

Prized display



Wyatt and Bryndon Wentz demonstrated their art pieces at the 4-H building during fair week. The pieces were chosen for the state fair, held Sept. 12-20 in Hutchinson.

—Photo courtesy of Jamie Wentz and Elaine Lofgreen

Local girl eyes Queen's crown

Ashley Esslinger, Norton, competed for the 2009 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen title Thursday at the Kansas' Biggest Rodeo Arena in Phillipsburg.



Ashley Esslinger

The contest consisted of speech, modeling, a personal interview and a written

test.

Also included were two phases of horsemanship.

Ashley's hobbies include riding horses, spending time with her friends and family, swimming, tubing, art and hiking.

She said she has been riding for 14 years.

Ashley said she has wanted to be rodeo queen since she was little.

"When ever I went to the rodeo as a girl I always dreamed of being

rodeo queen. It would be an honor to have the title Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen," she said.

Ashley said she hops to be a role-model to other young girls.

She will be a senior at Norton Community High School this year, where she also participates in FFA.

Ashley competed against three other young ladies.

The results of the competition will be published in Tuesday's Telegram.

Department honors employee for 20 years of service

Lisa Rhodes, of Norton, received the Department of Agriculture's *Service Award* for 20 years of service on July 15.

Mrs. Rhodes is in charge of conservation and compliance in the Norton office. She said her

day-to-day routine depends on what types of deadlines need to be met. The deadlines are different depending on what season it is.

Mrs. Rhodes spends a great deal of time working with local farmers.

"If there is an issue with conservation or compliance, I help them," she said.

"I like working with the farmers. During harvest the days drag by because they aren't coming in," she said.

Sheriff's Log

July 21
10:26 a.m. Received 911 call regarding a black cow on highway 383, west of Norton.

2:30 p.m. Vehicle inspection
3:16 p.m. Subject arrived at Sheriff's office to be fingerprinted

3:25 p.m. Vehicle inspection
3:27 p.m. Subject left office, saying he had been fingerprinted in another county

4:01 p.m. Served and returned to the district court of Norton a warrant to Samantha Buffington.

5:03 p.m. Received from the District Court of Norton an order of garnishment to the Andbe Home

10:43 p.m. Received a call about an activated alarm at Jamboree, dispatched Officer Stiles

11:34 p.m. Returned a summons to the District Court of Norton for Jonathan Ruthstrom, not found

11:34 p.m. Returned a sum-

mons to the District Court of Norton for Randa Ruthstrom, served

11:34 p.m. Returned a summons to the District Court of Norton for Jason Haselhorst, served

July 29
7:33 a.m. Received a report of a black cow by the cemetery in Alma

8:36 a.m. Received an abandoned 911 call

8:36 a.m. Called back, static and open line

8:37 a.m. Called number back, static and open line

8:40 a.m. Called number again, shop owner said it was his line and advised there have been problems with it before

1:30 p.m. Advised Deputy Annon of a subject at CarQuest

1:33 p.m. Received a call from a male subject at Valley Hope Treatment Center needing to file a report

1:36 p.m. Advised Police Chief Morel.

1:47 p.m. Advised Assistant Police Chief Hartwell of male subject at Valley Hope Treatment Center needing to file a report

2:13 p.m. Received a call from Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge, regarding missing stop signs on a county road

2:13 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

3:31 p.m. Received a report of two crotch-rocket motorcycles racing on Highway 36 east of Norton

6:08 p.m. Received a report of people speeding up and down Armory Drive

6:32 p.m. Received a call wanting to speak to an officer about a Shetland Pony in his neighbor's yard

6:40 p.m. Advised Assistant Police Chief Hartwell of report about pony and report about speeding on Armory Drive

8:31 p.m. Received a report of cattle on highway 283, ten miles north of Norton

Public Record

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

July 2 - Jordan Zuckerman, Denver, driving while under the influence of alcohol. Diversion for one year. Assessment fee \$500, KBI lab \$400, Diversion fee \$250, ADSAP fee \$150, Court cost \$75.

July 2 - Kathleen McConney, Norton, failure to have verification of insurance. Dismissed as verification provided at hearing.

July 2 - Travis Somers, Norton, loud stereo system. Fine \$10, court cost \$75.

July 2 - Lucas Welch, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. Plead not guilty. Trial set.

July 16 - Brett Pulec, Norton, putting glass and fireworks on highway. To serve community service. Court cost \$75.

July 16 - Joseph LeClair, Norton, driving in violation of restrictions. Amended to no driver's license on self. To serve community service by pulling weeds at Methodist church and east Main St. from State St. to car wash, July 16 through October 31.

July 16 - Starla LeClair, Norton, failure to provide verification of insurance. Verification provided at hearing.

July 23 - Randy Johnson, Gardner, failure to use turn signal. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.

July 23 - Shaylyn Boteler, Norton, inattentive driving. Fine \$100, court cost \$75.

July 23 - Trevor Powell, Phillipsburg, failure to provide verification of insurance. Verification provided at hearing.

July 23 - John Milnes Jr., Al-

mena, speeding 51 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$75.

Criminal

July 16 - Randall Willmes, Norton, misdemeanor theft. Fine \$500, restitution \$454 and court cost \$75. Six months jail time to be suspended to 10 days if fines and cost are paid within one year.

July 16 - Briana Steinmetz, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. To receive a six month Diversion. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$100, court cost \$75.

July 23 - Wiyanna Paxton, Norton. Minor in possession of alcohol on May 29 and June 13. Second charge dismissed for guilty plea to May 29 charge. Driver's license suspended for 30 days and to serve 5 days in county jail. Fine \$200, ADSAP fee \$150 and court cost \$75.

July 23 - Kyle Burge, Norton, unlawful hosting to minor. To serve 5 days in jail. Fine \$1,000 and court cost \$75.

July 23 - Melody Kunclers, Stuttgart. Charged with Domestic

Battery, Battery, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Battery charges dropped. Fine \$1,000, ADSAP fine \$150, court cost \$75.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Wildlife & Parks

July 9 - Bobby W. Smith, liquor consumption in public place where prohibited, fine \$220, court cost \$75.

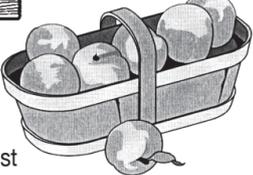
July 16 - Kelly R. Burgardt, failure to have personal flotation device on board and failure to use navigational lights between sunset and sunrise. Fine \$105, court cost \$66.

July 16 - Kerry J. Rudolph, operating vehicle in a restricted area, fine \$70, court cost \$66.



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