

Norton FFA attends state

Singing in front of a crowd can be nerve racking. Leading a group of peers can be as well. For five individuals of the Norton FFA Chapter, leading may be the easier of the two. Members of the Norton FFA Chapter joined over 225 Kansas FFA members at the 2010 State Conference for Chapter Leaders, held July 5 to July 7 at Rock Springs Ranch south of Junction City. They were on a quest to further develop their ability to lead their local FFA chapter. Upon the members arrival "The Race Was On," as the six state FFA officers related racing, specifically the Triple Crown horse races, to serving and developing as a leader.

Members who attended the conference were: Abby Bainter, Robert Blecha, Ryan Blecha, Dylan Sprigg, and Kegan Vanover. The chapter advisor is Mr. Garrett Beydler.

State Conference for Chapter Leaders gives chapter FFA leaders the chance to explore new tempos for their up-coming year of service. Key points the members learned and experienced during the conference included: vision, expectations, purpose, and growth, being a role model, challenging the status quo, and creating a shared vision. Through workshops facilitated by both the state FFA officers and a select group of agricultural education instructors, the students experienced the importance of these points first hand.

One of FFA's primary focuses has always been instilling premier leadership in its leaders, and this has shown. Due to personal

growth and team building conferences, such as State Conference for Chapter Leaders, FFA members across the state have been noticed. One group that has noticed this unique aspect was Cargill, an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services. On July 7, Cargill representatives Meghan Mueseler, and Laci Adams visited the conference and provided perspective about the parallels that Cargill and FFA have in regards to leadership in agriculture. Cargill's strong background in leadership made them a perfect partner for the event.

Kansas FFA President Andrew Strasburg said, "I saw 32 amazing teams of chapter officers come together and grow as individual leaders and as a team this week. The knowledge and skills that they gained at this conference will assist them in helping their chapters grow and succeed over the next year."

The State Conference for Chapter Leaders is presented by the Kansas FFA State Officer Team, the Kansas FFA Association, and sponsored in part Cargill.

The Kansas FFA Association is part the National FFA Organization and has 7,600 student members preparing for careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture in 162 local chapters across the state. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ksffa.org for more information.

Local youth selected to represent Kansas

Special to the Norton Telegram

Melinda Becker of Lenora was selected to represent Kansas on the Youth Leadership Council of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The conference agenda included leadership and team building exercises, meeting Capitol Hill staff members who are "alumni" of National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, and a competition to select the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's National Youth Spokesperson.

While in Washington, the Youth Leadership Council members gain a broader understanding of cooperatives through the discussions with Glenn English, CEO, of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Sheldon Peterson, governor of the National Rural Cooperative Finance Corporation and Bob Phillips, CEO of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative.

Becker's electric co-op experience began in June when she attended the Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington with nearly 1,500 high school students sponsored by their local electric cooperatives.

She was sponsored by Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Norton.

During the trip, Kansas Electric Cooperatives selected Becker to serve on the Youth Leadership Council representing Kansas and attend the Leadership Conference.

"Before I actually went there, D.C. was just a place in my history. This trip humbled me when I thought about all the sacrifices it took to make our country great,"

Becker said. "I have a new perspective. I feel more thankful for for what I have. We are preparing ourselves for the future with peers from across the country, thanks to Prairie Land and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. We will expand our knowledge of the American political system broaden our understanding of cooperatives and develop our leadership skills."

All 44 members of the Youth Leadership Council will participate in the 2011 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual meeting in Orlando. They will provide assistance to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association staff and co-op delegates; participate in the parade of states at the opening general session and take part in a variety of educational activities.

Kansas Electric Cooperative is the statewide service organization for the rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. Formed in 1941 and headquartered in Topeka, Kansas Electric Cooperative represents the interests of and provides needed services and programs to the electric co-ops that serve in Kansas. Today, Kansas Electric Cooperative serves 29 distribution electric cooperatives and three generation and transmission electric cooperatives providing electricity to more than 200,000 Kansas households and to approximately 80 percent of the land mass.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization representing the nation's more than 900 private, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to 42 million people in 47 states.

JENNINGS NEWS

Katlyn Schieflin of Overland Park is enjoying a few days visit with her grandmother, Sue Long.

Descendants of Adrian Mowry held their family reunion at the Sunflower Senior center, July

24th. Among the relatives here were Marge Hartzog and Dorothy Vacura.

If you have news I would appreciate getting an e-mail, letter or may be you could drop it off at our house, please.

Five mile walk delivers a great donation to pantry!



The Jubilee Charity Walk/Run donated \$300 to God's Pantry. Scott Sproul of the Lenora Jubilee and Connie Johnson of God's Pantry discuss how beneficial the donation will be to the Pantry. The third annual event had 29 participants, 8 of which were children. The total distance

covered was five miles. This year's adult winner was John Nelson, originally from Lenora. The event is growing rapidly year to year and they hope to keep it going for many more to come.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Hall of Fame honors Kansas rodeo contractor

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo stock contractor Bennie Beutler has been inducted into the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association's Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs.

Beutler, who is the third generation to be involved in the family business of Beutler and Son Rodeo Co., was one of five inductees for this year to the Hall of Fame.

Three rodeo committeemen from Phillipsburg made the trip to see Beutler's induction. Steve Bruning, Danzy Price, and Rod Innes were there to witness the induction of Beutler and four others: bullfighter Rex Dunn, Ada, Okla., world champion bareback rider Paul Mayo, Sutherland

Springs, Texas, world champion saddle bronc rider John McBeth, Andover, Kan., and National Finals Rodeo bull rider Denny Flynn, Charleston, Ark. Bruning said one of the neat things about the induction was that all five members were from the same era. "This is the older cowboys, the ones a lot of us grew up watching and admiring over the years," he said. As each inductee spoke, he told stories about his peers. Bruning related a funny story about Bennie at the ceremony. "He was the only one who didn't go up (to the podium) with any notes, and he forgot to thank his wife. He had to hurry back and grab the mike and thank her," he said.

For committeeman Bob Quanz, having Beutler and Son Rodeo Co. as stock contractor at Kansas' Biggest Rodeo "makes our rodeo a lot better. They've been in the business for so long, and as far as I'm concerned, they're one of the premier companies in the business." Quanz, a long time rural Phillipsburg resident, has been on the committee for 25 years, and has watched Bennie's kids and nieces and nephews grow up as the family returned to Phillipsburg each summer to put on the rodeo. "We watched those kids grow up. They used to have a heck of a good time here (as kids)."

Bruning agrees with Quanz

about the importance of having Beutler as the rodeo's stock contractor. Having them provide livestock "accents the quality of the Phillipsburg rodeo, because we have a quality contractor who is recognized in his industry as one of the very top, who is still in business today and continues to grow."

This year will be Beutler and Son Rodeo Co.'s 51st year of providing horses and bulls at Kansas' Biggest Rodeo. Bennie's son Rhett, the fourth generation of Beutlers to run the business, is now involved with his father and his children, daughter Taylor, 6, and Jake, 3, travel with their family.

Sheriff's Log

June 19

9:29 p.m. Public serviced above 911 call with 785, 913 and 620. Operator advised call is unable to be completed.

9:38 p.m. Received a 911 call from the above trac-phone, little girl wondering if wasps bite or sting.

10:10 p.m. Received a 911 call from subject advising he thinks someone was in an accident just north of mile marker 214 on Highway 283. There is a white car pulled over and someone standing in front of it and a black pickup backing up to car.

10:14 p.m. Public serviced Deputy Bohl, no answer.

10:16 p.m. Deputy Bohl called, I advised him of possible accident on Highway 283 just north of mile marker 214.

10:43 p.m. Received a 911 call from subject. Thinks they hit something but don't know what. They are about 1/2 mile north of Road Y on Highway 283.

10:45 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl of above accident on Highway 283.

11:01 p.m. Received a 911 call from subject of a white car sitting alongside the road about 1/2 mile north of Road H with the flashers

on, don't see anyone around and thinks they might have hit a deer.

11:24 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl of above report once done with other accident report.

11:32 p.m. Received a 911 call about a vehicle in front of them with Kansas tags that is only going about 45 miles per hour and is swerving.

They are heading towards Lenora on K-9 from mile marker 27.

11:34 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl of above report.

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