Aaron Beck, 12, grandson of to 1 p.m. All donations will be used 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Max Jones Dennis and Jeanne Beck, Norton, to purchase equipment and help Fieldhouse in Goodland. took second place in the Oregon send state shoot qualifiers to the State Championship Series. He national competition in Columbia, raced in Albany, Madras and Sa-

In January he took second place A birthday card shower is rein the Vancouver, Wash., Arena quested for Berniece (Saunders) Hurt, 1801 E. 27th, Apt. 119, Hays, Aaron is the son of Bryon Beck. Kan., 67601. Her birthday is May

> Joshua Otter, son of Frank and Levonne Otter of Clayton, and Nicole Pfannenstiel, daughter of Chance of North Central Kansas Aldon and Judy Pfannenstiel of Norton are in the 2004 graduating class from Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. Commencement exercises will be

Mr. Otter will receive an associate's degree in electronics/ computer technology. Miss Pfannenstiel will be receiving a cosmetology diploma.

Tobi Boller began his position with Nex-Tech as an account specialistin Hays on Feb. 25. Mr. Boller has relocated from Norton to Hays.

Brett Hammond and Kelle Contractors in Long Island recently attended the Global Industries National and International Sales Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

If you have in your house a piece of pottery marked Gonder, do not use it to feed the cat.

Gonder Pottery is becoming more collectible all the time and the supply of it is very limited, particularly in this part of the country. In all the years I've been prowling auctions and shops I've seen only enough items to count on my fingers.

Gonder Ceramic Arts, in the pottery capital of the U.S, Zanesville, Ohio, was only in business from 1941 until 1957.

Lawton Gonder, the owner, was steeped in the pottery making industry from birth. His parents worked at Weller Pottery and at the age of 13, he went to work for Ohio Pottery pouring spouts and handles for teapots.

He worked his way through jobs connected with the manufacturing of pottery and tile all over the country but eventually returned to Zanesville to open his own shop. Between his experience in

manufacturing and his education as a chemist, he was uniquely qualified to create some of the most unusual shapes and glazes that ever appeared on the art pottery market.

Flambe and gold crackle are two of the glazes that distinguish Gonder from other art pottery.

for which it is named, while gold crackle was an expensive process by which 24-karat liquid gold was

Flambe resembles the flames

Collector Chat Liza Deines

poured over a mold and then crackled in a secret process. Each piece of it came out differently and it is highly sought after and collectible since every piece was a oneof-a-kind original.

Gonder was very fond of all things Oriental and his Chinese crackle glaze reflects that enthusiasm, as well as the distinctly eastern flavor of many of his molds and designs.

He even sold a line of reproductions of old Chinese museum

The collector searching for Gonder is fortunate in that by the time this pottery was being manufactured the importance of marking had become noted. All Gonder is marked, usually in script. Paper labels were used and are now highly valued on pieces. Mold numbers and marks were also used on occasion but not always.

Most highly valued are pieces that have the logo "Gonder Ceramic Arts Studio" embossed or printed on the bottom. Lawton Gonder did not consider his creations as pottery but as artistic expressions, almost as sculptures.

During the 1950s when dinner-

ware in modern shapes was being marketed by many firms, Gonder developed a line of his own called "LaGonda".

It has softened square plates, cups and bowls and was complete with a square teapot, casserole and serving dishes. It was difficult to drink out of those square cups without dribbling, but the pottery set such a pretty table it made up for that minor flaw. Colors were muted aqua, ivory and peach, in contrast to the vivid tones seen on

Lamp bases marked as Gonder are usually figural with eastern themes predominating. Tall graceful figures in kimonos or draped robes, beautiful women's faces, coiled dragons, bonsai trees in frames, Oriental junks and strangely shaped horses, elephants and other animals are common motifs that make a Gonder lamp

Keep your eyes open for odd shapes and glazes when you're at the flea market or picking over the next auction tables. You could find a real surprise and develop a new enthusiasm.

sales raised eyebrows at a recent local auction when it brought from \$75 to \$350 per piece. Top sellers were a faceted, knobbed butterdish that brought \$350 and a graceful ruffled punch bowl on a stand that topped out at \$250.

Steak and seafood night,

Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American

There will be a 4-H Shooting

Sports 2-D Animal Shoot fund

raiser at the Norton State Park ar-

chery range on Sunday. The

Trickle start will be from 10 a.m.

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Busy Jayhawkers

By TIM BECKER, Reporter The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club held its annual Parent's Night on April 18.

Parents take over officer positions for the evening and team up with 4-Hers to make presentations.

Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSkike gave a parliamentary procedure talk about the differences between committee reports, old business and new

Club members, who were in- up to give a talk on what to feed a 4-H" skit, received their blue rib- at fair time. bons for Regional 4-H Day.

a talk about types of models as part covered the time commitment, of their self-determined project. example and service aspects of Anthony and Deena Wente ex- leadership. plained his self-determined Lego project and showed examples.

about what to consider when ment facilities in Norton on May 1. choosing swine to enter in the fair. Dustyna and Dillon Sprigg teamed 23.

volved in the "Grinch Who Stole" pig and the points judges look for

Mr. VanSkike, with the assis-Eric, Tim and John Becker gave tance of several club members,

For the monthly community service project, members made May Keesha and Jay Holste talked baskets to be distributed to retire-

The next meeting will be May

tion end in football. He was in-

dent Council treasurer. He plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and

After graduation from Norton Community High School, Bruce

He was on the

and KAYS.

Bailey Sammons

business major. She was involved in vol-KAYS, Catho-



volved in vocal, FFA and was Stu-Sammons.

Carolyn Shank, Logan High School, will attend Colby Community College

to pursue a degree in social work.

to attend Manhattan Area Technical College to study architecture.

Bruce Rushton

and was in 4-H for three years. She participated in Scholars Bowl for three years, forensics for four years, vocal for three years, foreign language for two years and church youth group. was in the all-school play for three

member of KAYS for three years

She was a

class officer for

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Her parents are Patricia Shank

Joell Yocum

Joell Yocum, Logan High School, participated in band and Scholar Bowl for two years. She was a member of the National

Honor Society and Kansas Teens as Teachers. She was inducted into Who's Who Among American High School Stu-

Joell Yocum a member of the Lone Prairie 4-H Club and was

She plans to attend Cloud

years. She was a 4-H officer, a 4- County Community College and ating from Logan High School and H council member, a 4-H volun-major in Early Childhood Educaenrolling at Hutchinson Commuteer at the fair, a 4-H county fair tion. After college, she hopes to superintendent's assistant, a junior open her own daycare center.

Area foundation names ten scholarship winners was picked as an honorable men- Teens as Teachers and Student Bible School volunteer and a KAY

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has named the high school seniors from northwest Kansas schools who are the recipients in its 30th annual scholarship competition. Ten area students were listed among the 178 seniors from 64 schools to receive these scholarships.

Winners were selected based on Lofgreen plans verbal and writing skills, academic records, test scores and community service.

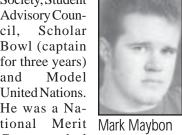
HANSEN SCHOLARS

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Mark Smith Maybon

Mark Smith Maybon, Norton Community High, was in KAYS,

National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council, Scholar Bowl (captain for three years) United Nations. He was a Na-



Commended student, a Kansas State University Foundation scholar, listed on the Who's Who, on the National Honor Roll and National Society of High School Scholars. He participated in football, wrestling and track, was a Big Brother for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was a coach for the flag football program, made the United Nations Pilgrimage trip, and was a member of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. He plans to attend Kansas State University where he will

major in engineering. His parents are Dennis Maybon and Nan Smith.

Kelsey Noel

The daughter of Chris and Kathy Noel, Miss Noel is graduating from Logan High School.

She was active in band, vocal, volleyball, basketball, scholars bowl, forensics, dance team, National Honor Society, KAYS, yearbook, math relays, Science



Olympiad, HOBY leadership delegate, Teens for Christ, Catholic Youth Organization, church choir, Kansas Lions State Bank, Kansas Music Educators Association and regional and state journalism con-

She plans to attend Kansas State University and major in journal-

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HANSEN STUDENT

The Hansen Student award is a Kansas State non-renewable \$2,000 scholar-

Ashton Lofgreen

Norton Community High School, Ashton

attend Bethany College. She was in

The Hansen Scholar awards are tennis, dance team and band. She was the drum major her

Ashton Lofgreen senior year and

also senior class president. She was on KAYS board and the board for Family Careers and Commu- Honor Society and an Eagle Scout. nity Leadership Association.

She is the daughter of Dennie and Joyce Lofgreen.

Ian Conkey

Ian Conkey has been in band at fers awards of \$1,500 each. Norton Community High School

all four years and participated in the school play for three years and was Drama Club president. He was in the Prairie Winds Brass

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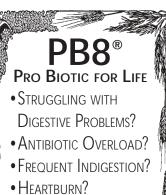
vice president of the National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council representative and participated in Forensics, Scholars Bowl and Family Careers and Community Leadership Associa-

He plans to attend Fort Hays State University majoring in geography and foreign language.

His parents are Carl and Jnell Conkey.

Eric Burton

Eric Burton is the son of Jane and Gene Burton. Following graduation from Norton Community High School he plans to study



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mechanical engineering at University and participate in the Air Force Following graduation from Reserve Officer Training Corps. Mr. Burton has

Eric Burton also received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy. In high school, Mr. Burton participated in cross country, track,

wrestling, drama, Family Careers and Community Leadership Association. He was a Boys State delegate, a presidential classroom delegate, a Big Brother for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 4-H president, a member of the National

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Garth Gebhard

Garth Gebhard, son of Drake and Karen Gebhard. of Northern Valley High School, participated in basketball, track and football and







honor roll and participated in football, wrestling, basketball

His parents are Richard and Sherry Rushton.

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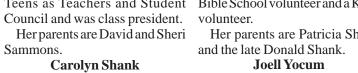


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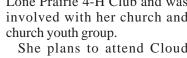
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