

# New members enter honor society

Twelve new members were inducted into the Norton Chapter of the National Honor Society Wednesday during ceremonies at the high school.

The ten senior members — Eric Burton, Ian Conkey, Joel Griffiths, Patricia Hagman, Melissa Jensen, Kayla Juenemann, Ashton Lofgreen, Kai Mann, Mark Maybon and C.J. Thiele — welcomed the inductees.

Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, character and school and community service activities. Students with a 3.5 grade point average are invited to fill out an application.

Students must exhibit leadership and have three leadership recommendations from teachers, coaches and sponsors.

Students also must have at least ten character references filled out by teachers, coaches and sponsors.

Applicants must be involved in at least 12 school activities in three different areas. Applicants must also accumulate at least eight community service activities.

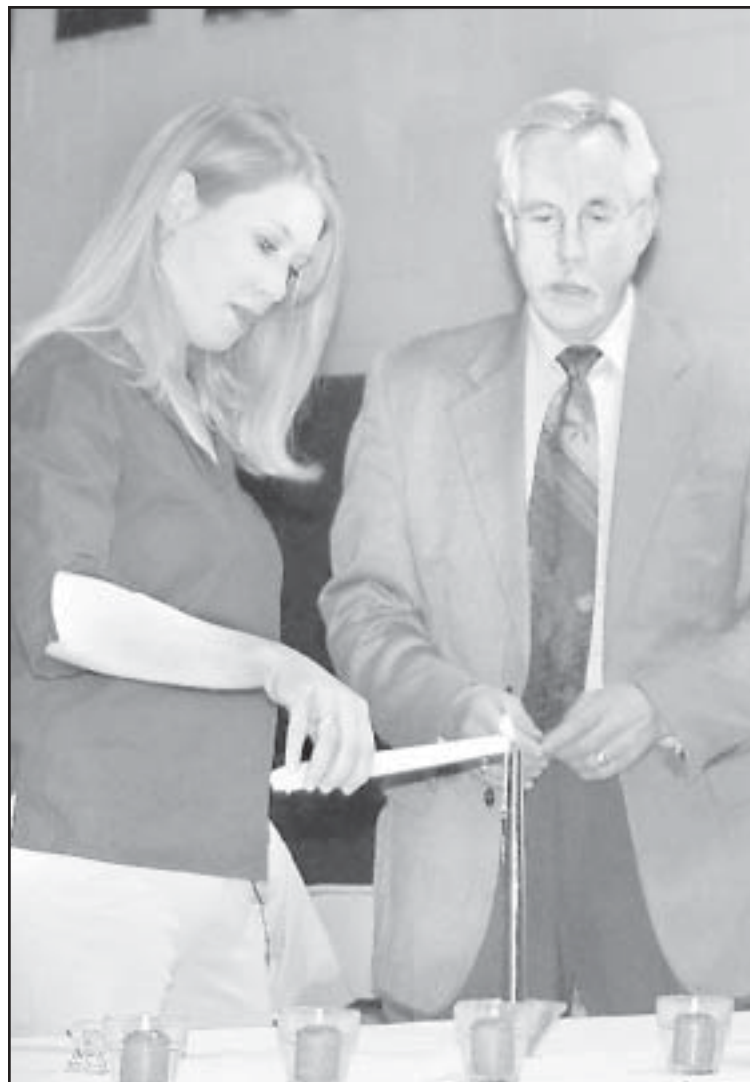
Jason Jones, Norton Community High School English teacher, spoke to the members, student body, parents and friends on the

aspect of success. Using the acronym S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Mr. Jones told the inductees that it took sacrifice, understanding, conviction, commitment, expectation, selection and self-discipline to achieve their goals.

A short reception for new members and their parents followed the ceremony. Mrs. Lida Sharp is the group's advisor.

The new members are Amber Engelbert, daughter of Pam and John Engelbert; Nick Evans, son of Alice and Scott Evans; Jason Green, son of Connie and Jim Green; Keesha Holste, daughter of Kathy and Jay Holste; Josh Jackson, son of Deb and Jim Jackson; Shad Kendell, son of Priscilla and Vern Kendell; Claudia Lacy, daughter of Jeanette and Gary Lacy; Ryan Maddy, son of Tammy and Rod Maddy; Amy Myers, daughter of Jana and Jim Myers; Stacy Reeves, daughter of Beth and Bruce Reeves; Justin Shirk, son of Pam and Lamont Shirk; and Michael Sprigg, son of Charla and David Sprigg.

*Pictures and information about all the Norton High School Honor Society members is on pages 8 and 9.*



Senior Ashton Lofgreen lit a candle during the National Honor Society induction ceremonies Wednesday, as Norton Community High School principal Lary Stull, looked on.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Northern Valley extends administrators' contracts

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and relays with the activity. Superintendent Bill Lowry reported assessment testing and said that the grant writing workshop, which he has been attending, has been helpful.

After a closed session the board

unanimously voted to extend Mr. Lowry's contract for one year and extended Principal Dwight Vallin's contract by one year on a 6-1 vote, with board member Drake Gebhard opposing.

In other business, the board:

- Decided not to continue the

Parents as Teachers program next year.

- Adopted a uniform purchasing policy and a uniform rotation chart, which were presented by Assistant Principal Lonnie Brungardt.

- Heard an assessment testing report given by Mr. Vallin.

- Were briefed by board member

Gale Hays on a governmental relations seminar he had attended.

- Learned that board member Glenn Brands had applied for a grant to purchase another flashing beacon for the school crosswalks.

- Accepted board member Alan Woodside's thank yous to all the winter sports coaches and staff for their hard work and commitment.

## Commodity loans available

Farmers who still have an interest in their 2003-wheat, oats or barley can get a commodity loan until March 31, says Bill Fuller, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

"Nine-month loans are available for farm-stored or warehouse stored 2003 commodities," he said. "Loans obtained in March will be at 2.25 percent interest.

Farm-stored commodities must be in approved structures that meet the Kansas farm-stored loan policies."

March 31 also is the final date to request a loan deficiency payment on 2003-crop wheat, oats and barley. However, the market price of these commodities has been higher than the posted county price.

## Ambulance hits hospital garage door

The Norton ambulance backed into a garage door at the hospital last month.

On Feb. 23 the driver of the Norton County ambulance, Teresa J. Hartzog, did not notice that the garage door at the Norton County Hospital was not completely open as she backed into the garage.

The ambulance struck the doors, causing \$1,800 in damages. Passengers in the ambulance were emergency medical technicians Beth Horney, Andy Nielsen and a patient. No one was injured in the accident.

Authorities said that sometimes the door is opened by ambulance attendants and sometimes by people at the hospital. They thought that, in this case, both parties tried to open the door and only succeeded in making it go partially up.

The police responded to an accident on March 6 in the 300 block of North Graves. The police report

said Rebecca L. Brakey, 50, Leoti, was driving a 1993 Buick LeSabre south on Graves when her vehicle struck a parked 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier registered to Gohl Delynn of Wallace, Neb., as she was attempting to park.

Both vehicles sustained over \$500 in damages. No one was injured.

On March 19, the Norton County Sheriff's Department responded to a one-vehicle, injury accident on the Lower Dam Road at the Sebelius Lake.

Craig A. Eveleigh, 19, Norton, was driving a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire west on the road when he lost control and went into the north ditch, rolling the vehicle. Mr. Eveleigh and two passengers Jacob R. Hickman, 19, and Stephanie N. Ryan, 19, both of Norton, were taken to the Norton County Hospital. None of the occupants were wearing their seat belts.

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