

# 185 years of service



Offering appreciation for their years of service, Norton school district leaders held a retirement recognition on May 22 for faculty and staff retiring from the district. Those recognized include Twila Custer, Alice Evans, Dana Madden, Marie Miller, Tamra Miller, Lida Sharp, Belinda Thalheim and David Will. The retirees represent 185 years of combined service to the Norton school district. Pictured, retiree Dana Madden talks with Christina Thompson and Peggy Cox at a reception after the retirement recognition.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

# Lions headed to state convention

The annual Kansas Lions State Convention in Wichita, June 7-9, 2012, will take on an international flavor as the Kansas Lions host International Director Gary and Cheryl Anderson at the Airport Hilton Convention Center.

Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the International Convention, in Sydney, Australia, in June of 2010. He is a Doctor of Optometry and the owner of Anderson Eye Care.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the Association, including Club President, District Governor and Council Chairman.

The Kansas Lions State Convention is the final event of the Kansas Lions Year, and will culminate in the final meeting of the State Board Of Governors, the leaders of Kansas Lions Clubs. The State Council is led by Council Chairman Michele Hufferd of Louisburg. District Governors are Ralph Rodgers of Hugoton (Western Kansas), Marion Schroll of Riley (North Central). Clint Vawter of Carbondale (North East), Helen LeBlanc of Valley Center (South Central), and Mel Greene of Columbus (South East).

Many of the State Committees will also meet to conclude plans and activities for the year, and to formulate goals for the next Lions Year.

## BUSINESS NEWS

A Norton County business is among the finalists for a Governor’s Award of Excellence through the Kansas Department of Commerce and two others have been named merit award winners.

According to information from the department, Nex-Tech, based in Lenora, is among 119 businesses nominated in one of the four categories of manufacturing/distribution, service, re-

tail and hospital/non-profit. Of 22 regional business excellence award winners are six finalists for the Governor’s Award of Excellence. Nex-Tech is one of the finalists with five other businesses across the state.

The winner of the award will be announced June 12 at the Kansas Cavalry Encampment in Manhattan.

The Norton County Health Department and ReNew Chic

Boutique are also among the businesses earning a merit award as part of Business Appreciation Month.

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# Correction

The Ag Valley annual meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, which was misidentified in the Tuesday, May 29 edition of the Norton Telegram.

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**Monday, June 4th - 6:30 p.m.**  
**@ Maywood Community Hall**

**Tuesday, June 5th—12:00 noon**  
**@ American Legion Building, Norton**

**Tuesday, June 5th—6:30 p.m.**  
**@ Ella Missing Center, Arapahoe**

**The entertainment this year will be:**  
**Joel Sartore, a photographer, speaker, author, teacher, and a regular contributor to National Geographic magazine.**  
(performing at Maywood, Norton and Arapahoe)

**Please RSVP to Linda by June 1st at 1-800-228-1352.**

**Thank you for supporting Ag Valley Coop.**  
**We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!**

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