

Mindy Fleckenstein (left) mother of the first baby born during National 4-H Week, received a bathtub full of baby-care supplies from Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club leaders, Shannon Esslinger and Jennifer McKenna. Baby Jordyn Lynn Fleckenstein, in the bassinet, slept through the whole thing. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

## Busy Jayhawkers give baby gifts

The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club members wanted to celebrate the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Kansas in a big way, so they decided to have a first baby contest.

Families collected layette items including a baby bathtub, lotions, diapers, toys, books and blankets.

Then they waited for the first baby to be born at the Norton County Hospital during the second century of Kansas of 4-H. They didn't have long to wait.

Jordyn Lynn Fleckenstein was born Monday, the first day of National 4-H Week. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Eric and Mindy Fleckenstein, Dresden, and the sister of Taryn Fleckenstein, 31/2.

Grandparents are Dennis and Marla Rogers, Selden, and Doris and Lenny Fleckenstein, Jennings.

Great-grandparents are Doris Jean Oliver, Rexford; Eleanor

Rogers, Selden; and Elsie Cook, St. Francis.

Mrs. Fleckenstein is the biology teacher at Norton Community High School and plans to return to her teaching career the first part of November.

Mr. Fleckenstein owns and operates his own custom harvesting and trucking company.

"Jordyn is doing fine and we really want to thank the 4-H Club for all the gifts," Mrs. Fleckenstein said. "That was very nice."



Steve Herra, chairman of the Norton County Extension Board, welcomed guests to an open house Tuesday at Norton Public Library. — Photo by Carolyn Plotts

## 4-H clubs celebrate centennial

4-H was founded in Kansas 100 years ago.

To commemorate this, the Norton County 4-H Council hosted an open house Tuesday evening in the Community Room at Norton Public Library.

Steve Herra from Rural Telephone, chairman of the Norton County Extension Board, said lessons learned in 4-H will carry over the rest of a person's life.

Annette Becker, secretary of the 4-H Council, introduced the speakers, including club leaders Mary Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club; Stacy Whitney, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club; and Joy Johnson, Busy Beavers 4-H Club. All told about the histories of their clubs.

Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, gave a project talk.

# Area man elected treasurer of national newspaper group

Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of Nor'West Newspapers, which owns *The Norton Telegram*, was elected Friday as treasurer of the National Newspaper Association.

Officers and directors for the coming year were elected at the group's annual convention in Milwaukee. The 120-year-old association represents more than 2,500 daily and weekly community newspapers across the country, making it the nation's largest group of publishers.

As treasurer, Mr. Haynes will supervise the association's finances for a one-year term. He is one of three elected officers who lead the association, and one of six members of its executive committee.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent other publishers on the national scene," said Mr. Haynes. "It's one of the few newspaper people get to experience."

Mr. Haynes has served on the association's board as a district director representing Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas for five years. He was an appointed member of the executive committee this year.

Nor'West also owns the *Colby Free Press*, *The Goodland Star-News*, the *Country Advocate*, the *Telegram Extra*, *The Oberlin Herald*, *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times* in northwest



S. Haynes

Kansas. Mr. Haynes and his wife Cynthia moved to Oberlin in 1993 after purchasing the Oberlin, Bird City and St. Francis papers.

He was president of the Kansas Press Association in 1998 and of the Colorado Press Association in 1988. The Hayneses operated a group of papers in Colorado before moving here, and before that Mr. Haynes was a reporter and editor for *The Kansas City Times*.

Mr. Haynes is a graduate of Emporia High School and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas. The couple has three children, Felicia, 31, who works for Morris Communications in Augusta, Ga.; Lindsay, 28, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia; and Lacy, 25, who works in Lawrence.

## Nex-Tech names general manager

Nex-Tech Wireless recently named Johnie Johnson as general manager of the new wireless company.

Mr. Johnson joins Nex-Tech Wireless with more than 10 years of wireless experience in the communications industry. He moves to Kansas from Missouri, where he was executive vice president and

chief operating officer for Mid-Missouri Cellular. His responsibilities there included management of sales, marketing, network operations and customer service.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve the residents of Kansas at Nex-Tech Wireless. I believe there is still space in the rural market for a locally owned

wireless provider who offers high-quality portable hand-held service and focuses on customer service. We intend on filling that space," said Mr. Johnson.

He and his wife, Krista, will be relocating to Hays with their boys Taylor, Colton, Bryce, Caleb and daughter Brynlee. His oldest son, Tyler, lives in Oklahoma.

## Soldier joins brother in military

Brandon Otter is the second son of Frank and Levonne Otter, Clayton, to serve in the military.

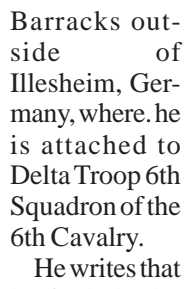
Private Otter's older brother Joshua is stationed in Iraq.

Private Otter graduated from Norton Community High School in June of 2003. On June 15, 2004, he shipped off for basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

After basic, he went to Fort Eustis, Va., where he received training on servicing Alpha Apache attack helicopters.

He is now stationed at Stork Barracks outside of Illesheim, Germany, where he is attached to Delta Troop 6th Squadron of the 6th Cavalry.

He writes that he feels lucky because there are such great people at his post and that there is an excellent post exchange and commissary. He said the post library has computers with Internet access so he is



B. Otter

able to communicate with friends and family on the other side of the world.

He said he has enjoyed his time in the Army and considers it to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Mail will reach him at PV2 Otter, Brandon, O-TRP 6-6 CAV 11 AVN REGT, CMR 416 Box 893, APO, AE 09140.

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