



Norton FFA advisor Garrett Beydler, far right, presented retiring officer plaques to, from left, Wes Georgeson, president; Tim Becker, secretary; Brian Juenemann, vice-president; Kayla Scheetz, reporter; Hannah Fulton, sentinel and Sara Campbell, treasurer.

— Telegram photo by Patsy Maddy

# Norton FFA Chapter holds banquet

By DICK BOYD

The Norton FFA celebrated an outstanding 2006-07 year with the annual banquet on Saturday evening in the junior high gym in Norton.

A total of 162 members, parents and guests were in attendance to recognize the Norton FFA chapter and individual members for their accomplishments.

Prior to the banquet, those attending were invited to the shop to view many of the projects crafted by the chapter members this year.

With 10 of the 14 District contests completed for the year, the Norton FFA chapter has placed first in six, second in three and fourth in one.

The chapter placed first in the District Land and Homesite Evaluation, Leadership School, Public Speaking, Agribusiness Sales, District Dairy and Ag Mechanics; second in the Greenhand Conference, Job Interview and Meats Judging and fourth in Poultry Judging.

The chapter also placed second in Regional Land Judging, which is a state contest.

"This is the best year our FFA has had in the last 20 years," advisor Garrett Beydler said.

"We had good leadership this year. I've been exceptionally pleased with what everyone has done."

Beydler thanked the school administration, sponsors, alumni, parents and members for helping make it such an exceptional year. He also thanked the Northern Valley FFA members and advisor Doug Zillinger for serving the ribeye steak meal with all the trimmings and Dave Donovan and parents for preparing the meal.

Beydler gave special recognition to the six senior FFA members: Pat Burton, Dana Hillebrand, Brian Juenemann, Blake Wolf, Matt Engel and Chris Kaiser.

This year's chapter officers are: Wes Georgeson, president; Brian Juenemann, vice-president; Tim Becker, secretary; Sara Campbell, treasurer; Kayla Scheetz, reporter; Hannah Fulton, sentinel.

The officers presided over the meeting. President Georgeson welcomed everyone to the banquet and Vice-President Juenemann gave the invocation.

Following the delicious meal, Angie Juenemann gave the parents' response.

"The National FFA organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education," she said.

"I truly believe it is helping high school aged students throughout the nation become better prepared for college and the real world. The FFA organization has helped our children succeed along with many others. Before becoming an FFA Mother, I just thought it was for farm-oriented youths but this is just not true. FFA has a wide variety of programs for all students.

"The FFA Motto gives its members 12 short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. Members repeat these words with me: Learning To Do, Doing To Learn, Earning To Live, Living To Serve."

Mrs. Juenemann told the large crowd that both of their sons who have been in FFA and their daughter who is in her first year have discovered hidden talents by being members.

"FFA builds confidence in our youth and, when they are willing to take a chance and go outside their comfort zone, they grow. As a parent, it is truly heart warming to see the changes.

"I think all the FFA members do a great job of living up to the FFA Motto," she said. "I encourage all you underclassmen to take advantage of the opportunities available through the Norton FFA and the senior members to remember what you have learned and use it in your future to help stay ahead. Your glass is either half empty or half full. I hope you always look at it as half full.

"I would like to invite all parents to encourage your children to try FFA for at least one year. I know you will also be amazed at the many talents your children have within them just waiting to be discovered. We have an excellent program here in Norton and, if we use the tools that are here, we will build a stronger tomorrow for the next generation.

"Thank you, Mr. Beydler, the school administration and FFA alumni for all your support in helping the Norton parents prepare our children for the next step in life. What they learn in FFA cannot be taught in a classroom setting."

The officers presented apprecia-

tion awards to the parents, alumni and other volunteers who have helped throughout the year.

Bryan Keiswetter presented a U.S. Savings Bond to Christopher Maddy as his prize for selling the most FFA fruit.

Representing the Norton County Farm Bureau, Patsy Maddy presented awards to seniors Pat Burton, Dana Hillebrand, Brian Juenemann, Chris Kaiser and Blake Wolf.

Mr. Beydler presented proficiency awards to the following FFA members: Jessica Gilgenbach, livestock production, sheep proficiency, beef proficiency; Wes Georgeson, horse production; Donnie Hildebrand, beef production; Arlene May, exchange student from Germany, ag science proficiency; Levi Ninemire, natural resource management, local and district award; Brian Juenemann, diversified ag production, local and district award.

A new award this year is the ag mechanics award which goes to the top senior shop student. Mr. Beydler presented a digital read sliding caliper to the winner, Matt Engel.

Other awards presented by Mr. Beydler were: Caleb Vanover, Star Greenhand Record Book; Wes Georgeson, Star Chapter Member Record Book; Christopher Maddy, Star Greenhand and High Points Greenhand; Jessica Gilgenbach, Star Chapter Farmer; Brian Juenemann, Star Chapter Agribusinessman and Diversified Ag District Award and Levi Ninemire, High Points Chapter Member and Natural Resource State Award.

Wes Georgeson received special recognition for achieving the

State Farmer degree.

Scholarship awards went to the following: Dana Hillebrand, Mary Lou Adrian Scholarship, presented by Brandon Schulze; Dana Hillebrand, Alumni scholarship; Brian Juenemann, Alumni scholarship; Wes Georgeson, Alumni scholarship to Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference, all presented by Schulze; Dana Hillebrand, William F. Campbell Memorial Scholarship, presented by Glen Campbell; Blake Wolf, Mike Ray Memorial Scholarship, presented by Mr. Beydler; Brian Juenemann, Anderson Memorial Scholarship, presented by Mr. Beydler; Dana Hillebrand, Lucas Maddy Scholarship, presented by Lucas Maddy.

The seniors and Mr. Beydler exchanged gifts and the officers



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presented an appreciation plaque to Mr. Jeremy Long, who is the student teacher from Kansas State University.

The officers inducted Tami Black into the chapter as an honorary member for her efforts in support of the Norton FFA Chapter.

Mr. Beydler gave special recognition to the FFA members who have been Pals Mentors to local third grade students. "Over half of our chapter members have been big buddies to little third graders," he said.

Mr. Beydler also recognized the FFA members who have earned at least 400 points this year. They are: Tim Becker, Pat Burton, Cody Cook, Hannah Fulton, Jessica Gilgenbach, Christopher Maddy, Kayla Scheetz, Carson Braun, Sara Campbell, Samantha Cook, Wes Georgeson, Emily Juenemann, Levi Ninemire and Caleb Vanover.

Keynote speaker was Becky Sullivan, Paola, a freshman at Kansas State University who is also State Reporter for the FFA. She is an ag communications and journalism major with a minor in leadership.

The vivacious speaker had three main points in her speech about success in life.

First, she said you must be willing to take risks. "If you don't, you won't reach your goals. Ask yourself what there is to lose if you don't take risks, then ask yourself what are the rewards if you do take risks and become successful," she said.

She told the audience that she learned to take risks when she attended Girls State after her junior year in high school. She traveled to the week-long governmental

training event intending to run for governor but discovered that there were about 50 other girls with the same idea. She gave her choice a second thought and called her mother to get advice. After her mother left it up to her, she took the risk, ran and won!

Second, she said you must be a team player in order to be successful. She gave a personal story about a little girl who attended 4-H Camp when she was a counselor. She was so impressed by the other girls who became team players and encouraged the smaller girl to complete a challenging rope climbing exercise. "Teams can use the strengths of the individual members to reach higher goals than individuals," she said.

Third, she said you must be a tenacious individual if you wish to reach your goals. "This means you are persistent and never give up," she said. "It is easy to give up and being tenacious is the hard way but it is also the only way to reach your goals.

"I challenge you all to take risks, become team players and be tenacious in your lives and you will reach your goals."

Sullivan's peppy speech was followed by a video slide show of Norton FFA members participating in activities throughout the year.

New FFA Chapter officers were sworn in. They are Tim Becker, president; Wes Georgeson, vice-president; Sara Campbell, secretary; Levi Ninemire, treasurer; Hannah Fulton, reporter; Christopher Maddy, sentinel; Emily Juenemann, historian.

The new officers closed the banquet with the closing ceremonies and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Visiting during the open house in the shop to view FFA members' projects prior to the annual banquet were, from left, Glen Campbell, Levi Ninemire, Dwight Sprigg and Jim Ninemire.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Budget Amendment for Northern Valley School District

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2006-2007 BUDGET

The governing body of USD 212 will meet on the 9th day of April, 2007 at 8:00, at Northern Valley High School

for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Northern Valley High School and will be available at this hearing.

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

| Fund    | Adopted Budget 2006-2007 |                            | Proposed Amendment 2006-2007 Budget |                            |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|         | Actual Tax Rate          | Amount of Tax to be Levied | Expenditures and Transfers          | Expenditures and Transfers |
| General | 20.0000                  | 186,853                    | 1,827,828                           | 1,895,587                  |
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