Darin Campbell, general manager at Natoma Corporation, demonstrated how avionics parts are cleaned in the new addition. The company has undergone an expansion project and also added new employees. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Natoma Corporation has workforce of 50

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pollutants into the atmosphere or groundwater.

He said, "All of our employees live within a 30-mile radius of Norton. Most of those employees learned the machinist trade here."

He said because of the tax incentive from Norton County, Natoma Corporation has been able to expand, create more jobs and remain competitive with out-of-state competition.

Natoma Corporation employs 50 full-time employees.

Moran puts out call for summer '06 interns

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Jerry Moran is accepting applications for congressional internships in his Washington, D.C., Hays, Hutchinson and Salina offices for the summer 2006 term.

"My own interest in public service was sparked by an internship for First District Congressman Keith Sebelius in 1974," Congressman Moran said. "As an intern, I was able to see firsthand how a congressional office operates and how the legislative process works. These same opportunities are available to Kansans that intern in my congressional office."

The goal of the congressional internship is to give young adults the opportunity to participate in public service. Applications for the summer are due by March 17. Intern responsibilities include assisting Congressman Moran and his staff with legislative and administrative projects.

Summer internships are flexible but generally run in two sessions, the first from mid-May to June 30 and the second from July 5 to mid-August.

To apply for an internship, students should submit a completed application form, cover letter, résumé, college transcript and three letters of reference. The cover letter should explain their interest in public service and the goals they hope to achieve by participating.

Application forms can be obtained online at: www.house.gov/moranks01/internweb.

In order to ensure timely receipt of the application, students are encouraged to fax their applications to (202) 225-5124.

If students are unable to fax their applications, they may mail them to Congressman Moran's Hutchinson office, Attn: Intern Coordinator, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504. Students may call (202) 225-2715 with questions or to obtain more information.

K-State cattlemen's day on Friday agenda

The 93rd annual Kansas State University Cattlemen's Day will be held Friday at Weber Hall in Manhattan.

The day will feature several presentations, a commercial trade show and educational exhibits, open houses at the research and teaching units, and a lunch sponsored by commercial exhibitors and U.S. Premium Beef.

Registration to cover refreshments and materials will be $25 on-site. Further information and registration forms are available on the Web at http://www.asi.ksu.edu/cattlemensday.

A feature of this year's day will be a "Symposium on Animal Identification Systems," which will include presentations on animal identification technology and effective implementation, capturing value through traceability, the value of individual animal identification, and animal identification systems from the post-harvest perspective.

Afternoon breakout sessions will include: "Synchronization Strategies," "BVD and other Transitional Diseases," "Impact of Cattle Management Strategies on Retail Yield and Carcass Value," "Agricultural and Food Biosecurity at K-State: From Texas Fever to the Biosecurity Research Institute," "The Future of Cow-Calf Research," "Adoption of Technology in the Beef Industry — A Historical Perspective," and "Beef Market Update."

Those who have attended previous Cattlemen's Days will see a few changes this year. There will be no tent in front of Weber Hall. All Cattlemen's Day events will be in Weber Arena or in Weber Hall. All trade show and educational exhibits will also be in Weber Arena.

To round out the day, the 29th annual K-State Special "K" Bull and Female Sale will be at 3 p.m. at the university's purebred beef unit, north of Weber Hall at 1912 Denison Ave.

Sen. Ostmeyer, Rep. Faber set Norton meeting

State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Representative John Faber will be in Norton from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday at the Town and Country Kitchen.

They are visiting communities to discuss issues in the 2006 Kansas Legislature.

Everyone is invited to listen to and pose questions to the two officials.

Special 'K' sale Friday at K-State

Kansas State University's 29th annual Special "K" Bull and Female Sale will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the university's purebred beef unit at 1912 Denison Ave. in Manhattan. The sale coincides with the K-State Cattlemen's Day.

The sale, which offers high-performing bulls, replacement-quality heifers and cows picked from the heart of Wildcat herds, is somewhat unique in that it is run entirely by students, said Scott Schaake, animal production specialist with K-State Research.

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Importance of animal ID stressed

If an animal gets sick in Kansas, the Kansas Animal Health Department wants to know about it.

A series of meetings throughout the state, co-sponsored by county extension offices and Farm Bureau are trying to explain the premise and purpose of animal identification and the equipment used in this program.

Norton County's program was held Feb. 13 at the 4-H Building.

The National Animal Identification Systemwill become mandatory in 2009. The national system is dependent upon each state administering identification and registration.

Animals have been identified in regulatory programs since 1927, and today for a variety of interstate transportation of breeding animals. The national system was developed for a rapid and much more effective 48-hour tracking period during a severe disease outbreak. A communicable disease could devastate the livestock industry economy of Kansas.

To learn more about Premise Identification call the Kansas Animal Health Department at 785-296-2326 or visit their website at: www.kansas.gov/kahd. You may also call the Norton County Extension Office or Norton County Farm Bureau for forms and further information.

Door prizes at the Norton County meeting were won by: Raymond Scheetz, Pat Donovan, Alan Woodside, Brandon Schulze, Mark Weiser, Jim Ninemire, Jared Scheetz, Glen Walters, Howard Richard and Harvey Pakkebier.

Presenters were Dr. Dale Blaisai (K-State Beef Specialist); Dr. Sandy Johnson (Northwest Kansas Extension Livestock Specialist, Colby); Dr. George Teagarden (State Livestock Commissioner); Bryan Rickard (All Flex Tag Company); Brian Turner (Temple Tag Company); and Tom Finney (Y-Tex Tag Company); Craig Cooper (Kansas Farm Bureau Beef Verification Solutions); Dave Cuthbertson (State Animal Health Inspector); and Hallie Hassel (Federal United States Department of Agriculture Veterinarian).

Dr. Dale Blaisai (right), described the differences in animal ear tagging systems at a conference co-sponsored by Norton County Extension and Norton Farm Bureau. Listening are John Ankenman (left) and Travis Smith. — Photo by Patsy Maddy

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