

Andbe becomes dance hall



"Echoes of My Life" is the theme for this week's National Nursing Home Week celebration at the Andbe Home in Norton. Wedding trivia, and a fried chicken supper and dance highlighted Wednesday's activities. Additional photos/story to appear Tuesday.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

Forensics coach recalls state trip

By KEN THARMAN
Forensics Coach

On May 1, the Northern Valley Forensics students loaded up the suburban and headed to Salina. Four of the team members decided to join us later, because they had to compete in the Quinter track meet that afternoon. Seven students, Janette Callaway, and myself left Northern Valley at 1 p.m.

The ride was very pleasant and uneventful on the way down. There was no weather to contend with and the temperatures were just right. We arrived in Salina around 5 p.m.

After checking into the Super 8 Motel, we ventured out to the mall to stretch our legs. Around 6:30 we went to one of the students' favorite eating places, Coyote Canyon. It was a great surprise to have Amanda Hopkins join up with us!

After supper and back to the motel, the kids unwound in the swimming pool. It was not until 9:30 that the rest of our gang came in from Quinter with Gale and Ranelle Hays. We used the next hour for brushing up on our material in the lobby. Around 12:30 — at least to my knowledge — things were quiet and we called it a night.

Saturday morning started early. Kids were up and dressed by 6:30 and we were out the door by 6:50. The forensics students, sponsors, and judges arrived at the Salina South High School for the 1A

State Championship competition. Those students participating and their events were: Hannah Hawks and Melissa Hawks (Duet Acting), Matt Dole (Poetry), Gunnar Hays (Informative Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking), Kayla Field (Serious Solo Acting), and Kenzi Husted (Prose).

The State Festival participants left around 10:30 a.m. with Janette Callaway (sponsor) and ventured to Kansas Wesleyan University. The students and the events they were involved with at Festival were: Travis Redeker and Jordan Herman (Improvised Duet Acting), Cody Callaway and Michael Callaway (Improvised Duet Acting), Samuel Field (Poetry), and Cody Callaway (Humorous Solo Acting).

Samuel Field and Cody Callaway each earned a *one* rating in the State Festival Forensics Tournament and took home a state medal for their individual events. The two Improvised Duet Acting events received a three rating. After their performances, some of the students ventured back home with parents.

The other students found their way back to the Championship tournament. After three grueling rounds, the top 12 students in each of the nine events advanced to the semi-final round. Those making it to the semi-finals were: Matt, Kayla, and Gunnar (Extemporaneous). The entire day is a cumulative point system. What

this means is that the scores from every round continue to accumulate. If you have one bad round ... it may haunt you the rest of the tournament.

The scores from the three judges in the semi-finals are then added to the preliminary rounds and the top six contestants in each field are then ready for the Final Round. Gunnar made it to the final round and placed fifth in the state of Kansas in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The forensics team, along with Gale (judge) and Ranelle Hays made the triumphant journey back to Almena. We did make a short stop in Hays at iHop® — But that was strictly for nourishment, not celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who have praised, listened to, encouraged, traveled, judged, provided snacks, food runs, and driving abilities for our team this year. None of our team's success is possible without all of you!

As we head into the summer months of relaxation and iced tea, remember to keep an ear and eye open for books, stories, or titles that may be useful in the upcoming season. You never know, you may pick something up that will become State Champ material. This has been one of the most enjoyable seasons I have been a part of. Thanks for a great year! And remember — act responsibly.

Drafting team's season said outstanding

The Norton Community High School's Drafting Team has done very well both in Goodland and in Hays. Instructor Jim Myers said, "It has been an outstanding year for our drafting team winning the Goodland contest for the fifth year in a row and doing extremely well at Hays."

The contest in Hays was very competitive, with a lot of good drawing projects in every class, Myers said.

There was one certificate, six medals, nine superior ratings, 11 excellent ratings and give good ratings.

"Any time you can get medals or superior ratings at this fair you have one heck of a project. We had nine superior ratings, which was great," Myers said.

The drafting team had six seniors this year including Zac Dreher, Nathan Felton, Hannah Fulton, Justin Gibson, Nish Millan and Matt Stanley. Myers said the seniors were all extremely talented, and he wishes them success at college next year and into the future.

The drafting team had some trouble this year when several pieces were damaged as they were being shipped to Goodland.

"I want to comment the students for the extra time they put into redrawing the drawings that got damaged in shipping to Goodland. These kids faced adversity and overcame it to have a very good showing at Hays," Myers said.

Myers cited 20 of 35 drawings that had to be replaced in less than two weeks.

"To get that done tells you what a great group of kids that I have to work with."

The students' work was displayed at the annual exhibit night

and band concert.

Award winners include RJ Ellis, winner of the overall top drafting certificate for the ninth grade class. The medalists included RJ Ellis, Cody Cook, Adam Myers, Matt Stanley, Justin Gibson and Troy Bainter. Adam Myers, Cody Cook, Troy Bainter, Kaid McK-

enna, Matt Stanley, Zac Dreher, Nathan Felton, John Koch, Caleb Goss, Courtney Kaus and Brent Terrell each received excellent ratings. Casey Temmel, Justin Gibson and Kerstan Richmeier each received good ratings, while Tyler Lewis received two good ratings.

Sleeping beauty



Hailey McKinley and Tegan Milnes stop to visit with Sylvia Swine during their Kindergarten Field trip to the Robison farm on May 8, 2009.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Student exhibits many, varied

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Victoria Robison said an estimated 60 students in her art classes displayed almost 500 pieces of art during their show at Norton Community High School on Tuesday evening. Parents, friends and community members were able to walk through and view the work that the students had done.

The artwork was displayed in the cafeteria, although work that had won awards or had been entered in other art shows was placed in a special section.

Mrs. Robison said the artist of the year contest was judged by Jered Sloan, a Norton Community High School graduate. First place went to Jacob VanSlike, second place was a tie between Anna Cummings and Maia Carlson.

Mr. Sloan graduated from Fort Hays State University and will pursue his graduate degree in sculpture at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Brittany Otter, a senior and an advanced art student, displayed 11 pieces including oil paintings, a sculpture and several pencil sketches.

Otter has received numerous awards for her work. She was chosen as artist of the year by her fellow students, received the second place award for the artist of the year contest and received an achievement award for one of her two-dimensional paintings.

"I like to keep it simple. Pencil is my favorite media," Otter said.

Otter plans to attend Nebraska Christian College in Papillion. She said she plans on going into youth ministry.

Junior Kelsey Nuzum also had 11 pieces displayed. She said she enjoys art but finds it too demanding to pursue as a full time hobby.

Nuzum was accompanied to the art show by her mother, Wanda Nuzum, who took art classes in school and was excited to see her



Sharon Cummings observed student art at Norton Community High School this week. Nearly 500 pieces of art were on display for public viewing.

- Telegram Photo by Erica Bradley

daughter's pieces.

"I haven't seen any of her work this year. I enjoy coming to see her work as well as the other students' work," Mrs. Nuzum said.

Community members also attended the event. Lynn Nelson of ten comes to events at the school. "I enjoy seeing art exhibits and attending the band concerts. I come every year," she said.

Also on display were the ceiling tiles that each art student had the opportunity to do. Mrs. Robison said they get to do two tiles; one for their junior year and one for their senior year. The tradition of painting ceiling tiles "has been going on forever. We still have tiles stored from students who went to school here in the '70s,"

Mrs. Robison said.

The students now paint directly on the tiles, but they used to do their work on paper which was then stapled onto each tile. Mrs. Robison said the fire marshal stopped that tradition, and the students have been painting directly on the tiles ever since.

Mrs. Robison has been teaching art for 19 years; five of those years at Norton Community High School.

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