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Glen Campbell awarded Andy Nickel the Campbell Memorial award and Brandon Schulze awarded the Alumni awards which went to R.J. Ellis and Andy Nickel. The last award to be given before FFA sponsor Mr. Beydler got up to hand out awards was that of the Lucas Maddy scholarship. Lucas was unable to present the scholarship himself so his mother Pasty Maddy did it in his place and awarded it to R.J. Ellis.

The FFA sponsor Garrett Beydler took over to present several more awards. He started off with saying the the chapter, at present time, was first in the contests overall bringing home three 1st place wins, four 2nd places, three 3rd places and two 5th place finishes and that the chapter has 16 members holding 440 points or more individually.

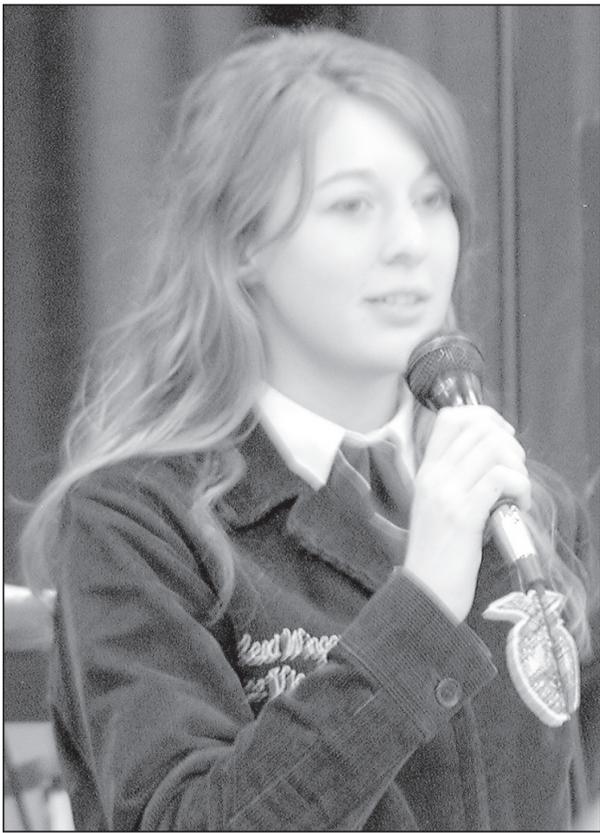
Mr. Beydler had a long list of awards to hand out, starting with the Proficiency Awards. For poultry, Zach Esslinger, for placement in Diversified Ag Production; R.J. Ellis, for Beef Production; Kolton Harting, for Sheep Production; Marisa Maddy, for placement in Beef Production; Wyatt Wentz, for Diversified Crop Production; Andy Nickell and for Ag Mechanics, also Andy Nickell.

The Chapter Award winners were R.J. Ellis for the Senior Academic Award, Wyatt Harting with the High Point Greenhand Award, Wyatt Wentz for the Reserve High Point Chapter Member Award, Wyatt Harting for the Star Chapter Greenhand Award, Kolton Harting for the Star Chapter Farmer Award and R.J. Ellis for with Chapter Star in Ag Placement Award.

Other acknowledgments went to R.J. Ellis and Wyatt Wentz for winning State Degrees, to Dylan Sprigg, who is up for Sentinel as a District Officer Candidate and to all of the FFA members who were contest participants and out of those who placed in the top ten in the competitions, the PALS Mentors and the FFA Lettermen and officers.

Mr. Beydler wasn't done yet, as he had a few more awards to hand out. The Anderson Scholarship award of \$250 was given to two members, R.J. Ellis and Robert Blecha. These two young men also received the C&S Scholarship of \$500 each and lastly, all five seniors received a \$1,000 FFA Scholarship.

Before leaving the podium, Mr. Beydler recognized all of the seniors stating, "I can honestly say that I have enjoyed working with this group of seniors, don't get me wrong, they have made me question that statement a few times, but overall, this is a fine group and we are going to miss them." On completion of



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—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

this statement Beydler talked of the many hours together at competitions, hours on the road, nights in hotels, banquets, dinners, lock-ins and the amount of large pizzas they had shared together over the past four years.

"Needless to say, some of these individuals were more active than others, but overall this has been a group that represented Norton well, especially in ag mechanics, and that I am proud of. Thanks guys," summarized Beydler.

Cargill, Bridges Group insurance, the administration, sponsors, alumni, cooks, servers, parents and members were also thanked by Mr. Beydler for all they had done to make the Norton FFA Chapter and the night's banquet a success.

Every year, honorary members have been inducted into the chapter and this year, Mike and Nanette Colip were chosen for this honor. Dr. Colip received this in their stead.

The keynote speaker at this year's banquet was Lexi Wingerson of Smith Center. Lexi served as the Northwest District president as a senior and is currently attending Kansas State University where she serves as the State FFA Vice -President.

Miss Wingerson had a powerful message for the audience. "Share yourself, love others and

never give up hope" were her words. She spoke of how we have all been knocked down by life at one time or another and to move on we must get up, dust ourselves off, share what has happened, love those around us and to never say die.

"No one is perfect, we all have problems. I don't have it all figured out but do you want to know a secret? No one does," she stated. "Place your hand over your heart, do you feel that? It is called purpose and your life has a mission. FFA is my mission and that sets you and me up for success," she concluded.

Before the closing ceremonies, the former officers invited the newly elected officers to join them on the stage and swore them in, giving them words of encouragement and wishes of a successful time in office for the following year.

The new officers are Cody Ellis, President; Kolton Harting, Vice-President; Marisa Maddy, Secretary; Dylan Sprigg, Treasurer; Johnnye Ruder, Reporter; Darcy Bainter, Sentinel; Zach Esslinger, Historian and Wyatt Wentz, Parliamentarian.

The new officers then concluded the 2011-2012 FFA Banquet by thanking the retiring officers and the graduating seniors for their time and dedication to the the FFA.

LYLE NEWS

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen enjoyed the annual supper, auction and dance at the Community Hall in Cambridge, Neb., provided by the Tri-Valley Health System. Music was by Lonnie Lynn and his nine-piece band from Lincoln, Neb.

Veda and Dennis Wood visited Dwight and Teresa Wood in McCook, Neb. on Friday. Dwight had his dialysis, we had a lunch and then his music group left for Lincoln where they had two engagements. Teresa is doing health care for different families-very busy lady. She will celebrate her birthday on March 27. Happy Birthday, Teresa.

June Jolly played cards at Indianola on Wednesday, played Bingo on Thursday, and on Friday she and Karen Brown went to the Fireman's fundraiser in Culbertson and played Bingo. She is doing water aerobics on Saturdays, which sounds like fun. As the old saying goes, "All work and no

fun would make June a dull girl," or something like that. No danger of that.

David Huff and his mother, Donna, were at his place west of Lyle getting his house ready for occupancy, and visited Toots Magers on Friday. Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots on Sunday.

We had a good service at Lyle Sunday morning. We always love having Dewayne Jackson's family, and we were glad to have Larry Van Otterloo, his son Larry, Mary, and daughters, Aubrey and Taylor.

We have been unable to find information on how C.J., Carol Woodmansee's daughter is, but pray she is recovering.

Remember the Sunrise Service at Lyle on Easter Sunday, April 8 at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in the Community Building.

Is the weather playing "April Fools" tricks on us? Ninety degree weather on April 1? Eighty-two on March 31? We have had several records broken this year already, and it makes us wonder what is next.

Lloyd Frandsen and Kathy Van Meter made a trip on Wednesday, March 28, to Eustis, Neb., to deliver dictionaries to schools from the American Grange organization, which was started in the 1860's to better the life of farmers, and I can't think of anything that would help more than teaching the children to read and spell. The Grange does this every year.

On the way home, they were caught in a bad hailstorm in the Arapahoe- Holbrook area. It was bad enough to cause them to get off the road, and when they were able to drive on, the ice on the road was a problem. Al and Mary Sedlmayer were telling us about being in the same storm, which totaled their car.

June Jolly played Bingo on Wednesday, helped with it on Thursday, played Friday, and participated in the 20 member marathon at the north sale barn on Saturday. On Tuesday, she came by Toots Magers' to take her to the Prairie Land lunch and meeting but Toots didn't

feel like going, so she went to the doctor instead.

Jane Engelhardt brought Toots Magers home on Tuesday, and on Friday, Toots came to the Senior Citizen potluck. She, and all the people at Lyle, were happy to have Rosa Brown, her daughter, Judy and son in-law Tom Nedgen as visitors.

Remember the Easter Sunrise Service which will be held on the east side of the Lyle Church at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 8. In case of rain or snow [????], it will be held in the Community Building.

CLUB NEWS

By Beverly Kindler

What is your favorite game? That was the roll call at the meeting of GFWC Mid Century Club for its March meeting at the home of Doris Winteroth. Eunice Neiltopp was co-hostess.

Bridge, pitch, bingo and boogie were some answers, but the focus of the program by Judy Davis was on the history of games. One of the oldest was the Royal Game of Ur, from Iraq, which was found in tombs. Mancala is another game that was played in Egypt with seeds and holes in the dirt. Wei-qi (Go), an early game from China was a game of capturing territory. Mah Jongg, also from China, was spread to the United States in 1920 and then around the world. Later games with dice

and races were developed.

Then members challenged each other in games of Pente and Mancala. Pente is an innovation among several related board games that have been popular in the Orient for centuries.

Virginia Will, president, conducted the business meeting. Club members volunteered for the delivery of Meals on Wheels, April 9-15. The group voted to sponsor a subscription of "Kind News" for the kindergarten classes at Eisenhower Elementary School. Monetary contributions will be made to the Haven, Norton Cares and for art and music scholarships.

The next meeting will be the Spring Dinner on April 26.

Walking program is now open

Wednesday, April 4, in celebration of National Walking Day, the American Heart Association has teamed up with Olympic Gold Medalist Jennie Finch to announce the launch of the "Billion Calorie Count-UP," a new multi-year, nationwide goal aimed at encouraging Americans to collectively burn 1 billion calories by the year 2020.

For every hour of very brisk

walking, life expectancy may increase for some adults by two hours, and this year the American Heart Association is making it easier than ever to get started, get healthy and get walking. To take part in the "Billion Calorie Count-UP," interested walkers should log on to www.heart.org/myheartmylife to find a Heart Walk in their area. Starting Wednesday, April 4 (National Walking Day), the American

Heart Association will count the calories burned by individual walkers at Heart Walks across the country and add them to the "Billion Calorie Count-UP" total. In addition to National Walking Day, other key milestone dates, such as National Eating Healthy Day on November 7, will be used to report out on our calorie counting status.

Prom

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junior high gym for a dance and at 10:15 p.m., prom royalty will be crowned.

The dance goes to 11:15 p.m. and an after-prom party will be held at the East Campus beginning at midnight.

Northern Valley's prom will also be held on

Saturday, April 14. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium with a dinner for juniors and seniors. From 9 p.m. to midnight, a dance will be held for all high school students and prom royalty will also be crowned during the dance. An after-prom party will be held from midnight to 3:30 a.m. in the high school gym.

Clarification

All services at Gil's Barber Shop in the upcoming April 20 Cuts for a Cure fund-raiser will be offered at regular price and all receipts for the day will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Community Calendar

Please submit your events for the Community Calendar which is printed in the Monday EXTRA. Events may be e-mailed to: nortontelegram@nwkansas.com or mailed to 215 South Kansas Avenue

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Museum to hold annual meeting Sunday, April 15

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Dane G. Hansen Community room. A presentation of a colored print of Dane and Polly Bales will be made. Polly will be present for the presentation. The public is welcome to attend and visit with Polly. Fort Hays State College will also be presenting a musical program.

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