

# FFA

(Continued from Page 1) secretary; Ashley Esslinger, treasurer; Cody Cook, reporter; Miranda Mock, sentinel; Caleb Vanover, historian.

The officers presided over the meeting.

President Juenemann welcomed everyone to the banquet and Vice-President Christopher Maddy gave the invocation.

### Parent's response

Following the delicious meal, Bruce Reeves gave the parent's response.

"My wife and I have had a daughter in FFA for 11 of the last 12 years," he said.

"FFA has expanded. When I was in FFA, classes were entirely based on production agriculture, wood shop and metals. Now, there are classes like ag business and management.

"We had the same number of students in vo-ag as we do in Norton but only a few of them were girls. Now, it looks like it is close to equal numbers of boys and girls. We didn't have hay rides, lock ins or the PALS program.

"We required each of our three daughters to take at least one year of vo-ag to try it and each of them enjoyed it enough to take it all four years. One who was very unhappy about having to take at least one year of vo-ag has enjoyed it enough that she decided to go to K-State for ag education and become an ag teacher.

"We have had the opportunity to watch our children grow and mature through the vo-ag program. They learned how to balance academics, sports, practice judging, ag contests, field trips and vocal programs. It has helped them learn how to budget time and what is important and what can wait. They have developed lasting friendships through FFA. They have learned that at times they have to turn down the opportunity for a fun activity to complete what they have to do or promised to do. To watch all three of our daughters mature and change in a positive manner is a testament about the



Keynote speaker at the Norton FFA Banquet was Hannah Miller, state FFA treasurer, a freshman at Kansas State University. She gave a very informative speech on the importance of being willing to take chances to reach success and not being afraid to fail.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

program and the extra time and effort put into it by the FFA members and Mr. Beydler.

"Thank you to all the members

and Mr. Beydler for all the time and effort they put into the FFA program to make it as successful as it is."

### Awards presentations

President Emily Juenemann presented appreciation awards to the many parents, alumni and other volunteers who have helped throughout the year.

Bryan Keiswetter, president of the Norton FFA Chapter in 1980, presented a plaque and U.S. Savings Bond to Christopher Maddy as his prize for selling the most FFA fruit. Keiswetter mentioned that it was Maddy's fourth straight year to win the fruit selling competition and, as a reward for his hard work, he doubled the value of the bond to \$100.

Representing the Norton County Farm Bureau, President Chris Tanner presented awards to the following senior FFA members: Cody Cook, Tyler Cook, Ashley Esslinger, Brandi Graham, Emil Juenemann, Kaenon Keiswetter, Christopher Maddy, Jessica Reeves and Caleb Vanover.

Glen Campbell awarded the William F. Campbell Memorial Scholarship to Cody Cook.

On behalf of the Norton FFA Alumni, Brandon Schulze awarded Alumni Scholarships to Cody Cook and Miranda Mock. Brandon also commended Mr. Beydler on the quality of the Norton FFA program.

Mr. Beydler presented the Lucas Maddy Scholarship to Christopher Maddy and the Anderson Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Reeves.

FFA scholarships were awarded by Mr. Beydler to Emily Juenemann, Jessica Reeves, Ashley Esslinger, Cody Cook, Miranda Mock and Caleb Vanover.

Mr. Beydler presented Proficiency Awards to the following FFA members: Wyatt Wentz, meat goat production; Caleb Vanover, equine placement; Ashley Esslinger, diversified livestock; Dylan Sprigg, Clayton Esslinger, beef production; Ryan Blecha, outdoor recreation; Cody Cook, ag mechanics; Kegan Vanover, veterinary science; Chance McMullen, diversified agriculture; Cody Smith, placement in diversified agriculture; R.J. Ellis, swine production; Alec Gilgenbach, placement in diversified ag production.

Mr. Beydler also presented these Star awards: Dylan Sprigg, Star Chapter Greenhand; Ashley Esslinger, Star Chapter Farmer; Caleb Vanover, Chapter Star in Ag Placement.

Cody Cook was also honored for being the High Point Chapter member and Wyatt Wentz was the High Point Greenhand. Mr. Beydler stated that Cody's total of 1,060 points could be a chapter record.

Northwest District accomplishments this school year by Norton FFA members were: Emily Juenemann, district treasurer; Cody Cook, district placement in ag mechanics proficiency award; Caleb Vanover, district placement in equine production proficiency award; Kegan Vanover, district placement in veterinary science proficiency award and R.J. Ellis, district sentinel candidate.



During the Norton FFA Banquet, Advisor Garrett Beydler praised his chapter officers and thanked them for their dedication. They are from left, Cody Cook, reporter; Christopher Maddy, vice-president; Emily Juenemann, president; Jessica

Reeves, secretary; Miranda Mock, sentinel; Ashley Esslinger, treasurer; Caleb Vanover, historian.

—Telegram photo by Dick

State accomplishments are: Ashley Esslinger, Emily Juenemann, Caleb Vanover, state degree recipients and Jessica Reeves, state FFA chorus.

Included in the outstanding fruit sales along with Christopher Maddy were Cody Cook and Ashley Esslinger.

Emily Juenemann announced that Nanette and Michael Colip would receive a Distinguished Service Award. They were not present so the award was accepted by Michael's parents, Joan and Merlynn Colip.

Michael was an outstanding Norton FFA member and served as chapter president his senior year. Michael and wife Nanette currently reside in Colorado where both are medical doctors. The Colips generously donated \$2,500 to be used by the Norton FFA chapter. The funds will be used to update equipment and for FFA scholarships.

Angie also thanked Cargill/Dekalb for making a generous donation to the Norton FFA through a new program started this year to help local chapters. For each bag of seed sold to a cooperating farmer, one who donates one dollar for each bag purchased, Cargill donates two dollars. Clint Einspahr, area representative, accepted a certificate and pen set as a thank you for their donation of approximately \$3,000.

Area farmers who participated in the program donated a total of \$1,500. Receiving certificates for their participation were A&N Farms, Ivan Bohl, Roger Braun, D&C Cattle, Dave Donovan, Lyle Fisher, Jim Frack, Alan Hale, Harting Farms, Rusty Miller, Dan Skrdlant, Marvin Stutheit and Chris Tanner.

Charlotte Stephenson received a gift certificate for her assistance to the chapter throughout the year. Ashley Esslinger made the presentation.

Student teacher Luke Borst was introduced and received an appreciation certificate and gift from the chapter.

### Honorary members

The officers inducted Tara and Kevin Esslinger and Angie and Lee Juenemann into the chapter as honorary members for their support of the Norton FFA Chapter.

### High points

The following Norton FFA members who have earned at least 400 points this year were recognized. They are: Robert Blecha, Cody Cook, R.J. Ellis, Alec Gilgenbach, Christopher Maddy, Meaghan Peterson, Dylan Sprigg, Kegan Vanover, Wyatt Wentz, Ryan Blecha, Cassius Dole, Ashley Esslinger, Emily Juenemann, Miranda Mock, Jessica Reeves, Caleb Vanover, Lane Vanover, Cody Smith, Dalton Miller, Chance McMullen, Alexis Lively, David Cressler.

### Keynote speaker

Hannah Miller, FFA state treasurer, a Kansas State University freshman in ag economics from Chapman/Enterprise, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

"I am definitely a farm girl," she told the audience. "I was the crazy child who got into trouble because she either would forget to feed her bucket calf or she was falling off something and hurting herself. At the age of ten, fear had little meaning to me. Nothing ever stood in the way or hindered me from accomplishing the impossible.

"Well, this day wasn't any different. At my grandparents' home one day, my cousins and I decided it would be a great idea to go jump on the hay bales. At first, the jumps weren't too hard but then there was a gap of roughly five feet between the bale I was standing on and the next one that was a little taller.

"Jumping from this bale to the next would be the ultimate challenge. As I looked down to the ground below, I realized that there was a sticker bush waiting for me. I knew there was a huge possibility that when I jumped, I could fall right into those stickers. It was a risk worth taking though.

"I pushed myself off the bale

and my body headed to the ground, into the stickers. My arms were covered in scratches from trying to claw my way up the bale. I tried again with the same results and saw my cousins laughing.

"This situation had two possible outcomes: either I make it to the other side successfully, or fall to the ground. I realized at age ten that I could not make that jump. As humans, we are bound to fail once or twice in our lifetime. Without taking that first jump, we are not able to truly succeed. If we're afraid to jump, we will never learn from our experiences and we will never take hold of opportunity.

"There are times in our life that we may fall flat on our face or what we wanted may not have the outcome we had hoped but no matter what happens, we learn from the experience.

"By my junior year in high school, I had served as a district officer the year before and thought running again was a perfect option for me. When banquet time rolled around, I gave my speech in front of delegates, answered my questions for them and felt good and accomplished for my work.

"I was overcome with shock when I didn't get the office. My mother made me realize that I thought I would get the office no matter what and that too much confidence came back to bite me.

"It has always amazed me that we can learn more from what we don't get than from what we do get. After pondering it for awhile, I came to the realization that my full focus wasn't on getting a district office. Instead, my focus was on a million other things and I just assumed I would be a shoe in.

"We learn a lot about ourselves from the obstacles we overcome or the goals that just don't make it and it's okay to be disappointed in life. Don't be afraid to jump, then fall. Don't let fear hold you back.

"During my sophomore year in high school, I turned down a chance to be on the senior livestock judging team. How dumb was I? I have been showing cattle and hogs since before I could walk and still said no. Fear determined what I could and couldn't do. With a little practice and work, I could've had some remarkable experiences but I will never know because of that two-letter word.

"When we let fear rule what we can and can't do, we hinder what we are truly capable of. It could possibly change your life if you go for it. It's always hard to overcome not getting something you really wanted but you must realize that just going for it is half the battle. Never hold back from what you truly want. You never know what is going to happen but taking those risks and realizing that you can do it is all that matters.

"Try something new this year. Run for a chapter office or go out for that spot on a team. It is 100 percent okay to take a huge jump just like I did when jumping on those hay bales and falling instead. Someone once said, 'the only failure in life is the failure to try'.

"FFA members, never be afraid to jump, then fall."

The audience enjoyed a slide show of photos taken during the year's activities. It was produced by Jessica Reeves.

The outgoing officers presented some gifts to Mr. Beydler and each officer made some personal comments about their beloved advisor.

### New officers

New Norton FFA Chapter officers were sworn in by this year's officers. They are: Ryan Blecha, president; R.J. Ellis, vice-president; Robert Blecha, secretary; Dalton Miller, treasurer; Kegan Vanover, reporter; Dylan Sprigg, sentinel; Cody Ellis, historian.

The new officers concluded the banquet with the closing ceremonies and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

# BOZIE

(Continued from Page 1) Rowley. The two worked together for over 17 years.

Bozie said a lot of changes have taken place since he started.

"There's been a lot of changes. I think I've done it all," he said.

He said he went back to school to learn about coloring and perms, something he didn't care for.

"I started as a barber, and I'm dying as a barber," he said.

Another change is the cost of getting a haircut. Bozie said during the Depression a haircut cost 25 cents. People who could find work made \$1 a day and spent 25 percent of a day's income on a haircut.

Prices have climbed with a haircut in a bigger city costing \$20.

Bozie said two things have never happened in his store—someone dying and someone giving birth,

although a woman went into labor hours after leaving Bozie's shop one day.

Another highlight for Bozie was his involvement with St. Jude Children's Hospital. He raised over \$1,500 for their "Style-A-Thon, an event he called the highlight of his career.

Bozie said he plans to spend more time with his family. He and his wife Deloros raised four children.

Bozie is the third barber in his family. His grandfather and uncle were both barbers in Lenora.

"Between the three of us, we have over 100 years of experience," he said.

Bozie closed his shop permanently last week.

"If people hadn't been so good to me, I wouldn't have been here 60 years," he said.

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