



Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, (above) earned a blue ribbon for her flute solo in Saturday's Norton County 4-H Club Day event. Lane Vanover, Prairie Dog

4-H Club, (below) received a few pointers from Judge Cindy Tuxhorn about his Project Talk on dogs.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

4-H'ers put their talents on display

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Becker and Dustyna Sprigg, Busy Jayhawkers, clarinet, regional blue; Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog, and Dustyna Sprigg, Busy Jayhawkers, guitar, red.

- Talent/skit — Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, regional blue; Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, blue.

- Model meetings — Prairie Dog 4-H Club, regional blue.

- Other dance — Prairie Dog 4-H Club, Katrina Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Tanner Griffith, Kelsie Griffith and Megan Wentz, regional blue.

- Other talent — Katrina Wentz, Prairie Dog, regional blue; Busy Beavers 4-H Club, Johnyee Ruder, Lauren Mordecai, and Kelsey Mordecai, blue.

Judging were Morris Engle, Phillipsburg, music; Tony



Marshall, Manhattan, talent; Mary Billips, Hill City, junior demonstrations; Cindy Tuxhorn, Smith Center, senior demonstrations and talks, and Julie and Carl Davis, Hill City, model meeting.

Beverly Kindler and Staci Breiner conducted the Lifeskills Judging.

Committee members that helped with 4-H Club Day were Mary Wentz, Katrina Wentz, Jake

Kramer, Diedre Kramer, Josh VanSlike, Luke VanSlike, Jacob VanSlike, Dana Hillebrand, LeeAnn Shearer, Caleb Vanover, Tanner Griffith, Kayla Field, Cassie Field, Connie King, Colton Lowry, Cindy Mordecai, Kelly Mordecai, and Lauren Mordecai.

The 4-H'ers that earned a regional blue will be competing at the Regional 4-H Club Day this Friday in Hays.

HUSKY NOTES

(Continued from Page 3) moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve the policy presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Pest Control Bids: Bids were reviewed. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to accept the two year payment plan bid from World Pest Control from Plainville. Motion carried 7-0.

Credit Card Policy: Credit Card Policy and Handbook Language were reviewed.

Jessica Holmes, Alysia Shearer, Elliott Conard, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Ben Rojas, Ethan Hays, Jessie Zillinger, Jena Jessup, Andrea Lowry, Stanton Nelson, Jessie Redeker, Richie Kersch, Justin Lee, Drew Britt, Bryce Marble, Joni Hilburn, Stephanie Tubbs, Jessica King, Jessica Wenzl, Jessica Largent, Monica Wilson and Gina Frack departed at 8:50 p.m.

First Annual School Administrators Conference: This conference is scheduled for June 21-23 and will be held in Colorado Springs, CO. It is being put on by Smoky Hill Education Service Center and Fort Hays State University. Mr. Ponstein and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve Mr. Lowry's attendance at this conference. Motion carried 7-0.

Non-Resident Student Applications: Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve the applications for Trace and Yantsy Claflin from Prairie View to attend school in our district. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution to Destroy Documents: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to adopt the resolution presented to destroy documents listed. Motion carried 7-0.

Resignations: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Jim Cole as Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Joanne Miller as Almena Elementary School Secretary at the end of this contract year. Motion carried 7-0.

The board commends and thanks Mr. Vallin and Mrs. Miller for their many years of service to the district. LeAnn Leidig departed at 9:20 p.m.

Administrative Contracts: At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open meeting in twenty minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry remained in the room for this executive session. This executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to extend executive session for twenty minutes. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Brungardt was invited into the executive session at this time. At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to extend Mr. Lowry's contract by one year with salary to be determined at a later date. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to offer Mr. Brungardt a ten month High School Principal/Technology Coordinator contract with technology duties as needed during July and August. This will be a two year contract with salary to be determined at a later date. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel Report: At 9:55 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and

that the board return to open meeting in twenty minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry, Mr. Brungardt and Mr. Vallin remained in the room for this executive session. This executive session is required to protect the privacy rights of an identifiable individual. At 10:15 p.m. Mr. Ponstein moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to extend executive session for ten more minutes. Motion carried 7-0. At 10:22 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to offer A.J. Landon a contract for Golf Coach. Motion carried 7-0.

Negotiations: There was no new information for discussion.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Lowry stated that the auditor from the State Department will be coming the week of April 3. He reported briefly on a LifeTouch Program for Teachers. He reviewed upcoming events and reported that the Wall of Fame Induction was well attended.

Mr. Vallin reported that Grandparent Days in the elementary school will be March 20th and 21st.

Mr. Brungardt reported that his leadership Class will be presenting a proposal to the City Council and Chamber of Commerce for a city-wide clean-up.

Board Member Reports: Lunchroom procedures were discussed briefly.

Board members thanked Glenn Brands for the excellent meal.

Adjournment: At 10:37 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Barb Nelson, Clerk
These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting of the board.

Cruelty case horses will be sold at auction

(Continued from Page 1) after hunting to get water to the animals. With some encouragement, the horses were loaded into a trailer owned by Charley Herl and taken to the Prairieland Animal Clinic under the care of Dr. Gary Smith. Smith said the horses were malnourished but otherwise OK. The horses were moved to pasture as their condition improved.

Tim Armknecht was arrested when he came home and was taken to the Bastille. Later he posted \$5,000 bond.

The Armknechts will make their next court appearance on Monday,

May 8. They will face 14 counts of animal cruelty, a Class A nonperson misdemeanor, and four counts of unlawful disposal of dead animals, an unclassified misdemeanor with a possible fine of \$100 for every 24 hours for each count.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said they had had calls from all over the state from people offering pasture and food for the horses. They did receive some money to help pay for their care.

The sale barn is at 125 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, past the railroad tracks south of U.S. 24.

Norton hospital offers to settle with company

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• Heard from Mr. Miller that 18 months ago, Great Plains Radiology from Kearney said they were going to charge the hospital \$2.50 per transcription for lab work. The hospital hired an attorney out of Kansas City, he said, while Great Plains hired one from Washington D.C. The matter was filed with the Office of the Inspector General in Washington.

Each party was asked if they wanted to drop the suit, since the outcome might not be favorable, he said.

Mr. Miller said the Norton hospital has said they would drop the suit if Great Plains would waive the fees that haven't been paid since January of 2005. There has been no response yet from Great Plains.

A new management group is taking over the billing at Great Plains and will start billing the

hospital for transcription services on April 1.

• Held a 5-minute closed session to review the confidential risk management report. Once back in open session, the board approved the report.

• Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Approved the health information policy manual. Mr. Miller said the manual was the same as last year, with the only change being the cost of copies. It has been reviewed by an outside firm, the medical staff and the board.

• Signed corporate compliance confidentiality statements and conflict of interest statements.

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