the guidelines for restoration so its integrity might

be maintained. There were a minimum of records for Mort Plunkett, Hill City architect, to research specific to the Cabin and for the Schambers in the actual on site work. Future workers on the project will have the advantage of the availability of construction information placed in the capsule.

This Cabin, on its original site, on the bank of West Beaver Creek, Pleasant Township, Smith County, Kansas inspired Dr. Brewster Higley VI to write a poem titled "My Western Home" which became the State song of Kansas, "Home on the Range". Visitors to the site continue to be impressed, charmed and motivated as they spend some time at the restored Cabin.



Len Schamber, El Dean Holthus, Gerald Caspers and Linus Schamber are seen here holding the time capsule that was placed in the Home On The Range cabin after its restoration was complete. Schamber Historic Preservation spent over three months working on the cabin and putting it back to its original beauty. The Schambers along with employee Dave Turnbull and sub-contractor Brian Luther have since returned to Norton and to projects yet to finish here.

- Courtesy photo

Road closure topic for commissioners

By Cynthia Haynes

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The Norton County commissioners decided to close part of Road G after a public hearing on Monday.

The hearing was held at the beginning of the weekly county commission meeting after notice had been posted of the county's intent to close the road, which had been described as "neglected and unused and is presently unfit for public travel," in the county closure resolution.

The county resolution added, "The . . . road for use as a public

utility does not justify the expense by Norton County. . . to place the road in proper condition for public travel."

The part of the road being closed is between Section 35, Township 1 S., Range 22 W and Section 2, Township 2S, Range 22 West, which is said to have terraces built across it now.

Landowners David and Tony Van Patten and Monte Montgomery were at the meeting in support of the closure.

They said that it was their belief that Nelson Farms, which is also a landowner in the area, is

also in agreement with the closure.

Commissioner Richard Thompson said that he had talked to landowner Dale Reeves, who also felt the road should be closed.

"He said he was 100 percent for it," Mr. Thompson said. "He said it should have been closed 60 years ago."

Having no one speak out or send any complaint against the closure, the commissioners finalized the vacation of it.



The Kansas cold weather rule takes effect November 1

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) reminds Kansans that the Cold Weather Rule takes effect November 1 and remains in effect through March 31.

"The Cold Weather Rule ensures Kansans can keep warm during winter months," says KCC Chairman Mark Sievers. "We encourage consumers to take steps to prepare for colder temperatures. Making sure heating equipment is in good working order, keeping your thermostat at reasonable levels, weather-stripping and caulking windows and doorways—these things can cut down on heating costs."

The Cold Weather Rule prohibits utility companies from disconnecting a customer's natural gas or electric service during periods of extreme cold.

The Rule requires utility companies to offer a 12-month payment plan to allow consumers to maintain or re-establish utility service.

Disconnection Conditions:

Utility companies may not initiate disconnection until temperatures are forecast to be above 35 degrees for the next 48 hours.

Utility companies must contact the customer by phone or in-person 24 hours before disconnecting service.

Utility companies are prohibited from disconnecting a customer's service when temperatures are forecast to be at or below 35 degrees over the next 24 hours.

The Commission wants Kansans to have the electric and gas service needed to keep their homes warm during win-

ter months. The Commission also recognizes the customer's responsibility to make arrangements to pay for that service. The Cold Weather Rule was designed in 1983 to ensure that both goals are met. Any residential customer with a past due balance will qualify for payment arrangements under the Rule. However, it is the customer's responsibility to contact the gas or electric company to make those arrangements.

Payment Plan conditions to maintain or restore service:

Customers must contact their utility company and inform that they cannot pay their bill in full.

Customers must agree to pay 1/12th of the total amount owed, 1/12th of the current bill, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fee, plus any applicable deposit to

the utility.

Customers must agree to pay the remaining balance in equal payments over the next 11 months, in addition to their current monthly bill.

The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the Commission's jurisdiction. For a complete list of utilities regulated by the Kansas Corporation Commission visit: kcc.ks.gov/pi/jurisdictional_utilities.htm.

More information about the Cold Weather Rule is available at: kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_english.htm.

Kansans may also contact their local utility company or the Kansas Corporation Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at (800)662-0027.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

There will be a city-wide clean-up held Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. Meet in front of the Community Hall for instructions. Lunch will be served at noon in the Sunflower Senior Center. If you have things you would like picked up, you may call the city office and leave your message for the city clerk. If you would like to help with trucking or tractors to pick up

items, please call the city clerk. All help is greatly appreciated.

There will be a pheasant hunter's supper at the United Methodist Church on Nov. 9, from 5-7:30 p.m. Also there will be a breakfast at the former Masonic Hall starting at 6 a.m.

Those enjoying a good time playing pinochle at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Linda Spresser, Ar-

lene Sharp, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, visited over the weekend at the home of her parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. On the way, they visited with Kevin's mother, Alice Wagoner, Hoxie.

Glenda Johnson was taken by ambulance Sunday morning to the Norton County Hospital.

Our prayers are with her and her husband, Larry.

Kay Brown had back surgery this past week. We are praying she will soon be well.

Sara Durham, Norton, gave the message Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in the absence of our minister, Ed Wood. Our prayers are with Linda and Ed as she continues to doctor.

LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

Is the weather deteriorating or improving? It depends on whether you enjoy the cold. Anyway, today is dark, dreary and just waiting for something to happen.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen were guests of the First State Bank of Holbrook, Neb., Saturday evening. They went to the Minden Opera House Dinner Theater, ate and

watched a 'Murder Mystery' where the audience was to figure out 'whodunnit.'

Toots Magers' family, Jane Engelhardt, Judy and Charlie Easton, finished winterizing her home on Sunday, so she is ready for winter.

June Jolly went to the Taste of Home at McCook last week. She visited Dean and Rhonda Jolly on Saturday and found Rhonda doing very well. She is

making monsters from marshmallows and M & M's for Halloween.

Tieia High and children, Aubrey, Garrett, Mariah and friend, Kylie visited me on Sunday, and shared a strawberry cheesecake. It's always good to see them.

Denny's Siberian Husky, Sky, has the run of her pen and the garage, and is also on a long tether. Sunday morning she had broken the line from twisting,

etc., so after leaving her in the garage while I was at church, I put her in the house while I "fixed" the line. When I came to put her back outside, she had upset the trash and had it scattered over the kitchen floor. You know she was in the dog house, but she didn't seem to feel the least bit guilty. Oh well, it gave me something different to do.

PUBLIC HEARING

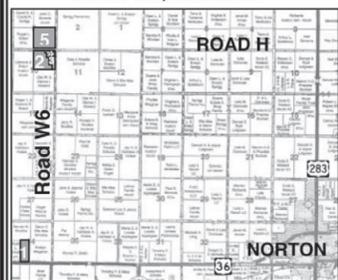
Lincoln Township, Garfield Township, Norcatour Cemetery and City of Norcatour will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 4, 2013**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Norcatour City Office, Norcatour, Kansas. This hearing will be to take public input regarding the proposed **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** for these taxing entities in Decatur County. A copy of the proposed plan is on file in the office of the Decatur County Clerk or Norcatour City Office and a copy may be obtained from either office.

2 LAND ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

400+/- ACRES CROPLAND, GRASS & COUNTRY HOME
Friday, Nov. 15, 2013 @ 10:30AM, CST

AUCTION LOCATION:
ST. FRANCIS PARISH HALL,
NORTON, KANSAS

SELLER:
LYNETTE THIELE



Tract 1 is an excellent, all cropland 80 located 6 mi West of Norton on Hwy 36. Tract 2 is approx. 114 ac of mostly cropland. Tract 3 is a good pasture near the farmstead which will be offered separately as Tract 4. There are 2 bedrooms on the main floor & 2 bedrooms in the basement. Combine Tracts 3 and 4 and have a place for your animals, too!

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: (5 tracts & combos)
Tract 1: E/2SW/4 of Section 34-2-24
Tract 2: All of the cropland acres & a tract of grass in the NE/4 of Section 10-2-24
Tract 3: Tract of approximately 42+ acres of grass in the E/2/NE/4 of Section of 10-2-24
Tract 4: 4.0+ ac tract in SE/4 of 10-2-24 w/improvements
Tract 5: SE/4 of Section 3-2-24



OPEN HOUSE DATES:
Sat., Nov. 2ND and
Thur., Nov. 14TH
2:00 - 4:00 pm

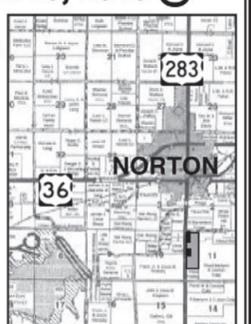
105+/- ACRES GRASS WITH COUNTRY HOME FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013 @

APPROX. 1:00 PM, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE THIELE AUCTION

AUCTION LOCATION:
ST. FRANCIS PARISH HALL,
NORTON, KANSAS

SELLER:
Larry Steven Jeltz

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