

4-H NEWS

4-H Action Teams

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Ever wonder why project guidelines are set up the way they are or how your exhibits get judged at the State Fair or how they plan the activities for Discovery Days, KYLF and all the other camps? Let me tell you there are a lot of volunteers and time that goes into those plans. There are 19 State Action Teams that are involved in making these plans and decisions. They include project teams like Dairy, Dog, Family and Consumer Sciences, Horse, Marketing, Photography, Shooting Sports, Space Tech, Geology and Livestock. Others are for such camps as Discovery Days, Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership, and Camp. Still others include Volunteers, State 4-H Advisory, K-State Collegiate, Volunteer Leaders and Other 4-H Groups.

This year I got a good look at the behind-the-scenes action of the State Fair activities and exhibits. As a teen member of the State Photography Action Team, I found out how much planning and how many volunteers working together it takes to make it all come together. The committee meets about four times during the year, along with a liaison from the state office to discuss the pros and cons from the last State Fair and plan for the next year's fair. This is no small task, considering there were over 1,300 photographs pre-registered this year. On Friday, every picture has to be checked for the correct entry information, class number,

allowable size, proper mounting, and any borders or dates on the front of the picture which would lower the ribbon placing. Then they are sorted by class number into boxes so they can be read for judging on Saturday. Saturday is another big day. There are two judging stages going simultaneously. There were eight judges who rotate until all of the pictures, slides and videos have been judged. Each picture is judged by three of the judges. They have about five seconds to look at each picture and give it a score of up to five points. The three scores are added together to determine the total score and ribbon placing. I helped at one of the judging stages, placing pictures on and taking them off the easel during the judging process. From there the pictures go to the back room for the ribbon placing to be entered into the computer, the proper ribbon sticker is attached to the entry form, the pictures are bagged and sorted by county. After the judges are finished picking the top 36 Rock Springs Award pictures and 10 photos to be placed on display in Senator Brownback and Senator Roberts' Washington D.C. offices from the purple ribbon winners, we started placing the photos on the new display racks by counties. Now you would think our job was over at this point, but not so. While some of the adult PAT members are choosing photos from the display for judging classes and preparing for the Photo Judging Contest on Sunday, the teen mem-

bers are choosing photos for the Sunflower awards. We picked out 22 photos which demonstrated different aspects of composition, lighting or types of exposures. This year being the end of the Kansas 4-H Centennial year, the teen leaders were also asked to pick out a picture from each county represented at the State Fair for a Centennial award. Sunday I participated in the Photo Judging Contest as a member of the senior team. We placed 18th as a team and I placed 37th individually. After I finished judging and the tests had been scored, I helped sort the tests and score cards by county so they could be returned to the participants. The photos used for the judging classes and the Rock Springs Award pictures are scanned and put on the website for viewing. Being involved with the PAT committee has given me a chance to meet other teens and leaders from around the state. We exchange ideas, work hard, and have a lot of fun together. This year is over, but I'm looking forward to our next meeting.

I would encourage anyone interested in learning more about how 4-H activities run or planning future activities to look into joining one of the Action Team committees. It's a great way to meet other people across the state interested in the same projects and activities you are and sharing ideas. You can log onto the 4-H website www.kansas4-h.org/groups for information about the different Action Teams. Application forms are available through the extension office or the 4-H Record book CD.



Interns at Natoma Corporation, Adam Newton, left, and Lucas Meiar, worked to produce precision parts for an airplane's fuel system. The two are graduate students at Fort Hays State University majoring in technology studies and manufacturing.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Students get hands-on at local company

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Two Fort Hays State University students are getting hands-on experience at a Norton business. Adam Newton, Rolla, and Lucas Meiar, WaKeeney, are spring semester interns at Natoma Corporation. Both are in the graduate program at the university, majoring in technical studies and manufacturing.

They started working for the precision manufacturing company last week as part of their course of study. They will earn 12 credit hours for their time at Natoma. But, unlike most intern programs, they are getting paid while they earn their degree. At the moment, they share a loft apartment at the plant, but hope to move into more private quarters this week.

They are given job assignments like all other employees and instructed in the operation of the various machines.

Both admitted they were surprised by the amount of paperwork involved with their jobs. They said every piece of metal that comes through the plant has to be accounted for. They said everything is documented. Any changes have to be noted and the reasons why they were changed.

They both commented on Natoma's immaculate, well-orga-

nized plant. They said the company had the very latest in equipment and they had learned a lot from Gail Boller, owner.

As part of the agreement between the university and Natoma, Mr. Boller is required to access the intern's progress and file reports. Fred Ruda, head of the technology department at the university, makes periodic checks on them.

Mr. Ruda oversees 12 other interns spread out over the midwest in companies that specialize in fabrication, construction, manufacturing, communication and drafting. The students will be on their jobs until May 12.

Mr. Boller said he would like to see the intern program become a yearly event. He qualified that by adding, "If there's more students like Adam and Lucas."

Mr. Boller said he felt it was important for the students to get some real world experience on top of their school studies. The difference between Natoma and a trade school is that no school has the wide range of machines the company has. "Besides," he said, "it will help their resume. They can use us as a reference. And, they're getting paid while they're working."

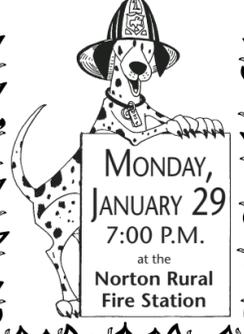
Natoma has strong ties to Fort Hays State. The company donated a computerized numerical control

machining center to the school's technology department. Two Natoma employees will set the machine up and train the teacher how to use it.

This year will mark the 25th year for Natoma Corporation. Mr. Boller said he will celebrate the occasion with an open house in the fall.

Public Notice

Norton Rural Fire District Meeting



MONDAY,
JANUARY 29
7:00 P.M.
 at the
Norton Rural Fire Station

Norton Schools Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Kim Chambers

Mrs. Kim Chambers is in her first year as a USD 211 employee; she is the library aide in the JH-SH library. She and her husband, Curtis, have one son, Christopher who is in the fifth grade at EES. Mrs. Chamber's favorite pastimes are gardening, needlework and cooking. What she likes most about her job is "the kids, it is all about the kids."

Certified Employee



Peggy Cox

Mrs. Cox is in her fifth year as a special education teacher at the Norton Junior High School. She is in her 12th year as an educator. Mrs. Cox is a graduate of Fort Hays State University where she is only one course short of being finished with the requirements for a Master's degrees. Mrs. Cox and her husband Clark have four children, Chelsea 19, Courtney 16, Conor 10 and Caitlyn 7. Reading, tubing and spending time with her family are her favorite pastimes. The challenge of working with a diverse group of students is what she likes best about her job.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson

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(NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Eight (8) in Township Five (5) South of Range Twenty-Two (22) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Norton County, Kansas, and all personal property and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death; and that such real estate and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

Case No. 2007-PR-03 In the Matter of the Estate of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson, also known as Aileen Gibson, deceased

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, at the Norton County Courthouse in the city of Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Gary Gibson, heir of Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson, also known as Aileen Gibson, deceased, praying descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Norton County, Kansas:

A tract of land beginning at a point sixty-six (66) feet North of the Northeast corner of Block Two (2) Purviance's Addition to Edmond, Kansas, thence North One hundred (100) feet, thence West One hundred (100) feet, thence South One hundred (100) feet, thence East One hundred (100) feet, to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter

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