

# Conservation district holds meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

Reports and honors highlighted the Norton County Conservation District's 60th annual meeting Saturday at the Norton American Legion.

The annual report was given by board member Greg Otter, who said the district received \$10,350 from the county and \$10,400 from the state for wages and district operations. He said the state also contributed \$2,895 to help pay for the administration and education of the non-point source pollution plan.

Mr. Otter said the conservation district assumed sponsorship for a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) project for the Prairie Dog Creek and Keith Sebelius Lake.

He said the district offered cost share to update failing septic systems, and plug abandoned water wells, livestock pipelines and ag waste systems for feedlots meeting the right criteria; \$19,305 was allocated for these projects.

Mr. Otter said the district still remains a vendor for all types of grass, seed, trees and weed barriers for the public.

Board Treasurer Donna Hale gave the treasurer's report. She said at the end of the year the balance forward was \$920.79; with receipts of: county allotment, \$10,350; state allotment, \$13,295; miscellaneous, \$1,440; interest, \$147.34; and transfer from enterprise, \$10,000; for a total of



Board member Chris Harting was one of the presenters at the annual meeting.

\$35,232.34; and expenditures were: wages and withholding taxes, \$18,549.70; workers compensation and health insurance, \$4,707.20; dues and fees, \$458.74; and miscellaneous, \$12,295.70; for a total of \$36,011.34; and a balance of \$141.79.

In the enterprise fund, the balance forward was \$7,588.13; with receipts of: sale of merchandise, including grass seed, weed barrier and flags, \$59,485.85; annual

meeting, \$3,470.45; and miscellaneous, \$26,503.70; for a total of \$89,460; and expenditures were: merchandise, \$32,523.57; annual meeting, \$2,915.67; miscellaneous, \$23,891.67; contract labor, \$9,689.60; dues and fees, \$1,035; repair, \$1,866.90; and transfers, \$10,000; for a total of \$81,922.41; and a fund balance of \$15,125.72 with savings at \$95,780.96 for a total balance as of Dec. 31 of \$111,048.47.

Don, Clint and Curtis Lowry of Spring Creek Ranch were recognized as the soil conservation winners for 2006 and Doris Clydesdale was recognized as the windbreak award winner for 2006.

Plaques were presented to the county's coloring and poster contest, limerick contest and essay contest winners.

The county winners were: poster — kindergarten: Austin Koeperich, first; Riley Sides, second; Leah David, third; first and second grade: Carson Wallace, first; Treianne Park, second; Trae Braun, third; third and fourth grade: Derick Campbell, first; Tea VanPatten, second; Makayla Smith, third; fifth and sixth grade: MaKayla Cadwalader, first; Rickele Green, second; Katelyn Engelbert, third; limerick — Wyatt Wentz, first; Jared Bohl, second; Dalton Miller, third; essay — Dalton Miller, first; Brianna Karnopp, second; Alex Tharman, third.

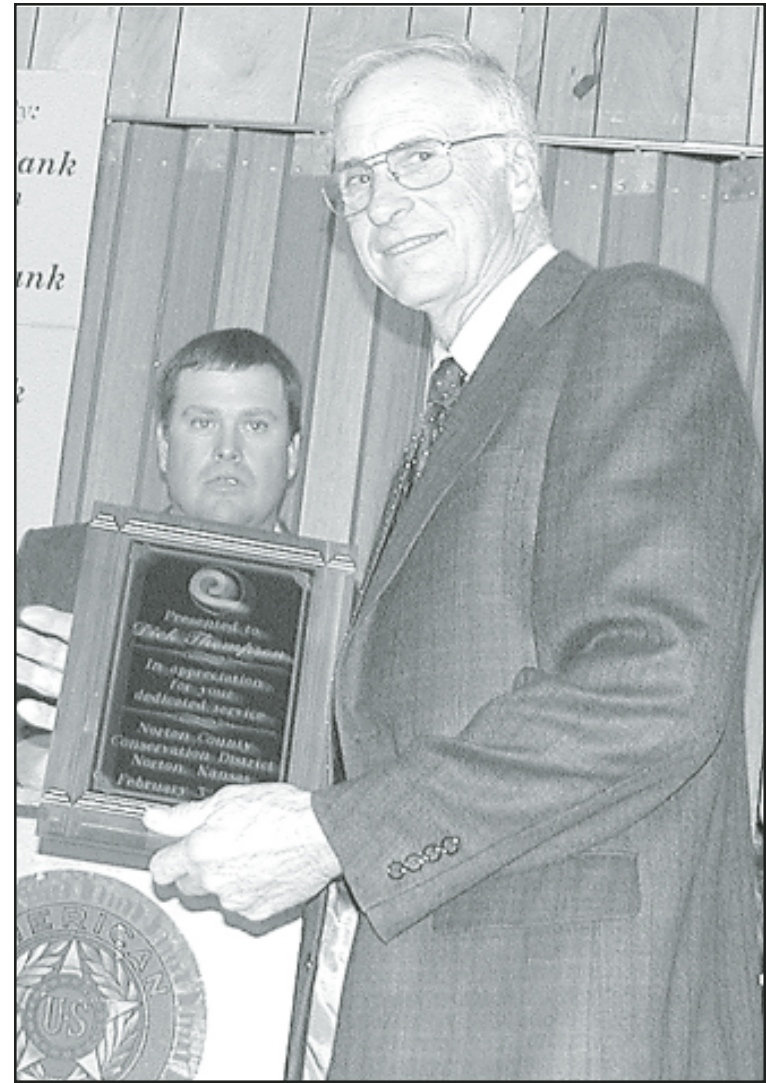


Board President Robert Clydesdale opened the meeting after welcoming the crowd.

Donna Hale was the only nominee for the open supervisor position. She was re-elected to a three year term.

Board member Dick Thompson was given a plaque recognizing his years of service. Mr. Thompson was elected to the Norton County Commission and can no longer serve as a supervisor. Kevin Sides was appointed to fill his term.

Door prizes were given and the 4-H'ers who served dinner were thanked for the good job they did.



Board member Dick Thompson (above) received a plaque for his service. Mr. Thompson resigned from the board because he was elected to the county commission. Doris Clydesdale (below) was the winner of the Windbreak Award.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Don, Curtis and Clint Lowry were the recipients of the 2006 Soil Conservation Award for their conservation efforts.



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## 'Americans' giving students a tune up

The Young Americans, Hollywood, Calif., are coming to Norton schools March 4, 5 and 6 for a 3-day workshop.

The Young Americans, a non-profit organization, founded in 1962 by Milton C. Anderson, is a song and dance company consisting of 40 talented 15 to 21 year old college and high school students. They will be teaching singing, dancing and performance to the local students. The students will

learn all aspects of music and performance. On Tuesday night, the entire company will perform a two-act show, with the Young Americans performing the first act and local students joining them for act two. The workshop is open to all Norton students in grades four through twelve.

Support from the Norton Board of Education and other contributing organizations allows this to be an affordable experience for all students. The cost will be \$10 per student for the entire workshop. Students may register by contacting

Joyce Morel at Eisenhower Elementary School or Valerie Lee at the junior high or senior high school.

The students will rehearse and attend workshops with the Young Americans Sunday and Monday, March 4 and 5. At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, a program will be presented at the NCHS Stull Gymnasium. Cost of the show is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. Donations to assist a student with the cost of attending the workshops may still be made by contacting Mrs. Morel or Miss Lee.

## Youth fair entry deadline is Thursday

Are you a high school student interested in building a local technology, rural tourism, renewable energy or value-added agricultural business or product?

Across the U.S., people are clamoring for innovative products that give a face to the producer, that demonstrate a stewardship of natural resources, and that build a closer relationship to a community. Do you have a business idea, along with the vision, passion, and commitment to develop a new product and a market?

You are invited to apply for a chance to compete in the Youth Entrepreneur Fair, Friday, March 30, at Rawlins County High School in Atwood.

Call Chris Sramek, Director Rawlins County Economic Development, at 785-626-3640 or e-mail him at: www.rawlinscounty. The entry deadline is Thursday, Feb. 15.

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## Norton County Health Promotion Blood Draws TUES., FEB. 13

**AT: The Norton County Health Department**  
**TIME: 7:00 a.m.-12 noon**  
**PROVIDED BY A JOINT EFFORT OF THE NORTON COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTON COUNTY HOSPITAL**

*Need to be Fasting Before the Test (No Food or Drink After Midnight)*

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**  
**QUESTIONS? CALL NORTON COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 785-877-5745**

**PROFILE #1**  
**"Health Profile & CBC" — \$40.00**  
*Health Profile Contains:*  
**ELECTROLYTES:** (Sodium, potassium, chloride and total carbon dioxide). These are major indicators of kidney and hormonal functions. Electrolytes are essential for the body's acid-base balance and the operation of nerves and muscles, especially the heart.  
**KIDNEY FUNCTIONS:** (BUN, creatinine). These indicators are used to monitor kidney function.  
**LIVER FUNCTIONS:** (Total albumin, globulin). These tests can be used in detecting and/or monitoring liver function damage, tissue damage or inflammation.  
**ALKALINE PHOSPHATE:** (Uric acid, calcium, phosphorus). Used for detection and monitoring of bone, tissue and parathyroid disease, such as arthritis, gout, bursitis and lupus.  
**GLUCOSE:** This test is to measure blood sugar levels and is used to help diagnose/monitor diabetes mellitus.

**CHOLESTEROL:** (Including HDL, LDL, VLDL, triglycerides and ratio of LDL/HDL). These are fats produced in the liver that combine with fatty oils in the blood stream. Cholesterol is further broken down and measured as HDL (good cholesterol) and LDL (bad cholesterol). The person who has higher levels of LDL is at greater risk of heart disease. Triglycerides determine the level of simple fats in the blood.  
**CBC:** (Complete blood count with differential). This is a series of tests of the blood that provides a tremendous amount of information about the hematologic system, immune response and many other organ systems.

**PROFILE #2 (PSA)—\$20.00**  
PSA—This test detects an enlarged prostate, infected prostate and/or prostatic cancer. It can be used to evaluate disease progression and to monitor treatment.

**PROFILE #3 (TSH)—\$15.00**  
TSH—This test is used to evaluate thyroid function and detect if there is too much or too little hormone secreted by the thyroid.

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