



Fashion review director, Jamie Wentz, right, checks the order as she lines up models for the Saturday night show. Waiting their turn are Megan Wentz, left, and Carissa Wentz. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## 4-H'ers 'stitch' up a fashionable 'revue'

"A Stitch In Time" was the theme of the 2006 4-H Public Fashion Revue held Saturday evening at the Norton County 4-H Building. Show director was Jamie Wentz, assisted by Mary Wentz, Mary Vanover and narrators Regina Stark and Beverly Kindler.

Norton County 4-H Clothing members who modeled clothing they had made were: Teslee Nickell, Wyatt and Bryndon Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Jade Cressler, David Cressler, Rebecca Wentz, Sady Keilig, Kaitlyn Bohl, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz and Katrina Wentz. Purple ribbon winners were Katrina Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Jade Cressler, Rebecca Wentz and Katie Bohl.

In the Junior Division, Kaitlyn Bohl was Grand Champion and Rebecca Wentz, Reserve Champion; Intermediate Division,

Carissa Wentz was Grand Champion and Jade Cressler, Reserve Champion; Senior Division, Katrina Wentz was Grand Champion.

Buymanship participants were: Lauren Mordecai, Skylar Johnson, Skylar Davis, Christopher Maddy, Emily Juenemann, Jade Braun, Olivia Lowry, David Cressler, Kynzie Stevens, Johnnye Ruder, Stephanie Hager, Jade Braun, Deidre Kramer, Kelsie Griffith, Quentin Wentz, Clay Vanover, Molly Maddy, Dalton Vanover, Megan Wentz, Clay Vanover, Alison Cole, Wyatt Wentz, Travis Cressler, Megan Cole, Dana Hillebrand, Carissa Wentz, Katrina Wentz, Kaitlyn Bohl, Jade Cressler, and Teslee Nickell.

Purple ribbon winners were: Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Skylar Johnson, Clay Vanover, Dalton Vanover, Christopher Maddy, Lauren Mordecai,

Rebecca Wentz, Molly Maddy, Olivia Lowry, Johnnye Ruder, Teslee Nickell, Stephanie Hager, Kynzie Stevens, Jade Cressler, Kaitlyn Bohl, Kelsie Griffith, Deidre Kramer, Megan Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Emily Juenemann, Alison Cole, Megan Cole, Dana Hillebrand and Katrina Wentz.

In the Junior Boys Division, Quentin Wentz won Grand Champion and Wyatt Wentz was Reserve Champion: Intermediate Boys, both ribbons went to Christopher Maddy; Junior Girls Grand Champion was Johnnye Ruder and Reserve Champion went to Lauren Mordecai; Intermediate Girls Grand Champion was Carissa Wentz with Deidre Kramer taking Reserve Champion; in the Senior Girls Division, Megan Cole was named Grand Champion with Katrina Wentz taking Reserve Champion honors.

## HUSKY NOTES

Northern Valley USD 212 School Board of Education met in special session on June 27 at the Almena School in Almena.

Members present were Gale Hays, President; Drake Gebhard, Vice President; Doyle Baird, Glenn Brands, Blaine Marble, Harlan Ponstein, Alan Woodside, Bill Lowry, Supt., and Barb Nelson, Clerk.

**Call to Order:** President Hays called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with six members present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Mr. Ponstein moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Hearing of Visitors:** Robbie Griffiths, Glenda Smith, Julie Thompson, Michael Thompson and Doug Zillinger were welcomed. Robbie said she had attended a Math Academy at Fort Hays. Glenda said she will be taking an ITV class and Julie will be going to a math workshop.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006 board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Alan Woodside arrived at 8:35 p.m.

**Approval of Bills:** Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Ponstein moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve paying Sargent Irrigation for drilling the new well from Contingency Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

**Classified Contracts:** At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to go into executive session for the pur-

pose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open meeting in ten minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0.

**Open Positions:** No action was taken.

**Negotiations:** There was no discussion and no action.

**Adjournment:** At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Brands moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Barb Nelson, Clerk

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Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to table any decision regarding classified salaries until a later meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**Administrative Contracts:** Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to table any decision regarding administrative salaries until a later meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**End of Year Transfers, Purchases and Financial Reports:** Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve Petty Cash Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ponstein moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve the Activity Funds Reports. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve the Invested Funds Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve end of year transfers presented and to allow the superintendent to transfer any unused budget. Motion carried 7-0.

**July Meeting:** Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to set the July meeting for

July 17 at 8 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**Open Positions:** No action was taken.

**Negotiations:** There was no discussion and no action.

**Adjournment:** At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Brands moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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# Fire leaves downtown area a smoldering ruin

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wasn't a problem with the city's hydrants, the chief said, it was just too many trucks hooked up in the same area.

"Big fires take big water," he said. "We're talking 1,500 to 3,000 gallons a minute here."

To give an idea of how much water was needed, Chief Jones said, it would take 250 gallons a minute to control, not put out, a bedroom fire.

He said the rubble was going to smoke for a while and firemen were left to watch it overnight, making sure it wouldn't start up again.

The windows of several businesses across the street from the fire, including those of Whitefields Coffee House, Decor and More, and Ryan, Walter and McClymont, cracked because of the heat. Paint bubbled and awnings were charred, as well as a couple of trees.

Norton County Ambulance Director Ruth Schillig said an ambulance crew stood by, but there were no injuries and none of the firemen suffered from heat exhaustion.

"We just tried to keep everyone hydrated," she said.

Dozens of volunteers, wives of firemen and emergency service workers kept the firemen cool with drinks and ice packs. The Red Cross set up a relief station near the scene.

"The Phillips County EMS (emergency medical service) came over to cover our calls while we were down here," Schillig said. "That helped out a lot."

City and county employees and other volunteers helped handle the hoses and other equipment. Members of the Norton Police Department, Norton County Sheriff's Department and the Kansas Department of Transportation directed traffic.

The Lenora, Almena, Logan, Oberlin Rural, Norcatour, Jennings, Phillips County, Phillipsburg, Sheridan County and Department of Corrections fire departments all answered the call for help, sending at least nine fire trucks and around 50 men.

Many business owners were grateful and relieved when the fire was over, while others tried to deal with the shock of loss.

Kirk and Renee Griffith, owners of Whitefields, west across State from the fire, said their shop suffered cracked windows, bubbling paint and a warped door. Their plastic "open" sign melted, they said, but that was the only thing ruined.

"There wasn't a hint of smoke inside," Mrs. Griffith said.

Gary Dole, whose wife owns Decor and More, which is to the north of Whitefields, said the store was closed Monday and he hadn't been in the building yet to see if there was any smoke damage.

Jim Rowh, owner of Pure Prairie, said no matter which way it went for his building, he was OK with it.

"It's all in God's hands," he said.

From the moment he was evacuated, Mr. Rowh could be seen praying for the protection of his store, the other stores and for the people fighting the fire.

"I want to thank all the police, fire departments, emergency personnel ... and everyone who was involved in saving that building," he said. "They did a tremendous job."

Randy West, president of the archery club, said he had been in the building around 3:30 p.m. to check on the volunteer schedule for the club's booth at the county fair.

"Everything was in order," he said. "I didn't smell smoke, or hear or see anything unusual. I sure wish I had, though. Maybe I could have prevented this mess."

Kay Snodgrass said she lost an antique spinning wheel that was on display at U.S. 36 Collectables and some tatting. But, she said, nothing that was worth anyone's life.

"The landscape of downtown Norton has been changed forever," said one bystander.

"It's just heartbreaking," said another.

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