



Norton Correctional Facility officers Blaine Marble, wearing cap, and Bob Husted, led Northern Valley seniors and their adult advisors on a tour of the facility. Here the students relax in the facility's Medium Visiting center.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Students see facility close up

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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The senior class from Northern Valley High School got a taste of what life "behind the walls" might be like.

Government teacher Jason Dibble arranged for the class to take a tour of Norton Correctional Facility last Thursday. During their tour of the state prison, the students saw where the inmates lived, attended worship services, worked for an international charity called "Wheels For the World" and learned woodworking skills. They met an inmate who trains dogs that are selected to be seeing eye dogs or "helper" dogs.

Class sponsor Monica Wilson said some of the students had taken a tour of the facility before, but this was their first in-depth tour. She said they were all very impressed and felt it even scared some of

them. She said they all agreed on one thing — no one ever wanted to work for \$.60 a day.

Captain Blaine Marble and Corrections Officer Bob Husted escorted the group on the tour. Both officers explained some of the job opportunities available in corrections.

To wrap up the tour, an inmate shared his life story with the students. The class members listened intently while the 44-year old man told them how he had been in and out of jails or prisons since he was 13 years old. He told them he had been physically abused as a child and abandoned by his father. He said he had been involved with selling drugs and stealing. He said he was even glad he had been arrested — that it probably saved his life.

He told the students he is trying to change his life and helps teach the "Stop The Violence" program

at the facility. He said prison can help a person change their life — if they want to.

Grad: Move puts her close to the family

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News and helped in the Sports Information Department.

Moving back to Kansas (Topeka) allowed her, and her beagle Lily, to be closer to family.

Stefanie enjoys sports and music. Her time away from work is generally spent watching movies, reading suspense novels or working out. Her favorite movies? *The Departed*, *Rudy*, *Monty Python and the Search for the Holy Grail*, *The Notebook* and *Remember the Titans*.

Stefanie's parents are Jon and Wendy Sloan, Norton.

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Beverly Kindler, left, representing General Federation of Women's Club, Mid-Century, presented state and international recognition certificates to fourth grade student Hannah Pollock for a poem she submitted called, "Summer".

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Poem by Eisenhower 4th grader earns recognition

By BEVERLY KINDLER
Special Contributor

Hannah Pollock, a fourth grade student at Eisenhower Elementary School, entered a poem, "Summer", in the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas Creative Writing Contest. Her entry was sponsored by the local Mid-Century Club.

Hannah's poetry was first judged in Sixth District competition, then was entered in the state contest. The entry placed first in Category 2 (fourth, fifth and sixth grades), Youth Division in both competitions. There were 18 entries in the Youth Division which included poetry and short stories.

The first place entries in each category were submitted to the federation's international competition which accepted entries from all states. Hannah and six other participants from Kansas received certificates of Recognition. The Kansas Rainbow Club of the federation, will present monetary awards to first, second

and third place winners in each student category.

Hannah is the daughter of Michael Pollock and Ann Pollock, Norton.

Summer
Splish, splash at the pool,
The water is cold so we keep cool.
Icy lemonade to quench our thirst,
Hurry, let's get in line so we'll be first.
A freezing, cold winter that we grieved,
A blazing, hot summer that we received.
Go put on some sandals let's go outside,
We bought a brand new water slide.
In my opinion any season is a bummer,
The one that's best is always summer.
I can come up with a million reasons,
Why summer is the best season.

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