



Ward Foley, right, spoke at graduation exercises held Friday at Norton Correctional Facility. Mr. Foley shook the hand of new graduate, Timothy Focke. Standing with his face turned from the camera, is Randall Medlock, chaplain at the facility.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Graduation: Norton facility praised

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came to see their son, Nicholas Moody, receive his GED. They both said Norton had a nice facility and they thought the graduation

was great. Nicholas Moody said, "This (graduation) was a big deal. I'm glad the facility made a big deal out of it."
Randall Medlock, chaplain at

the facility, handed out diplomas as Ms. Smith called the names. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served to the guests and graduates.

New contests at this year's state fair

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The Kansas State Fair 2008 Exhibitor's Handbook is now available. New this year, competitive exhibit participants can now submit their entries online.

The fair also announces the addition of four new contests available to competitive exhibits participants: a Duct Tape Contest, What's for Dinner Beef Cook-Off, Plein Aire Painting Contest and a Creative Culinary Design Contest.

Duct Tape Contest
Break out the duct tape, a few design ideas, and get ready for the Duct Tape Contest, which will include both 4-H and open contests. The 4-H participants will first compete at the county level in the hat and wallet categories. Top winners at the county level will proceed to the Kansas State Fair contest. The categories available to enter in the open contest are

wearable items and create-your-own. Anyone can enter into the open contest and does not need to qualify at a county fair before entering.

What's for Dinner Beef Cook-Off

Entries into the What's for Dinner Beef Cook-Off could include any type of beef recipe that has eight ingredients or less and includes beef. Recipes should be mailed to 6031 SW 37th St., Topeka, Kan or e-mailed to kbc@kansasbeef.org by Friday, Aug. 8. The finalists will prepare their recipes on stage during the fair. For more information or to submit a recipe, visit www.kansasbeef.org.

Plein Aire Painting Contest

The Plein Aire Painting Contest — from the French expression meaning, "in the open air" — will bring art outdoors at the 2008 fair. Artists worldwide have begun painting in the Plein Air style, ven-

turing from their studios to paint along roadsides, atop mountains, by the sea, in the gardens and in cities to capture landscapes, still lifes, figures and architecture in their natural, thriving elements. For the contest, painters will create art while positioned at various locations throughout the fairgrounds. Each painter's location on the fairgrounds will be assigned by the Professional Arts Department.

Creative Culinary Design Contest

A true creative spirit can fashion a sensational design out of just about anything. The Creative Culinary Design Contest participants will be the first five exhibitors to sign up each day of the fair. Contestants will be given a number of kitchen supplies and 30 minutes to construct whatever they wish. All supplies will be provided and presented at the beginning of each contest.

Election: Be sure to register

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Joe E. Ballinger; Ward 3, Norma Archibald and Curt Archibald; Highland #1, Joni K. Berry and Steven L. Berry; Highland #3, Rebecca Wetter and John Miller, challenger Clarence E. Wetter; Central #1, Jon Lofgreen and Elaine Lofgreen; and Almena, Shari Archer and Wayne Archer.

If you are not registered to vote in the Aug. 5 primary, you can take care of that matter in the county clerk's office.

If you have any questions about your registration, please call the county clerk's office at 877-5710 or drop by the office in the courthouse.

Rain: What about the wheat?

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have on the pending wheat harvest, if these conditions persist. The harvest has begun in the southeastern part of the state and the experts are of the opinion drier conditions must persist, and soon in this area, to allow all elements

to come together and allow the machines to move onto supportive surfaces so the golden grain can be cut and hauled in.

They also look to the sky and listen to the forecasts. More rain?

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