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roasted ham provided by the Norton Area Chamber. Christopher Maddy, past president of the Norton County 4-H Council, served as Master of Ceremonies. Diedre Kramer, secretary of the 4-H Council, gave a response to the chamber address, Tyler Montgomery, vice president of 4-H Council, introduced special guests in attendance.

Volunteer leaders, 4-H Council members and committee members named various award recipients. These volunteers were Carol Griffith, Patsy Maddy, Mindy Harting, Staci Montgomery, Joy Johnson, Mary Vanover, Jamie Wentz, Lois Wentz and Janette Callaway.

A special award by Norton County Farm Bureau recognized 4-H Camp Counselors. Joel Duscher, Norton Area Chamber vice president, presented the 2009 Friend of 4-H Award to Roger and Maxine Lowry.

The "I DARE YOU" Award, a mid-career 4-H award for aspiring leaders, was given to Melinda Becker, Bryce Lofgreen and Jacob VanSkiike. It was selected by the 4-H Trips and Awards Committee.

Kolton Harting, a member of the Busy Beavers 4-H Club, announced the results of the club challenge to all other 4-H Clubs to contribute towards the God's Pantry. A total of 332 items were turned in by Busy Beavers, 222 items were turned in by Cedar Ridge, 115 items were turned in by Busy Jayhawkers and 82 items were turned in by Prairie Dog.

The 4-H Achievement Night Planning Committee consisted of Carol and Kelsie Griffith, Elaine and Bryce Lofgreen, Patsy Maddy, Joy Johnson and Mary Vanover.

Record Book Completion Certificates Awarded to:

Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier, Jessica Ambrosier, Caden Bach, Colten Bach, Andrew Bashford, Michael Callaway, Shane Cozad, Kortney Cunningham, Skylar Davis, Nicholas Esslinger, Zachary Esslinger, Kailey Gill, Tyson Gill, Kelsie Griffith, Adrienne Hager, Austin Hager, Dustin Harting, Kolton Harting, Shelby Harting, Weston Harting, Wyatt Harting, Katie Johnson, Skylar Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Caden Kinderknecht, Kylie Kinderknecht, Diedre Kramer, Cassie Lowry, Chaylee Lowry, Colton Lowry, Kayla Lowry, Christopher Maddy, Marisa Maddy, Molly Maddy, Carson Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Tucker Pfannenstiel, Jace Ruder, Johnnie Ruder, Scott Sansom, Drake Shearer, Abbie Smith, Jaden Smith, Makayla Smith, Carson Wallace, Amy Wentz, Bryndon Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Wyatt Wentz.

Member Recognition Pins: Membership Pin

Caden Bach, Andrew Bashford, Shane Cozad, Nicholas Esslinger, Shelby Harting, Katie Johnson, Tucker Pfannenstiel, Jaden Smith, Amy Wentz, Bryndon Wentz.

Bronze Pin

Jessica Ambrosier, Kortney Cunningham, Dustin Harting, Kailey Gill, Caden Kinderknecht, Chaylee Lowry, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Jace Ruder, Scott Sansom, Drake Shearer.

Clover Pin

Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier, Weston Harting, Ryan Johnson, Carson Wallace.

Emerald Pin

Colten Bach, Zachary Esslinger, Tyson Gill, Kylie Kinderknecht, Molly Maddy, Quentin Wentz.

Silver Pin

Skylar Davis, Adrienne Hager, Skylar Johnson, Makayla Smith.

Silver Guard Pin

Austin Hager, Wyatt Harting, Kolton Harting, Marisa Maddy, Carson Montgomery, Rebecca Wentz.

Junior Leadership Pin

Wyatt Wentz

Gold Pin

Megan Wentz

Gold Guard Pin

Michael Callaway, Tyler Montgomery

Best Kept Stall Awards

Horse, Busy Beavers – Bailey Ambrosier, Jessica Ambrosier, Kyra Fulton, Kailey Gill, Dylan Goss, Kolton Harting, Adrienne Hager, Austin Hager, Ryan Johnson, Johnnie Ruder, Jace Ruder, Beef, Prairie Dog – Kerby Brandyberry, Kelsie Griffith

Goats, Busy Beavers – Zach Esslinger, Chandler Sumner

Sheep, Norton FFA – Christopher Maddy, Jessica Reeves, Kayla Scheetz

Hogs, Cedar Ridge – Cody Callaway, Skylar Davis, Garrett Esslinger, Kenzie Esslinger, Kylie Kinderknecht, Carson Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Jaden Smith, Makayla Smith

Club Officer Books

Treasury Book, Busy Jayhawkers – Bryce Lofgreen, Cedar Ridge – Michael Callaway

Secretary Book, Busy Beavers – Bailey Ambrosier, Prairie Dog – Diedre Kramer

TOP FAC's Judging Participants

Top senior and top intermediate both received a plaque and Honorable Mention received a certificate.

Top senior – Carissa Wentz, Honorable mention – Christopher Maddy

Top intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, and honorable mention – Molly Maddy

Family & Consumer Science and Other Areas

Clothing, senior – Megan Wentz, Intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Bryndon, Quentin Wentz

Dog care, intermediate – Katie Johnson

Fiber Arts, senior – Megan Wentz, Intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, Kylie Kinderknecht, Quentin Wentz, Bryndon Wentz

Foods and Nutrition, intermediate – Bryndon Wentz, Katie Johnson, Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz

Leadership, senior - Diedre Kramer

Pets, intermediate - Quentin Wentz

Photography, intermediate – Bryndon Wentz, Quentin Wentz

Visual Arts, intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz

Agriculture, Engineering and Other

Bucket Calf, intermediate - Drake Shearer

Plant Science, senior – Tyler Montgomery

Electric Energy, intermediate – Wyatt Wentz

Entomology, intermediate – Shane Cozad

Horse, intermediate – Carson Montgomery, Kortney Cunningham

Meat Goat, senior – Michael Callaway, Intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Bryndon Wentz

Space Tech, intermediate – Wyatt Wentz, Bryndon Wentz

Swine, senior – Tyler Montgomery, Intermediate – Carson Montgomery, Kylie Kinderknecht

Sheep, intermediate – Caden Kinderknecht

Wood Science, intermediate – Wyatt Wentz

Purple Seal Award

This award is the highest possible level a club can achieve in the Kansas 4-H Program. This achievement represents the work as a team, not an individual.

The Cedar Ridge 4-H Club has 34 members. The club worked on member attendance, Club Day entries, county fair entries, presentations skills and completing KAP's and Record Books. They hosted a county wide club pool party. They sold 600 boxes of donuts for a fundraiser, gave each family a club booklet to keep track of dates and progress of activities. They also have a very colorful and fact filled newsletter to families. They always have an interesting skit at Club Day for the kids to participate in. When Regional Club Day was cancelled, the club did their numbers at the Whispering Pines Retirement Center. The club is very fortunate to have about one third of their members as teens. In today's economy, they are trying to keep 4-H fun and economical.

The Prairie Dog 4-H Club has 20 members. They set aside a meeting for junior officers and parents to be in charge. The junior leaders are helping to work on programs, trying to keep good records and complete award applications. They promote local and community events. Members distributed fair promotion posters and did very specific project meetings as a group. They serve Cheer Baskets, Honor Bake and Take day, donate funds for the Animal Shelter and 13 of the members were involved in Discovery Days, served as camp counselor or were ambassadors. They share in the "4-H Sunday" activities in the church and communities of

Clayton and Norcatur.

"There are many opportunities for members to be on County and State committees and be involved in community leadership," said Club Leader, Mary Vanover.

Their 27 members had goals of public presentations, six community service projects, Record Book Completion, a fair booth "4-H, The Healthy Choice" and their members' exhibit at the County Fair. One of their goals was to challenge each club to donate monthly to God's Pantry for the entire year. The Busy Beavers 4-H Club completed several community service projects like providing toys for the Lions Club, delivered Meals on Wheels and collected items for the new baby of 2009. Their club stresses self confidence by giving all the opportunity to speak.

"For some young members, answering roll call correctly is a huge accomplishment," Vanover said.

The Busy Jayhawkers' 19 members had a variety of goals such as putting each family on a committee, exhibiting projects at the Fair, completing their Record books, participation in Club Day and Veteran's Day Parade and completing five service projects. Their fair booth "Pave Your Way Through 4-H" received grand champion and their Club Program Book is very informative. They try to do at least one service project a month from making pumpkins for hospital patients to serving refreshments at the Bloodmobile.

"Our 4-H club is always community minded because of the many things the community does for our 4-Hers," said Club Leader, Patsy Maddy.

Ambassadors

It is not a requirement to be a 4-H Ambassador. This program gives these older kids a little extra leadership experience. With this program, there are no specified award programs, the only reward these kids get is the satisfaction of helping others in the work they do. The 4-H Ambassadors help to promote the 4-H program and utilize leadership skills to be examples to other youth. They are involved in club, community and school or church related activities using their leadership in a variety of ways.

Ambassadors include: Austin Hager, Caleb Vanover, Dustyna Sprigg, Kyra Fulton, Hannah Fulton, Jade Braun, Anthony Wente, Jacob VanSkiike, Johnny Ruder, Eric Becker, Tyler Montgomery, Kegan Vanover, Megan Wentz, Kelsie Griffith, Michael Callaway, Morgan Baumann, Calen Bach, Dylan Sprigg, David Cressler, Christopher Maddy, Carissa Wentz, Melinda Becker, Diedre Kramer, Jade Cressler and Phillip Becker, Caleb Bach.

County Camp Counselor Award

Jade Braun, Morgan Baumann, Hannah Fulton, Kyra Fulton, Kelsie Griffith, Diedre Kramer, Christopher Maddy, Dylan Sprigg, Jacob VanSkiike, Carissa Wentz.

I Dare You Award

The American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Award is a unique opportunity for us to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. This award recognizes youth ages 15-18 years old who strive to do their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H Danforth's classic motivation book I Dare You! and may be nominated for the I Dare You Scholarship.

Melinda Becker is a 10 year 4-H member of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club. She has been active in the Ambassador program, KYLF and her club's community service projects. Melinda volunteers regularly at the Norton Theater and is always willing to help out in any way. Melinda enjoys helping with the school play and her church's activities. Melinda will be serving her club as president this coming year. She is the daughter of John and Ann Becker.

Bryce Lofgreen is an 11 year member of the Busy Jayhawker 4-H Club. His projects have included foods, citizenship, leadership and performing arts. Bryce's performing arts project has given him the opportunity to attend many shows and concerts. He has donated items to God's Pantry,

Lion's Club Food Basket and Bloodmobile cookies. Bryce will be serving on the Norton County 4-H Council this coming year. He is the son of Jon and Elaine Lofgreen.

Jacob VanSkiike is a 12 year member of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club where he has served as treasurer and council representative. Jacob is a projectionist at the Norton Theater, is an AYSO regional soccer referee and has been on four different mission trips to Juarez, Mexico, San Diego, Calif. and Window Rock, Ariz. The past 4 summers with his church. He has donated food to God's Pantry, made and delivered valentines to shut-ins and donated items for the elementary school reading program. He also helps with the children's programs and plays in the praise band at his church. He has served as a project leader in his club and has also served as a superintendent at the County Fair.

He also serves as a member on the State Aerospace Action Team and was also an aerospace judge at the Kansas State Fair. Jacob has taken part in a variety of judging contests and has been on several geology quiz bowls at the State Geology tour.

He has also attended KYLF, Discovery Days and attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga. as the State winner of the Pet Project Record Book. Jacob is a freshman at Nebraska Christian College studying worship music in Omaha. Jacob is the son of Karen and Keith VanSkiike.

Key Award

This award is unique to Kansas 4-H, and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship, and service to 4-H programs and the community. Recipients are selected through an application and evaluation process. To be considered for this award, a 4-H member must be at least 16 years old, have been a 4-H member for four or more years, enrolled in the

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Leroux also reported that the restrooms at Elmwood Park have been painted.

Leroux said a request has been made to separate the parks department into two different departments: cemetery and parks. It will be discussed at a later date.

A motion was made to approve Smokin' in the Barn for Aug. 27 and 28, 2010. Vote taken, motion passed.

Mayor David Corns discussed this year's sales tax receipts, saying they're ahead of last year's.

Jeff Otter reported on the last safety committee meeting. He said there have been problems

Haven

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made repairs to the roof.

Plotts said the next big project will be storm windows in the kitchen, and in the future a new roof will be needed.

"It will be a major expense," she said.

Plotts said visitors are a boost to Norton's economy because they spend money on groceries, gas and visits to Pamida and Dollar General.

The Haven is completely fund-

Veterans

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ing Veterans who will assemble at the parking lot of the Christian Church, 200 block on N. State St. in downtown Norton prior to 2 p.m. There will be vehicles available for those veterans who are unable to march to join with the Marching Veterans.

All horses and horse and wagons are asked to unload east of the practice football field, 800 block on N. First and line up accordingly on N. First, west of the East Campus.

Anyone who hasn't pre-registered, you are still encouraged to participate. Stop by the line-up booth in the East Campus Gymnasium, 600 N. State St and enter for a line up spot. For further information, call Jake Durham, (785) 877-1400 or Richard Wiltfong: (785) 877-2459.

4-H Leadership Project for four or more years and clearly have demonstrated leadership, citizenship and concern for others in the 4-H programs and their community. This award was introduced in 1952 and is given annually. The goal is to encourage young people to explore opportunities for community service and begin building leadership skills as they contribute to their community. Exploring such opportunities can lay a foundation for a lifelong commitment to citizenship and service that leads to building and improving community close to home and also in the larger world. The 4-H award is underwritten by the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Carissa Wentz is a 10 year member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club. She is involved with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and has been a Day Camp and County Camp counselor for several years. Carissa is also clothing project leader, club president and participated in several community service projects with her club. Carissa is the daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz.

Christopher Maddy is a 10 year member of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club. He has volunteered at the movie theater, donated blood and donated food to God's Pantry and the Lions Club food baskets as well as items for Accelerated Reader Program.

Christopher is active as his club's sheep project leader and is the 4-H Council President. He is the son of Dave and Patsy Maddy.

Michael Callaway is a five year member of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club. Michael is involved in helping his club collect aluminum cans for recycling and highway clean-up. He serves as a sheep project leader and club president. He is involved with woodworking, goats and visual arts and crafts. His is the son of Jeff and

Janette Callaway.

Diedre Kramer is a 10 year member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club. Diedre has helped her club by delivering baked goods and cheer baskets, helped with pork burger supper during the fair and has been involved with Cloverbuds and Ambassadors. She is a rocketry project leader and serves as Club Secretary. She is the daughter of Mary Vanover.

Friend of 4-H Award

Sponsored and selected by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given to an individual or couple who have provided long term leadership in the 4-H program. Long term leadership and involvement might include but is not limited to being a club leader, various project leader, guidance, support of various programs in 4-H related activities

Maxine and Roger (posthumous) Lowry

Both were community leaders for over 20 years, first with the Emmett Builders Club, then the Cedar Ridge Club. Maxine and Roger were project leaders in many areas including Foods, Livestock, Gardening, Recreation and Swine for over 20 years. As leaders, they sponsored County 4-H Day and developed a very good square dancing group with the clubs. They were superintendents at the fair for several years and always helped with the livestock auction and foods auction.

They served in a variety of leadership roles in 4-H for over 20 years. Members of their family have and are active as club leaders, Fair-board members, project leaders and 4-H supporters, their family legacy lives on in their children and grandchildren. Maxine is currently living in a nursing home in Logan. They are parents of Twila Dizmang, Bill, Don, Calvin and Max Lowry. Twila Dizmang and Calvin Lowry were special guests on hand to receive this award for their parents.

passed.

Foley discussed an offer by Kansas Department of Health and Environment to do work at the power plant. A motion was made to not to proceed with unmandated upgrades. Vote taken, motion passed.

She also updated the council on the Moffet building, saying a committee met to discuss the floor plans of the building. She said the meeting went well.

The city office will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. The next safety meeting will be held Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m., the next finance meeting will be held Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. The next council meeting will be held Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

with residents having bills turned over to collections and believing the agency they call is a scam. He said both he and Sheriff Troy Thomson have looked into the issue, and the agency is the one hired to do collections for municipal court.

Otter said a request has been made to put a street light at the corner of Kennedy and Armory Drive. The council discussed it but did not take any action.

Donna Foley reported on the last utility meeting. A change order for well five was discussed. The order will cost \$857 and is needed to keep the well active. A motion was made to complete the work. Vote taken, motion

ed through donations and the nominal fee charged to visitors.

"It gets tight, but we always seem to manage. We know it's what we're supposed to be doing," she said.

She said donations, toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates and monetary donations, are always welcome.

The facility supports the home by providing a crew to do laundry and make beds weekly.

"There is no way we could

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