

4-H Achievement Banquet held

Norton County 4-H members and families showed off "Keeping it Green" at the Annual 4-H Achievement Night Banquet. The theme represents the National 4-H Council emphasis of Conservation and 4-H SET—Science, Engineering and Technology to emphasize these disciplines not only in obvious science projects but in all aspects of all life skill projects in the 4-H Program.

The annual event is co-sponsored and hosted by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce which also sponsored the Friend of 4-H Award and the ham roast that was served this year. Karla Reed, Norton Chamber manager; Denzel and Ruth Lofgreen, Chris and Evelyn McDiffit, and Verla and Tony Grysch were Chamber Ambassadors that hosted the event. Joel Duscher, Chamber Vice President, was the co-host for the program and introduced the Friend of 4-H Award.

4-H members and families were treated to a covered dish

supper with roasted ham provided by the Norton Chamber. Michael Callaway, past President of the Norton County 4-H Council, served as Master of Ceremonies. Diedre Kramer, secretary of the 4-H Council, gave a response to the Chamber address and announced the Best Decorated Table Award which went to the Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Carissa Wentz, Treasurer of 4-H Council, introduced special guests in attendance. Keith VanSkiike, Norton County Extension Director announced the summaries of each club activities involving the Club Promotion Award. Prairie Dog Club summary was noted as the Blue Award winner by the judging committee and all 4-H Clubs received their Purple Seal of Involvement from the State 4-H Office.

Volunteer leaders and committee members named various award recipients. These volunteers were Carol Griffith, Patsy Maddy, Mindy Harting, Staci

Montgomery, Joy Johnson, Mary Vanover and Jamie Wentz. A special award by Norton County Farm Bureau recognized 4-H Camp Counselors.

Joel Duscher, Norton Area Chamber Vice President, presented the 2008 Friend of 4-H Award to Terry and Mary Ann Hager. The "I DARE YOU" Award; a mid-career 4-H award for aspiring leaders, was given to Phillip Becker, Jessica Gilgenbach, and Hannah Fulton, selected by the 4-H Trips and Awards Committee.

Kolton Harting, a member of the Busy Beavers 4-H Club, announced a club challenge to all other 4-H Clubs to contribute towards the "God's Pantry" Service project to start this year and conclude next fall.

The 4-H Achievement Night Planning Committee consisted of Carol and Kelsie Griffith, Elaine and Bryce Lofgreen, Hannah Fulton, Karen and Jacob VanSkiike, and Marisa Maddy.

Mapping out a plan



Jason Hartman, left, from the U.S. Forestry Service, talked with area farmers on Monday during the Prescribed Burn Workshop, held at Rural Telephone in Norton. Roger Tacha, right, helped explain ways to control burns.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Awards for Excellence given to 4-H'ers

Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier, Jessica Ambrosier, Andrew Bashford, Shane Cozad, Zachary Esslinger, Kailey Gill, Tyson Gill, Dylan Goss, Adrienne Hager, Austin Hager, Dustin Harting, Kolton Harting, Weston Harting, Wyatt Harting, Ryan Johnson, Skylar Johnson, Jace Ruder and Johnnye Ruder.

Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club

Bryce Lofgreen, Scott Sansom, Abbie Smith, Christopher Maddy, Marisa Maddy, Molly Maddy and Jacob VanSkiike

Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Tony Anderson, Caleb Bach, Calen Bach, Colten Bach, Michael Callaway, Kortney Cunningham, Damien Davis, Skylar Davis, Cassie Field, Kayla Field, Caden Kinderknecht, Kylie Kinderknecht, Chaylee Lowry, Christopher Lowry,

Colton Lowry, Carson Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Drake Shearer, Dalton Smith, Keegan Smith, Makayla Smith and Carson Wallace

Prairie dog 4-H Club
Jade Braun, David Cressler, Jade Cressler, Travis Cressler, Wyatt Cressler, Kelsie Griffith, Diedre Kramer, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Rebecca Wentz and Wyatt Wentz.

Native Nortonite to hold concert

Contemporary Christian singer and songwriter Fonda Telthorst is scheduled to be in concert Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Christian Church.

Mrs. Telthorst, a native of Norton, began her music career at age four singing in her hometown church. She graduated from Norton Community High and Washburn University after earning several music scholarships.

She currently lives in Kansas City where she leads contemporary Christian worship at churches, women's conferences, and other ministries wherever God calls her.

Mrs. Telthorst writes and sings songs that come from personal experience, others' stories and from scripture. There is an authentic passion and a sense of peace in Fonda's singing. Her music conveys God's message of

hope, healing, joy and love. She has released Your Name, a CD single; Song In My Heart, a collection of mostly original work; and Sing Hymn Praises, a joint production with producer/musician Luiz Orsano of Healing Audio Studios.

Mrs. Telthorst's music is available by contacting her at fondasings@yahoo.com. You may also visit her website at fondasings.com.

4-H'ers receive recognition pins

Membership Pins
Busy Beavers — Kailey Gill and Dustin Harting
Busy Jayhawkers — Scott Sansom
Cedar Ridge — Kortney Cunningham, Caden Kinderknecht, Chaylee Lowry, Christopher Lowry, Drake Shearer, Dalton Smith, Keegan Smith
Bronze Pin
Busy Beavers — Jessica Ambrosier, Weston Hartin and Ryan Johnson
Cedar Ridge — Carson Wallace
Prairie Dog — Wyatt Cressler
Clover Pin
Busy Beavers — Molly Mad-

dy
Cedar Ridge — Colten Bach and Kylie Kinderknecht
Prairie Dog — Quentin Wentz
Emerald Pin
Busy Beavers — Adrienne Hager and Skylar Johnson
Busy Jayhawkers — Abbie Smith
Cedar Ridge — Tony Anderson, Damien Davis, Skylar Davis and Makayla Smith
Silver Pin
Busy Beavers — Austin Hager, Kolton Harting and Wyatt Harting
Busy Jayhawkers — Marisa Maddy
Cedar Ridge — Carson Mont-

gomery
Prairie Dog — Rebecca Wentz
Silver Guard Pin
Prairie Dog — Wyatt Wentz
Leadership Pin
Cedar Ridge — Caleb Bach, Calen Bach, Cassie Field, Kayla Field and Colton Lowry
Prairie Dog — Megan Wentz
Gold Pin
Cedar Ridge — Michael Callaway and Tyler Montgomery
Gold Guard Pin
Busy Jayhawkers — Bryce Lofgreen and Christopher Maddy
Prairie Dog — Kelsie Griffith, Diedre Kramer and Carissa Wentz

Say 'Bye-Bye to Batteries' for cause

By BRANDY LEROUX bleroux@nwkansas.com
Household batteries should not go in the household trash. They contain chemicals and acids that are harmful to the environment. A troop of Girl Scouts toured the Norton County landfill and recycling area and decided to recycle batteries to raise money for the Juliette Low Fund, named for the founder of Girl Scouts which supports international Girl Scouts opportunities.

Each of the sixteen girls, ages 9 to 11, made special boxes to collect the

batteries, and placed them in businesses around Norton and Alma. The girl scouts will regularly check the boxes and empty them when needed. The goal is to keep batteries out of the landfill through most of the school year.

They started putting the "Bye-Bye Batteries" boxes in businesses in October, and already have had more than 1,000 batteries turned in.

In addition to helping the environment, several of the girls will receive a Bronze Award, the highest award for Junior Girl Scouts. Earning the award includes earning the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, com-

pleting a project that should take about 15 hours to complete, and providing a community service.

"The girls came up with this wonderful idea to recycle in Norton, particularly the proper disposal of batteries," said Lois Rostek, troop leader.

Bye-Bye Batteries boxes can be found at the Norton Senior Center, Shop and Save, Norton Sheet Metal, Dairy Queen, Moffet Drug Store, Pure Prairie, First Stop, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and The Norton Telegram office. A box can also be found at the Alma Market in Alma.

Norton County 4-H'ers receive project awards

Clothing Project
County Champion — Senior Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Medal — Junior Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Health and Wellness Project
County Champion — Junior Abbie Smith, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club
Foods Project
County Champion — Senior Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Medals — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club; Junior Megan Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club; Junior Carson Wallace, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club; Junior Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Fiber Arts Project
County Champion — Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Medal — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Photography Project
County Champion — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Leadership Project
County Champion — Senior Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Medal — Tyler Montgomery Agriculture Awards
Beef Project
County Champion — Junior Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Bucket Calf Project
County Champion — Junior Carson Wallace, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Meat Goats Project
County Champion — Senior Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Medal — Junior Quentin Wentz,

Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Dairy Goats Project
County Champion — Junior Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Poultry Project
County Champion — Junior Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Sheep Project
County Champion — Senior Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Swine Project
County Champion — Senior Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Carson Montgomery, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Horse Project
County Champion — Junior Carson Montgomery, Cedar Ridge

4-H Club
Plant Science Project
County Champion — Senior Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Space Tech Project
County Champion — Senior Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Blue Award — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Shooting Sports Project
County Champion — Senior Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Self-Determined Project
County Champion — Junior Abbie Smith, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club
Treasurer Project
County Champion — Senior Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club
Secretary Project
County Champion — Junior

Adrienne Hager, Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Blue Award — Senior Melinda Becker, Busy Jayhawkers
Medals — Senior Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge and Senior Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Pet Project
County Champion — Junior Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Woodworking Project
County Champion — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club
Public Speaking Project
County Champion — Junior Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club

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