

Four youth leave mark at state shoot

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Norton County youth showed their shooting skills during Kansas 4-H Shotgun Match.

Four shooters from the Norton County — Carson Braun, Chase Braun, Kyle Edgett and Brian Linden — shot in the match, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the KTA trap range south of Newton. There were 160 shooters and 15 teams competing at the match.

Edgett, Linden and the two Brauns took third place as a team, winning medals and a plaque.

Individually, Carson Braun shot 43 of 50 from the 16-yard line and 43 of 50 from the 20 yard line for 86 out of 100.

Linden shot 42 of 50 from the 16-yard line and 45 of 50 from the 20-yard line for 87 out of 100.

Chase Braun scored 45 of 50 from both the 16- and 20-yard lines for 90 out of 100.

Edgett scored 49 of 50 from the 16-yard line and 47 of 50 from the 20-yard line for 96 out of 100 total.

His score of 49 of 50 put him in a two-way tie for second place individually. In a shoot-off for the placing, he shot a perfect 25 of 25



Kyle Edgett, Norton, shot a perfect 25 of 25 during a tie-breaker at the Kansas 4-H Shotgun Match on Oct. 13. Individually, Edgett took second. As a team, the four Norton County shooters attending earned third place.

— Courtesy photo by Jill Edgett

to win second.

Edgett's 47 of 50 score from the 20-yard line put him in an eight-way tie for third. He once

again shot a perfect 25 of 25 in the shoot-off, winning third place. Overall, Edgett took second place individually at the shoot.

Stage play set for Saturday in Oberlin

The Southwest Nebraska Community Theater Association will present the stage play, "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick, at Morgan Theater at The Gateway Theater in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The play features Erica Bolen, Nathan McCarty, Jeri Lynn Karr, Bill Longnecker, Cheryl Scott, Maggie Sanders, Alexis Regan, Don Harpst, Maury Green, Janet Hepp and Kay Flaska. It is produced by Gene Weedon with Jon Burkey as director and Ivy Stritt is handling props. Set Construction is by Chuck and Diana Trail. Makeup will be handled by Cheryl Scott while Janet Kool and Sheryl Haven are in charge of costumes.

In the comedy, Mrs. Savage has been left 10 million dollars by her husband and wants to make the best use of it, in spite of the efforts of her grown-up step-children

who are determined to get their hands on it. The children know that the widow's wealth is now in negotiable securities, and seeing they cannot get hold of it, commit her to a "sanitarium" hoping to "bring her to her senses". However, Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams.

In the sanatorium, she meets various social misfits, men and women who just cannot adjust themselves to life, people who need the help Mrs. Savage can provide. In getting to know them, she realizes she will find happiness with them, and plans to spend the rest of her life as one of them. But, when the doctor tells her there is no reason why she should remain, she hesitates to go out into a hard world where people seem ready to do anything for money.

The self-seeking step-children

are driven to distraction by their vain efforts to browbeat Mrs. Savage, but she preserves her equanimity and leads them on a merry chase. The dominant mood is high comedy, and the audience is left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated at times only by greed and dishonesty.

In addition to the Oberlin performance, the group will also present the play at the high school auditorium in McCook on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26, 27 and 28.

For details about the Oberlin performance, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Admission is by Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket, \$10 for adults; \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door.

Keep nitrogen in mind when topdressing wheat

MANHATTAN — As producers plan for winter topdressing wheat or another small grain cereal, they should be conservative in the amount of nitrogen credit they count as coming from a preceding legume crop, a Kansas State University agronomist said.

For example, if the small grain is following alfalfa that was destroyed during the summer, producers typically should figure on

getting about one-half the nitrogen credit that row crops planted the following spring would get, said Dale Leikam, nutrient management specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

"The reason that winter cereals get a smaller nitrogen credit than summer row crops would in this situation is that there has been less time for the alfalfa residue to decompose and the nitrogen to be mineralized," Leikam said. "If the alfalfa stand was killed in late fall, rather than summer, it's best to allow little or no nitrogen

credit for winter cereals planted into the residue.

"For soybeans that were harvested only a few days or weeks before wheat planting, we also would expect little nitrogen mineralization over the winter. So, no nitrogen credit should be given for the wheat in that case, either."

More information about nutrient management in crops and crop production in general is available at any county or district K-State Research and Extension office, as well as on the Web at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu>.

Foundation offers scholarships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make 265 scholarships (45 more than last year) available in five different categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties.

Students will be eligible from an accredited high school, registered independent, private or home school in one of the following counties: Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace.

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To qualify for the above scholarships, a student must have at least a 3.50 grade point average. The student should be an active participant in extracurricular

school and community activities, display good citizenship, leadership and moral integrity.

Students planning to enter the competition for the scholarships must register at their school.

Ninety Vocational Education Scholarships, \$2,000 non-renewable, are available to encourage high school seniors who seek competence through vocational education. Applications are available through the high school counselors.

In addition to the scholarships offered to high school seniors, the Hansen Foundation will also award **15 Community College Scholarships** with stipends of \$2,000 each. These scholarships are available for Kansas Community College graduates of the

current school year who plan to continue their education at a four-year Kansas college or university. Applicants must be graduates of a high school in one of the 26 counties, have completed college work with a 3.00 GPA or better and possess good character and leadership qualities. Each Community College Scholarship may be renewed for one year upon completion of satisfactory work as evaluated by the scholarship committee. Application forms may be downloaded from the foundation's website at: www.hansenfoundationscholarships.com.

The Hansen Foundation is in its 33rd year of service to the young people of Northwest Kansas through the generosity of the late Dane G. Hansen, Logan.

Dinner, dance set for Nov. 17

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County Annual Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Norton American Legion. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour, followed by dinner catered by Phat Boy BBQ at 7 p.m. and dancing from

8 to 11 p.m. with Jam Session. Tickets to this event are \$25. For more information contact Mary Kay or Jill at (785) 874-4200. Tickets for the dinner dance and raffle tickets on the smoker can be purchased at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce at 104 South State Street.

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Congressman honors Kansas couple

Congressman Jerry Moran recently nominated Nick and Jennifer Keller of Home City as a 2007 "Angel in Adoption" for their advocacy of adoption issues and care for children who were exposed to methamphetamine while in the womb. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) honored the Kellers last week in Washington, D.C.

"Nick and Jennifer are the parents of a remarkable family with an amazing story," Congressman Moran said. "Their humble work to help drug endangered children — both by influencing public policy and by giving children a home — is inspiring. The Kellers are making a real difference in the lives of children and truly are

angels for those in need."

During a period of three years, the Kellers and their daughter, Brooke, have opened their home to six children, each of whom was exposed to methamphetamine while in the womb. The children range from six months to eight years old. The presence of illegal drugs, specifically meth, is a very serious problem in many rural Kansas communities and threatens families and children, including the unborn. Each year, more than 4,300 Kansas children are exposed to illegal drugs while in the womb. Based on their experiences as adoptive parents, the Kellers are advocating for legislation in Kansas to better protect children by allowing authorities

to intervene when a pregnant woman is using substances and putting her child at risk.

Recognizing the destructive impact of methamphetamine use, Mr. Moran has worked to obtain federal funding to assist Kansas law enforcement in combating meth.

Former Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director Larry Welch is serving as a congressional fellow in the congressman's office this fall to help him better understand the challenges Kansas

law enforcement face in stopping meth production and distribution.

"The fight against meth requires the cooperation of all members of a community," the congressman said. "The Kellers are an example of caring Kansans doing what they can to break the cycle of meth in our state."

Mr. Moran is a member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Caucus and the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine.



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Sat., Nov. 3 Russell Hull, 8 p.m.

