

And the beat goes on...



Valerie Lee, vocal director, conducted the Norton Junior High School mixed chorus (above) during their concert performance Tuesday evening in the Junior High gymnasium. Lacy Keilig, (right) plays the baritone saxophone during the band's portion of the program.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



National FFA officer Anita Estes spoke to FFA members from Norton and Northern Valley about self-respect.

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FFA officer gives inspiration

During FFA Week National FFA officer Anita Estes, of Stuart, Neb., spoke to a combined meeting of FFA members from Norton and Northern Valley high schools.

Wednesday of FFA Week, Miss Estes conducted a workshop based on "The Mystery of Respect". She said arrogance happened when one's self respect spins out of control and that self-respect is honoring yourself, your rights and holding yourself in high esteem. She

told the students their reputations are based on how they are viewed by society; based on their words, actions and attitudes. She said reputation is built upon respect of others and respect for yourself.

Other activities carried out during FFA Week were "Drive Beaters To School Day", a teacher appreciation breakfast, cowboy dress-up day, and Blue and Gold Day.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Norton has developed its Agency Plan for Fiscal Year 2006 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's office located on 213 Horace Greeley Avenue, Norton, KS 67654. The Authority's hours of operation are Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. In addition, a public hearing will be held on May 9, 2006 at the Authority's office at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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Siblings win college election

Lucas Maddy and his sister, Katie Maddy, won the general election Wednesday evening to become president and vice-president of the student body at Kansas State University.

The Maddy's are the children of Dave and Patsy Maddy.

More on the Maddy campaign and election in Tuesday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*.

Farm Service Agency to do local reviews

MANHATTAN — A review of the Kansas Farm Service Agency operation in Kansas has been announced by Bill R. Fuller, state executive director.

The administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, Teresa Lasseter, asked each state executive director to conduct an independent local-level review. The review will cover efficiency and effectiveness of agency offices to identify the optimum network of facilities, staffing, training and technology within existing budgetary resources and staff ceilings.

"Service to farmers and ranchers continues to be the highest priority," Fuller said. "Operating within existing budgetary resources and staffing ceilings is a reality."

Unlike the ill-fated Farm Service Agency Tomorrow national initiative unveiled in September 2005 that was quickly abandoned, this review is to be state driven, according to Fuller. There is no comprehensive national plan or formula. "Kansans deciding what is best for Kansas — a refreshing concept and what a great opportunity," Fuller said.

As the first step, Fuller has scheduled three Farm Service Agency *Listening Sessions* across the state:

- March 28, 1-4 p.m., Garden City, Plaza Inn (north ballroom)
- March 29, 1-4 p.m., Great Bend, Barton County Community College (auditorium)

• March 30, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Topeka, Kansas Museum of History

Nationally, the agency has 2,351 county offices across the country. More than 400 of these now have two or fewer full-time staff. Nearly 500 offices are within 20 miles of the next nearest office. The cost of delivering services varies widely, ranging from less than 1 cent per dollar of program benefits to more than \$2 in expenses for ever dollars worth of benefits delivered.

At the listening sessions, producers, farm organizations, commodity groups, policy makers and community leaders will receive information on Farm Service Agency programs, structure and challenges. Most important, the bulk of the time will be allocated to listening to stakeholders outline their expectations and present recommendations.

Later, the process will include a study by a review committee and the development of a Kansas Plan. If the state-developed plan recommends closure or consolidation, a public hearing will be held in the county in which the affected Farm Service Agency office is located.

Stakeholders that cannot attend one of the listening sessions, but want to express their ideas and recommendations, may send comments by e-mail to state_review@ks.gov, or mail to Kansas FSA State Office, 3600 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, Kan. 66503.

Newspaper on the lookout for new weather watchers

The Norton Telegram continues its hunt for someone to call in the high and low temperatures each day and also precipitation amounts.

Interested parties can call *The Telegram* office at 877-3361 for details. This has been a longtime

public service offered the community and the results appear in the weather box on page 1. "We'll kick in a free subscription to the paper to whomever volunteers," said Tom Dreiling, publisher.

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