

4-H'ers get awards, recognition

Many awards were given out at the annual 4-H Achievement Night last Sunday at the 4-H Building. Because of its length, the list of 4-H awards has been spit into two sections. The first section appeared in the Tuesday, Nov. 9 edition of *The Norton Telegram*.

AMBASSADORS

Eric Burton, Pat Burton, Patricia Hagman, Keesha Holste, Amanda Brandyberry, Annette Becker, Jake Kramer, Kelli Johnson, Claudia Lacy, Kayla Juenemann, Joshua VanSkiike, Katie Maddy, Melissa Hillebrand, Dana Hillebrand, Katrina Wentz, Tanner Griffith

IDARE YOU AWARD

I Dare You Award is presented through the American Youth Foundation established in 1924 by William Danforth the founder of the Ralston Purina Company. Mr. Danforth wanted to challenge emerging youth leaders towards a balanced life. In addition to the certificate, they will receive a copy of Danforth's inspirational book "I Dare You". This selection was done by the 4-H Trips and Awards Committee.

Claudia Lacy — Like most kids this one started her 4-H years following a big brother and sister and 11 years later she is still enjoying the rewards 4-H has to offer. She has served as Busy Beaver Club president and secretary, 4-H Council vice-president and Norton County 4-H Ambassador. She has volunteered at the Norton Theater, Vacation Bible School, Meals on Wheels, Norton Youth Day Camp, Adopt a Highway, and is actively involved within her church through Catholic Youth Organization.

Throughout her high school years she has been active in tennis, volleyball, wrestling manager, band, drama club, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council, KAYS, FCCLA, and Yearbook staff. She has served on Norton County Tobacco Free Council and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Her parents are Gary and Jeanette Lacy.

Joshua VanSkiike — He is a 9 year 4-H'er of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club and has been in the leadership project for 4 years. Joshua has been a counselor at local Day Camp and County 4-H Camp. He has served as an assistant local club project leader in woodworking, horticulture, small engines and entomology. He has also served as fair co-superintendent in woodworking and horticulture. He has served his club as treasurer, vice president and reporter and is Treasurer for the County 4-H Council. He is a three year member of the State Aerospace Project Action Team and has helped to facilitate some sessions at the State Space Tech Yearly Camp. Joshua is also a member of the Northwest Area 4-H Advisory Team. He has been a part of the state photography, livestock & life skills judging contests. He has attended the State Youth Leader Forum twice. Joshua helps with the Lawn Mowing Safety Clinic, volunteers at the nursing home, the movie theater, is a 4-H Ambassador and he donates his time at his Church for Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, and as a Praise band member. Joshua is also involved in Soccer as a referee, KAYS, FCCLA, Band and Norton FFA. This year Joshua attended the National FFA Louisville trip and will be a National 4-H Congress delegate as a Woodworking recordbook runner up. His parents are Keith and Karen VanSkiike.

KEY AWARDS

The 4-H Key Award is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. It is the highest individual pin award that a 4-H'er can receive to recognize service and leadership to a 4-H'ers Career.

Kelli Johnson — Kelli Johnson is a 10 year member of 4-H. Kelli's community service is something to be an example. She has helped with Meals on Wheels, FFA mentor, been

a Youth Day Camp leader, Club Day room monitor, helped with the blood mobile, made Valentines for shutins and helped with the Norton Telethon. She has been her Club President, a Council member, she has been a Foods Jr. leader and has been a mentor to younger youth in her club and on the county level. Kelli has been involved in the Kansas Youth Leader Forum, local Ambassadors group. She has exhibited sheep at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and State Fair, and the State Fair Quiz Bowl, FACS judging and photography judging.

Kelli's projects have been with sheep, foods, clothing, crafts, leadership. Kelli is a member of the Busy Beavers 4-H club and her parents are Bill and Joy Johnson.

Jacob Kramer — Jacob Kramer volunteers at the Norton Theater, he does some Bake and Take and Cheer Baskets and he has even agreed to serve as a Santa Claus at Clayton's Community Christmas. Jake served as chairman of the 4-H Sunday Committee, making all the details with the Church and the members of the club. He helps with the club's yearly end of year club evaluation booklet and served as club Secretary and Vice President. He mentors younger kids with projects like rocketry and rocketry launches. He has helped at the fair by being a Superintendent of photography, rocketry and has helped by being a county Ambassador. Jake has given several talks and demonstrations at County and Regional Club Day as well as served in Model Meetings. He has judged state fair photography, has taken part in the state archery shoot and has been active in county exchange trips with the Rock Island Rockets, and attended the Denver Stock Show.

His projects recently includes leadership, arts, crafts, photography, small engines and woodworking. Jake is a 10 year member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club and the son of Mary Vanover and Eric Kramer.

CAMP COUNSELOR RECOGNITION

Awarded by Kansas Farm Bureau — Katrina Wentz, Josh VanSkiike, Keesha Holste, Patricia Hagman, and Dana Hillebrand.

Special Recognition is given to Dana, Patricia and Katrina for their summary filled out of all their activities.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

Sponsored and selected by Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, this award is given to an individual or couple who have provided long term leadership in the 4-H program. Long term leadership and involvement might include but not limited to being a club leader, various project leader guidance, support of various programs in 4-H related activities. This award began in 1985 with George Jones, then President of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bob and Kay Streyve have been involved with the 4-H program in the Prairie Dog club and the county in several areas for many years.

Kay has served as the local clothing leader for 14 years and had

served several years as a resource for the county wide program and several years as chair of the judging at the fair.

Bob served as a project leader and community club leader while their children were active in 4-H. Bob continued to work with the 4-H Ambassadors group on a county wide level, encouraging members to take part in activities such as the Norton Community Fund Drive, Discovery Days, County Camp and counselor recruitment Kansas City Heart of America Trip and Youth Leadership Forum.

This had led to a Norton County member being president of the State 4-H Council and another member as a member of the State Council as well as an increase in interest with older teen youth.

For their leadership and vision to the Norton County 4-H Program, we honor Bob and Kay Streyve.

Girl Scouts form new girls group

Pretty Ambitious Teens (P.A.T.), sponsored by Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council, is forming a new group in northwest Kansas. The group is open to all girls in seventh grade and above who are interested in hair do's and don'ts, makeup savvy, modeling, career exploration and fashion sense.

The first meeting will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Hill City United Methodist Church, 118 N. 4th St. Participants should bring a sack supper with drink. A snack will be provided in the evening followed by a fashion show.

Girl Scouts are \$8; non-registered girls, \$18.

Contact Monica at (888) 811-8832 by Monday.



Gale Hays spoke to the large crowd attending the Veteran's Day Program held at the Northern Valley High School gymnasium on Thursday. Northern Valley students sang patriotic songs and candles were lit to honor those who were killed in action.



Teacher Ken Tharman and his first grade class (above) posted and retired the colors. Ralph Sebelius (right) was among the many veterans attending the program.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Cedar Ridge — worked at publicity in the Prairie Dog Press and *The Norton Telegram*. They have 80-90 percent attendance at meetings. They have interesting recreation like pumpkin bowling, a checkers tournament and potato pitch. They have helped clean up at the Almena park and cemetery road, provided an Angel Tree gift, donated food baskets, volunteered at the Norton Theater, made cookies for the elderly, helped with downtown Almena clean-up and donated pillows and tissues to the schools. They work on a reading project and do a "buddy system".

Good Hope Boosters — went swimming during two meetings and had a movie night along with making thank-you gifts for sponsors and friends of 4-H. They had 100 percent attendance in delivering porkburger tickets, contacting sponsors and participating at the county fair. They concentrate on community-wide activities and have members on county-wide committees, 4-H Council and Trips and Awards committee as well as fair committees. Nancy and Gene Hagman, their family who have been long-time leaders in that club will be moving and will be missed by the Norton County 4-H program. They were recipients of the 2003 Extension Council Appreciation Award.

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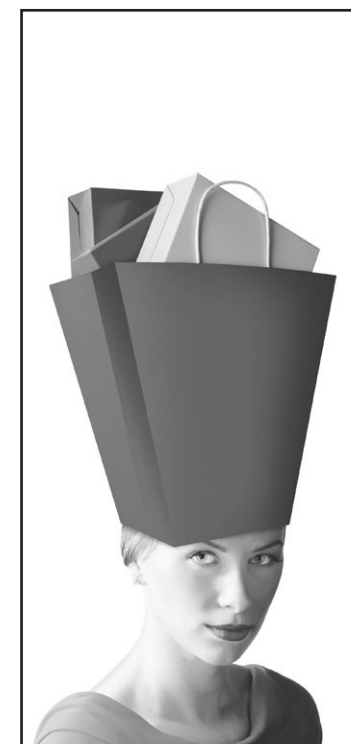
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