

# Pottery can be more than it appears

## READERS

Aaron Beck, 12, grandson of Dennis and Jeanne Beck, Norton, took second place in the Oregon State Championship Series. He raced in Albany, Madras and Salem, Ore. last summer.

In January he took second place in the Vancouver, Wash., Arena Cross Series.

Aaron is the son of Bryon Beck.

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.**

There will be a 4-H Shooting Sports 2-D Animal Shoot fund raiser at the Norton State Park archery range on Sunday. The Trickle start will be from 10 a.m.

## 4-H NEWS

### 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 VanSkiwe gave a parliamentary procedure talk about the differences between committee reports, old business and new business.

to 1 p.m. All donations will be used to purchase equipment and help send state shoot qualifiers to the national competition in Columbia, Mo..

A birthday card shower is requested for Berniece (Saunders) Hurt, 1801 E. 27th, Apt. 119, Hays, Kan., 67601. Her birthday is May 22.

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

Club members, who were involved in the "Grinch Who Stole 4-H" skit, received their blue ribbons for Regional 4-H Day.

Eric, Tim and John Becker gave a talk about types of models as part of their self-determined project. Anthony and Deena Wente explained his self-determined Lego project and showed examples.

Keesha and Jay Holste talked about what to consider when choosing swine to enter in the fair. Dustyna and Dillon Sprigg teamed

2:30 p.m. Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

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 specialist in Hays on Feb. 25. Mr. Boller has relocated from Norton to Hays.

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

up to give a talk on what to feed a pig and the points judges look for at fair time.

Mr. VanSkiwe, with the assistance of several club members, covered the time commitment, example and service aspects of leadership.

For the monthly community service project, members made May baskets to be distributed to retirement facilities in Norton on May 1. The next meeting will be May 23.

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.

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

### Collector Chat Liza Deines



poured over a mold and then cracked in a secret process. Each piece of it came out differently and it is highly sought after and collectible since every piece was a one-of-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 pieces.

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 most Gonder.

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 unmistakable to the trained eye.

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.

**AUCTION ACTION:** Cut glass 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.

# Area foundation names ten scholarship winners

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 verbal and writing skills, academic records, test scores and community service.

### HANSEN SCHOLARS

The Hansen Scholar awards are \$3,000 and renewable for an additional year.

### Mark Smith Maybon

Mark Smith Maybon, Norton Community High, was in KAYS, National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council, Scholar Bowl (captain for three years) and Model United Nations. He was a National Merit 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.



Mark Maybon

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.



Kelsey Noel

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

She plans to attend Kansas State University and major in journalism.

### HANSEN STUDENT

The Hansen Student award is a non-renewable \$2,000 scholarship.

### Ashton Lofgreen

Following graduation from Norton Community High School, Ashton Lofgreen plans to attend Bethany College.



Ashton Lofgreen

She was in tennis, dance team and band. She was the drum major her senior year and also senior class president. She was on KAYS board and the board for Family Careers and Community Leadership Association.

She is the daughter of Dennie and Joyce Lofgreen.

### Ian Conkey

Ian Conkey has been in band at 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 Ensemble, was vice president of the National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council representative and participated in Forensics, Scholars Bowl and Family Careers and Community Leadership Association.



Ian Conkey

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

mechanical engineering at Kansas State University and participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Mr. Burton has also received a nomination to the United States Naval Academy.



Eric Burton

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 Honor Society and an Eagle Scout.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS**

For students interested in vocational training the Foundation offers awards of \$1,500 each.

### Garth Gebhard

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



Garth Gebhard

was picked as an honorable mention end in football. He was involved in vocal, FFA and was Student Council treasurer.

He plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and study to become an electrician.

### Bruce Rushton

After graduation from Norton Community High School, Bruce Rushton plans to attend Manhattan Area Technical College to study architecture.



Bruce Rushton

He was on the honor roll and participated in football, wrestling, basketball and KAYS.

His parents are Richard and Sherry Rushton.

### Bailey Sammons

Bailey Sammons will be graduating from Logan High School and enrolling at Hutchinson Community College as a business major.



Bailey Sammons

She was involved in volleyball, cheerleading, KAYS, Catholic Youth Organization, Teens For Christ,

Teens as Teachers and Student Council and was class president.

Her parents are David and Sheri Sammons.

### Carolyn Shank

Carolyn Shank, Logan High School, will attend Colby Community College to pursue a degree in social work.



Carolyn Shank

She was a class officer for two years, attended Farm Bureau Leadership America Camp, was a member of KAYS for three years 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 was in the all-school play for three years. She was a 4-H officer, a 4-H council member, a 4-H volunteer at the fair, a 4-H county fair superintendent's assistant, a junior usher at the First Baptist Church, a Sunday School helper, Vacation

Bible School volunteer and a KAY volunteer.

Her parents are Patricia Shank and the late Donald 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 Students and was in KAYS. She was a member of the Lone Prairie 4-H Club and was involved with her church and church youth group.



Joell Yocum

She plans to attend Cloud County Community College and major in Early Childhood Education. After college, she hopes to open her own daycare center.

Miss Yocum's parents are Johnny and Dee Yocum.

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