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Briefly

Convict's hearing reset to April 24

The date for Christopher Zorn's preliminary hearing has been changed to Friday, April 24 at 1 p.m. Magistrate Judge John Cahoj, District Magistrate Judge for Sheridan County, was unavailable for the hearing today due to a funeral. Zorn was returned to Kansas from Colorado to face charges of fleeing a work detail, allegedly stealing a car and allegedly inflicting harm on a resident.

Sentence hearing set for Nortonite

Cody Hale, Norton, arrested in February on charges of breaking into area businesses, is scheduled to have a sentencing hearing on Monday, May 4 in Norton County District Court.

In exchange for the charges of criminal damage to property and misdemeanor theft being dropped, Hale pleaded guilty to burglary and felony theft during a bench trial on March 3.

Hale allegedly broke into three businesses in Norton: Outdoor Power and Performance, who reported a break-in on Jan. 16 after the owners discovered the back door had been damaged and left open; Western Pest Control, who reported a break-in on Jan. 19, when the owners reported \$1,400 worth of items and cash missing and damage to the building; and Gall Motor, who reported a theft on Jan. 21, with several items outside near the building having been taken.

Weather forecast



SUNNY

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 31. Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 65. Wednesday Night - A 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Thursday - A chance of rain and thunderstorms. Cloudy with a high near 44. Thursday Night - A chance of snow.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 34, High 49, .65 Precip.
Saturday Low 24, High 64
Sunday Low 37, High 75
Monday Low 45, High 79
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, thank you for opportunities to do good deeds. Use us to shine the light of your love in the world. Amen



New officers in the Norton FFA Chapter for 2009-10 were inducted by the previous officers and are shown here prior to conducting the closing ceremonies during the annual banquet. Pictured are, from left, Caleb Vanover, historian; Cody Cook, reporter; Christopher Maddy,

vice-president; Emily Juenemann, president; Jessica Reeves, secretary; Ashley Esslinger, treasurer and Miranda Mock, sentinel.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

FFA ends year with exhibits, banquet, inductions

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School FFA Chapter celebrated an outstanding 2008-09 year with their annual banquet on Saturday, March 28, in the junior high gym in Norton.

A total of 172 members, parents and guests were in attendance to recognize the 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.

Many accomplishments

With many of the District contests completed for the year, the Norton FFA Chapter has placed first in one, second in three, third in one, fourth in two and sixth and seventh in one each.

The chapter placed first in Agribusiness Sales, second in Land and Home-site Evaluation, Leadership School and Job Interview; third in Meats Judging; fourth in Public Speaking and Poultry Judging; sixth in Ag Mechanics and seventh in Dairy, Senior Division.

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

"We can be very proud that we are in second place out of 26 chapters in the Northwest District Contest Sweepstakes," said Norton FFA Advisor Garrett Beydler.

"All of our members have worked hard.

"Norton has a very competitive FFA chapter."

Mr. Beydler complimented the 25 Norton FFA members who helped third graders every two weeks through the PALS program. "They were true role models for the students and helped build their self esteem," Beydler said.

He thanked the senior officers for their leadership and asked each senior to stand so he could tell the good points of each.

He thanked the FFA alumni for all they do each year to help the chapter. He also thanked the parents "for turning these young people over to me and for your help throughout the year. Mainly, I appreciate the chance to work with your boys and girls. Thanks to everyone for hanging in there with me."

The senior members of the Norton FFA are: Hannah Fulton, Jacob Van-Skike, Brad Nuzum, Don Hildebrand, Samantha Cook, Zach Bainter, Kayla Scheetz, Jessica Gilgenbach, Coady McMullen and Chase Braun.

Mr. Beydler thanked the school

administration and sponsors for helping make it such an exceptional year. He also thanked the Northern Valley FFA members and advisor Doug Zillinger for serving the Kansas City strip meal with all the trimmings and David Donovan, Lee Juenemann, Kevin Esslinger and Doug Gallentine for preparing the meal.

This year's chapter officers are: Hannah Fulton, president; Emily Juenemann, vice-president; Christopher Maddy, secretary; Jessica Reeves, treasurer; Kyra Fulton, reporter; Ashley Esslinger, sentinel; Caleb Vanover, historian.

The officers presided over the meeting. President Fulton welcomed everyone to the banquet and Secretary Christopher Maddy gave the invocation.

Parent's response

Following the delicious meal, Samantha Fulton gave the parent's response.

"I've been thinking about Norton FFA, the seniors, Mr. Beydler and that life sometimes is like a puzzle," said Fulton.

"Puzzles contain puzzle pieces that are unique to that puzzle. Each puzzle piece has its own task or part in the puzzle. Each puzzle piece completes the puzzle and gives it purpose.

"Like the puzzle, the FFA seniors, when they were freshmen, brought their own unique personalities, goals, desires

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Annarose Hart, a Kansas State University student from Paola who is the FFA State Treasurer, gave an inspiring keynote address which encouraged everyone to find their "fun happy place" in life.

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Looking at livestock panels which were among the FFA members' projects on display in the shop prior to the banquet were, from left, Kathy Sexton, Chapman, State FFA Vice-president; Annarose Hart, Paola, State FFA Treasurer; Keith VanSkike, Norton County K-State Extension agent and Hannah Fulton, Norton FFA President.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Kim and Doug Gallentine were inducted into the Norton FFA Chapter as honorary members. They are shown here receiving their plaque and congratulations from Norton FFA President Hannah Fulton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Wheat crop continues plea to moistureman

By TOM DREILING

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We are now in April, about three months away from still another wheat harvest. What the emerging crop will bring isn't quite clear at this point. However, moisture is the need.

Although the Norton vicinity came in for some moisture over the weekend, the proverbial hole in the bucket continues. We can't quite seem to collect enough to do any good.

Karolyn Kingham, who maintains the moisture board for The Telegram at her farm nine miles northwest of town, said Saturday brought a half-inch of rain, followed by a 2-inch snowfall Saturday night.

Last week, some areas of Kansas,

primarily along the southern border, stretching from the southwest to the south central, received large amounts of snow, ranging up to 28 inches.

Topsoil moisture, according to Kansas Agricultural Statistics, is rated as 7 percent very short, 28 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus.

Subsoil moisture is rated as 6 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Due to the weather conditions of the past week, said Ag Statistics, field work was limited.

The report says 13 percent of the wheat crop has jointed, compared with 10 percent at this time in 2008, and 20 percent for the 5-year average. The wheat condition is rated as 4 percent very poor, 13

percent poor, 41 percent fair, 38 percent good and 4 percent excellent.

Wind damage to wheat (not including the winds of the last several days) has been rated at 77 percent with no damage, 16 percent with light damage, 5 percent with moderate damage and 2 percent with severe damage.

Freeze damage has been rated at 89 percent with no damage, 10 percent with light damage, and 1 percent with moderate damage.

Insect infestation of the wheat, always a concern, is rated at 86 percent none, 12 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Disease infestation is rated at 84 percent none, 14 percent light, and 2 percent moderate.

Precipitation for the week ending

March 29 shows the following for this immediate area of Northwest Kansas: Cheyenne County 0.21; Rawlins, 0.02; Decatur, 0.00; Norton, 0.00; Graham, trace; Sheridan, 0.04; Thomas, 0.10; Sherman, 0.36; Wallace, 0.70; Logan, 0.13; Gove, 0.01; and Trego, 0.00.

Grant, in southwest Kansas, registered 3.20 inches for the week ending March 29. Seward came in with 2.65; Meade, 1.41; Clark, 1.12; Finney, 1.08; Greeley, 0.93; Stanton, 1.01; Gray 1.10; and Ford 0.67.

In southeast Kansas, Cherokee had 3.49 inches; Crawford, 3.94; Neosho 2.51; Wilson, 2.61; Montgomery, 3.15; Labette, 1.45; Sumner, 2.03.

In Northeast Kansas, Nemaha had 1.78 (Continued on Page 5)