



Norton Community High School cheerleaders worked on a new routine at a National Cheerleading Association summer camp held June 30-July 3 at Emporia State University. — Photo courtesy of Kayla Scheetz

Cheerleaders spread spirit over state

The Norton Community High School cheerleaders attended a National Cheerleading Association summer camp held June 30 to July 3 at Emporia State University. Over 60 cheerleaders attended from all over Kansas. Norton cheerleaders received Spirit Stick awards two of the three days the award was given. This award is given to teams showing spirit and enthusiasm as they are learning and improving their skills. During the camp a team is se-

lected that exemplifies the best technical skill and cheerleading technique. The National Championship Bid Winner Award also went to the Norton team. Norton cheerleaders received a trophy for Top Team Winner. Several of the cheerleaders were nominated for All-American Awards given to individuals who display strength in motions and technique, leadership ability and overall attitude. Cyndie Milnes was selected for the All-American Team. This

award is considered to be the most prestigious award in cheerleading. Receiving the award qualified her to perform at various National Cheerleading Association events. Members of the 2007-2008 Norton high school cheerleading team are: Seniors — Sara Campbell and Cyndie Milnes; Junior — Kayla Scheetz; Sophomores — Raven Brown, Jordan Voss, Hannah Waggoner and Bethany Winkel; and Freshman — Kelsie Griffith.

Oberlin superintendent is on the job

(Continued from Page 1) This is a great opportunity, said Dr. Cullen; it is an exciting place to serve as superintendent. This district has a great reputation and it is a great place to be. As the superintendent, said Dr. Cullen, he hopes he is open and inviting to all people. He said he wants to make himself available and familiar to the community. "I don't just want to live here," he said, "but also be active." Dr. Cullen said he isn't interested in coming into the district and making changes. This is a nice district and it has been run well. He said he plans to come in and evaluate what's going on. Change is good, said Dr. Cullen, if it is needed. This a strong school district and that needs to be maintained. For now, he said, he will sit back and see what's going on. Dr. Cullen said he also will sit

down with the board and see what direction they want to go. The superintendent said he will most likely get involved in the Rotary Club. He also has several horses and likes to play a little golf, but for now his focus is coming into the district and town and getting adjusted. Dr. Cullen's wife Pam teaches art for kindergarten through 12th grade, he said. She has a few more

years on her contract in North Platte, he said, so she won't be joining him right away. They have two daughters, Jennifer, who has a degree in science and chemistry, and Lindsay, who is going to college in Laramie, Wyo. They also have a grandson Cutter, 2, who lives in Laramie. Dr. Cullen said Cutter is his best friend.

Norton learning center gets a director

(Continued from Page 1) contractors. He also said Danna Kelly was hired as the Learning Center Director. Among motions approved: • The board set the 2007-08 school year to consist of a minimum of 465 hours for kindergarten, 1,116 hours for grades 1-11 and 1,086 hours for grade 12. • Established Home Rule for the Board of Education as presented. • Set a special board meeting for the purpose of goal setting for Aug. 22 at 6 p.m.

• Named Elaine Lofgreen as the board's representative to the NCKSEC board of directors. • Named Jeff Nielsen as the board's representative on the Professional Development Council for the 2007-08 school year. • Named Scott Ellis as the board's representative on the Curriculum Coordinating Council. • Directed the board clerk to publish the budget, pending review by the Kansas State Department of Education, and to set the hearing for Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in

the board's meeting room. • Continued the annual alternation of the district's checking account between the First State Bank and the First Security Bank & Trust, and to locate the checking account with First Security Bank for 2007-08. The board went into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of those involved. No action was taken upon return to open session.

Legislation to enhance hunting

Congressman Jerry Moran recently introduced legislation to increase hunting opportunities for sportsmen and stimulate rural economies in Kansas. The "Open Fields" legislation provides incentives for farmers and ranchers to voluntarily make their land accessible for outdoor activities like hunting and fishing, he said. "Anyone who has driven through a rural community in the fall has seen the 'Welcome Hunters' signs in front of main street restaurants and local motels," Congressman Moran said. "But more and more, reduced access to hunting ground is threatening the future of the sport and the dollars it brings to rural America. This legislation will help continue our nation's outdoor heritage, boost rural economies and provide additional income to our farmers and ranchers."

program. In a state where approximately 97 percent of the land is private, the 'Walk-In' has opened more than one million acres in Kansas to public hunting. Though popular with hunters and landowners, interest in enrolling land has exceeded available funding," he said. "Expanding access to areas available to hunt, even for those on a budget, is the only way we can ensure that the great rural tradition of hunting in Kansas will continue," said Barth Crouch, Kansas Regional Biologist for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. "This will also help with getting young people outdoors and learn-

ing about the real world firsthand by interacting with nature as a participant, not just an observer. I applaud Congressman Moran and Senator Pat Roberts for their continuing support for the hunting tradition," Mr. Crouch said. Sen. Roberts has introduced the "Open Fields" legislation in the Senate. The legislation has been endorsed by a long list of sportsmen, conservation and farming groups, including the National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Congressman Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee and a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

Almena community meeting tonight

The Almena Chamber of Commerce is hosting a community meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Almena Community Center. The meeting is to discuss a fund-raising campaign for the "Community

Improvement Plan of Almena." The plan may involve the building of a new community center, improvements of the fire department, roads or beautification projects. Everyone is invited to attend.

A representative from Kansas Correctional Industries will be in Norton on Monday, July 23 to discuss opportunities for area businesses to use inmate labor. The meeting will be in the Conference Room of the Norton Public Library at 1 Washington Square at 1:00 p.m.

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