

Flowers and feathers galore...



Members and guests of the Royal Neighbors of America, gathered Wednesday in the multi-purpose room of the former Norcatour School for a special Mother's Day Tea. Arlene Hix, left, and Beth Sebaugh modeled their flowered and feathered hats. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier.

Group looking for exceptional person

TOPEKA — The Native Sons & Daughters of Kansas are accepting nominations for the 2006 Distinguished Kansan of the Year and 2006 Kansan of the Year who will be honored for their addition to Kansas' heritage through distinguished careers and public service at the organization's 89th annual meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007 in the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

From time to time, Special Citations are also given for statesmanship, humanitarian service, philanthropy or other distinctions to recognize Kansans who have achieved great success in their chosen fields.

The Kansan of the Year Award is given to a woman or man born in Kansas. The Distinguished Kansan Award goes to a person with outstanding achievements and service to Kansas but not necessarily born in Kansas.

For either award, recipients may have pursued their careers and service within Kansas or brought honor and recognition to Kansas through their national and international service.

Honorees must attend the banquet to receive their awards.

Those who wish to nominate a deserving person for any or all of the honors are asked to submit a typewritten biography of their choice along with comments telling the reasons for their choice or choices.

You should include the name, address, telephone number, occupation, place of employment, professional affiliations, past awards, honors and personal citations as well as other comments about your nominee or nominees.

We ask that you also tell us about yourself in the nomination. This information should include your name, home address, telephone, occupation and relationship to the nominee.

Mail the nomination to Dick Boyd, President, Native Sons of Kansas, 501 Pool Drive, Norton, Kansas 67654 or Pat Reeder, President, Native Daughters of Kansas, P.O. Box 67689, Topeka, Kansas 66667.

Those who wish to access a nomination form on the Native Sons and Daughters' web site may

do so at www.ksnativesonsanddaughters.org, and e-mail the form to preeder@wonerglenn.com

Nominations must be post-marked or e-mailed no later than June 1, 2006.

The purpose of the non-profit Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas is to assist in preserving Kansas history, to show loyalty to Kansas traditions, to join in honoring our pioneer ancestors and to have a part in instilling the ideals of patriotism in youth.

This organization is open for membership to anyone. Any native-born Kansan is eligible but persons who have adopted Kansas as their native state are welcomed as associate members.

The Native Sons and Daughters first met in joint session to celebrate the state's birthday on January 29, 1918. From that date, meetings have been held annually, except during the war year of 1945.

Lifetime dues are just \$10. To join, simply send your name and address and \$10 to Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, Box 546, Topeka, Kansas 66601-0546.

Norton performs at large-group festival

The Norton Community High School band, choir and girls' chorus performed April 13 in Colby at the Large Group State Music Festival.

Schools from Northern Valley to the Colorado border and from the Nebraska border to Scott City brought bands and/or choirs to be judged by recognized figures in the band and choral professions.

Each group received critiques and ratings from three judges. The rating scale went from I, which signified excellence to V, which

told the group they have lots of work to do.

The Girls Chorus received three IIs, the Choir received a I and two IIs, and the band received three Is. David Will is the band instructor and

Valerie Lee teaches vocal music.

Helping during the day were bus sponsors, Brenda Mann and Candace Albers, and drivers Curtis Eveleigh, Dennis Maybon, Donna Tanner and Steve Tanner.

Blue Jay FFA ranks high at state

Four Norton FFA members attended the State FFA Horse Judging contest April 30 at Kansas State University in Manhattan. There were 60 schools competing with over 200 contestants.

Norton chapter member, Danielle Cliff, was first high individual overall. The team took eighth place. Kayla Scheetz, Wes Georgeson and Dana Hillebrand were the other team members.

County, state come to agreement on road

Norton County and the state came to an agreement last week about a county road being used during highway construction.

Chriss McDiffett and Marlene Bebb with the Kansas Department of Transportation spoke to the county commissioners last week about the proposed detour agreement. Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan was also at the meeting.

The detour agreement covers a project, which will be for the construction and alignment of county road W-14 and U.S. 36.

The agreement says that local traffic will be using the county road approximately one mile north of U.S. 36 from W-14 in Norton County to Norcatour in Decatur County. The state will reimburse Norton County up to \$18,068 for materials and other costs the county incurs to meet the county's obligations for road upkeep.

The commissioners accepted the agreement.

In other business, the commission:

- Heard from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that the county collected \$27,356.47 in sales tax for April. The year-to-date collections is \$158,810.39.
- Learned that Mr. Brannan will be advertising for a full-time position in the road and bridge department, because one of his employees has resigned.
- Also, he said, three of the four people wanted for summer mowing have been hired. The fourth person has been offered the position.

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- Heard from Sheriff Troy Thomson, who is also the emergency preparedness director, that his office has been working to get a grant for Edmond to buy a tornado siren. Several agencies have been contacted, however, he said, getting a grant has been difficult.

Sheriff Thomson has also been working with the Norton Manor and the city to develop an alert system for warnings. The system they are looking at will be phone operated and alert the residents of bad weather.

- Learned that a sheriff's auction will be held soon to liquidate the abandoned car in the courthouse's parking lot.

- Heard a recap about the county-wide clean-up from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald. He said the total cost to the county was close to \$4,000.

- Went into a 15-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege.

- Received a sketch of the new ambulance, detailing the lettering and logo placement.

- Heard from Ambulance Director Ruth Schillig that the service has made 143 runs so far this year.

- Received notice from John Trembley, director of Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, that Ray Dreher was selected as the Kansas Department of Corrections employee of the year. Mr. Dreher is an intensive supervision officer II and serves a five-county area. The presentation will be May 16 in Topeka.

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