Kujo had his nails clipped for a good cause Wednesday. The long-haired dachshund and his owner, Sara Durham, went to Norton Animal Health Center, where they were clipping nails for Relay for Life. All the money earned for the service will be donated to the relay. Mrs. Durham, the relay's chairwoman, was one of the first customers to take advantage Wednesday. Pictured are, from left, Shannon Douglas, Dr. Sarah White and Mrs. Durham. Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Three local girls compete at nationals

Three local girls were members of the District No. 5 Horse Hippology team that traveled to Denver earlier this year to compete in the National Western Roundup Horse Classic. They were Emily Zillinger, Jessica Zillinger and Kylena Hager. Shayne Runnion

member of the team.



E. Zillinger



J. Zillinger K. Hager

from Phillipsburg was the fourth exam portion of the competition. The team placed second in the a group of ten problems with ten Kylena placing seventh.

lems, Jessica Zillinger was the top placing individual. The team placed The judging portion of

questions about each and

four sets of team prob-

the competition required the team to judge four classes of horses. The team placed third.

Overall, the team placed second During the "stations", which is with Jessica placing third and

Wildfires listed in top five natural hazards

By TOM DREILING

Tornadoes. Severe thunderstorms. Flooding. Severe winter storms. Those four weather events pop up most often when asked what Kansas' top five natural haz-

Top five? That's right, and no. 5 on the list is 'wildfires.'

The Kansas Forest Service said across an estimated 150,00 acres in the state. That's more than 234 square miles. The forest service estimated that it cost nearly \$500,000 to battle those 2006

wildfires. The Kansas Fire Marshal's office is still at work on damage estimates for 2006, but they report wildfires took the lives of three people in 2005, including two firefighters. The report further said the property value that burned totaled \$693,000.

Bill Chornyak, deputy director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, said ensuring wildfires don't get started isn't just a concern for rural areas, but "it's a critical, personal responsibility for every Kansan."

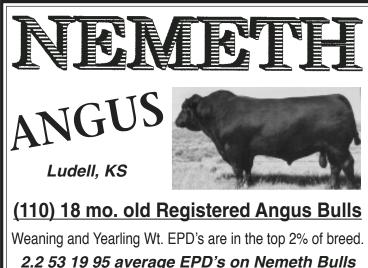
"Under the right conditions, the simple toss of a cigarette out of a car window could lead to a significant fire, affecting hundreds of acres and damaging numerous businesses or homes," he said.

"By focusing on what each of us service. can do to prevent wildfires, we can

reduce the need for local, state and possibly federal emergency response, which can result in thougovernment and, therefore, to tax-

that in 2006, wildfires swept nearly 75 percent of the state's with a vehicle that doesn't have a wildfires, according to the forest spark arrester.

Major causes of wildfires include: Using a lantern, candle or propane stove in a tent; burning spark-producing trash or logs; setsands of dollars in expenses to ting off fireworks around anything that can burn; not ensuring that payers each year," Mr. Chornyak fires are totally out, including camp fires or used cigarettes; and Dry, spring conditions cause parking or driving on dry grass



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4-H'ers do well at regional club day

By KEITH VANSKIKE, **County Extension Director**

Friday, April 13, 2007

Norton County 4-H'ers did well in the Regional 4-H Club Day, which was held March 30 in WaKeeney.

All top blue participants were allowed to give presentations that were given at their own club day.

Each section allowed one or two top blue performances that were selected at their own Club Day to perform at the Regional Event.

The counties involved in the Re-blue; Wyatt Wentz, blue; gional were Phillips, Smith, Norton, Graham, Rooks, Trego, Osborne and Ellis.

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

- County were: • Junior Demonstrations — Abbie Smith, blue; Wyatt Wentz, blue;
- Senior Demonstrations Carissa Wentz, red; Caleb
- Vanover, blue; • Project Talks — Megan Wentz,

Drafting takes home third win The Norton Drafting team won Megan Kats; and senior, Todd Zink. In advanced categories, the top its third straight Northwest Kansas Drafting contest at Goodland by placers were: sophomores, Nathan winning five out of the eight cat-

egories. The five grand champions were: Adam Myers, freshman, Beginning Mechanical; Kyle Mindrup, sophomore, Advanced Mechanical; Michael Ward, senior, Pictorial Hand Drawn; Chris Davis, senior, Architectural Floor Plan; and Aaron Daniels, senior, Architectural Elevation.

Michael Ward won the "Best of Show" which is considered to be the top drawing in the contest. He edged his teammate, Adam Myers, in the voting. This was the second vear in a row that Michael has won Other top placers in the beginners

categories were: freshman, Cody it. I am very excited for him." Cook; sophomores, Samantha Tim Becker, Alex Thomas and 26 and 27.

Felton, Zac Dreher, Nish Millan and Vernon Carlton; junior, Josh Sprague; and seniors, Aaron Daniels and Chris Davis.

Others who competed were freshmen Kerstan Richmeir, D.J. Ebner and Alex Simoneau.

Drafting instructor Jim Myers said, "Boy, did the kids do well! I was so proud of their efforts. That's three in a row and after winning by percentage points last year it was great to win it comfortably this year. To win the "Best of Show" is awesome, but to win it two straight times speaks volumes on what a great draftsman Michael Ward is and how hard he works at

The Norton team will compete Cook and Hannah Fulton; juniors, at the Hays Technology Fair April

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 Instrumental Solo — Katrina Wentz, blue; • Instrumental Ensemble —

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- Participating from Norton Zach Esslinger and Austin Hager,
 - Vocal Solo Katrina Wentz,
 - Vocal Ensemble Kelsey and Lauren Mordecai, blue;
 - Dance Prairie Dog 4-H Club, blue; • Skits — Cedar Ridge 4-H
 - Club, blue; • Model Meetings — Busy
 - Jayhawkers 4-H Club, blue; Public Speaking — Katrina
 - Wentz, blue; Junior Readings — Dalton Vanover, red; and
 - Senior Readings Michael Callaway, blue.

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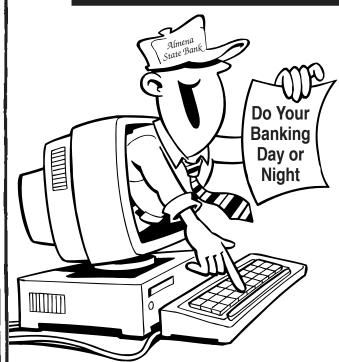


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