 Plainville on Saturday, May 14

## Local athletes show off skills at Pitch, Hit and Run Sectionals

By HARRIETT GILL
hgill@nwkansas.com On April 30, the Norton Rec reation Commission sponsored Pitch Hid annual local Aquafina The event had twelve competition. that were able to proge winners Sectional competition that was held in Plainville on Saturday May 14.
The day was windy and cold but the enthusiasm was not comp ned. The event coincided with the Little Kids track meet held in Norton, but arrangements were made to allow the No
The participants competed in six pitches for accuracy, the best of three hits off the tee for accuracy and distance and a timed run from second base to home
plate. Points were awarded based plate. Points were awarded based
oinciding with the results of each competition. Eight Norton tudents placed in the Sectional competition

7-8 Girl
Tessa Hauser, won all three 50 points in hitting. 247 in rung; 50 points in hitting; 247 in runing. Her total was $3 / 2$

## -8 Boys

Jonah Ruder, placed 3rd, with 0 points in pitching; 50 points in total was 287.

9-10 Girls
Carol Schoenthaler, placed 1st, with 75 points in pitching; 170 unning. Her total was 488 . Hadley Hauser, placed 3rd, with 75 points in pitching; 100 points in hitting and 184 points in unning. Her total was 359 9-10 Boys
with 50 points in pitching; 208 in hitting; and 181 in running. His total was 439.

11-12 Boys
Jace Ruder, placed 2nd, with 75 points in pitching; 282 in hitting; and 241 in running. His total was 598.
Mitchell Hickman, placed 3rd, with 150 points in pitching; 218 in hitting and 137
total was 505 .

13-14 Boys
Gavin Lively, won all three events with 225 pitching, 310 in total was 838 .
The highest scores in the Sectional will advance to Districts
held later in the season. Scores will be compared with other Sectional winners to determine the District competitors. District competition is held during a KC competition is held dur

## Top Chapter awards to local FFA

Banquet was held April 29 , hon oring the top District FFA Chap ters and Members. The Norton FFA Chapter received several awards. As a Chapter, The Senior Division which includes 2-4th Sear FFA Members received the e Greenhand Division which is the 1st year FFA Members. This award is given to the top Placing Chapters in the state for placing welt at Judging Contests
throughout the year. Dalton Miller accepted the Senior Division Sweepstakes award and Zach EsDivision Sweepstakes award for the Norton Chapter
Norton FFA also received the with Atwood Elis. Hill City Oakley, Phillipsbu, Hill City Russell, Smith Center \& Suinter Cody Ellis Accented \& Stockton, e Norton Chapter Red Brand Barbed wire pre sented 3 area Chapters with check for every purchase of Red Branc
Wire purchased by the area agri Wire purchased by the area agri-
culturists. A portion is awarded to the local FFA Chapter. Kolton Harting accepted the check from Ninemire Fencing
Other Awards given were Dis Tot Proficiency Awards. Two Norton FFA Members receiv Vanover. Kegan won the Distric Veterinary Science Proficienc Award for his Supervised Agricul ture Experience Program (SAE) for working at Norton Anima Health. Caleb received the Equine working for Genther Farms. Norton also had two young me from the Norton FFA Chapter re ceive the State FFA Degree. Thi degree of membership is awarded to the top FFA members in the State of Kansas
are as follows:
Received a Chapter FFA De
months) at the time of receiving he State FFA Degree
Have completed at least 2 years ( 360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes an SAE. Have earned and productively
invested at least $\$ 1,000$, or have invested at least $\$ 1,000$, or have of scheduled class time through of sched
Demonstrated leadership abil ity by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, giving a six-minute speech on a topic serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson, or committee member.
Have a satisfactory academic record, certified by the agriculture teacher and the school principal or superintendent.
Participated in the planning and Programentation of the
rogram of Activities.
Participated in at least five dif fartichat FFA activities five dif ferent FFA ac
Complete at
Complete at least 25 hours of mum of two different activities All community service hours are cumulative, i.e. the 10 community service hours used to obtain the chapter degree can be used toward the state degree.
Robert Blecha and David Cressler were awarded with the State FFA Degree. They received Certificates for their degrees and will receive their State FFA pins at the Kansas State FFAConvention University May at Kansas State University.
Dylan Sprigg also received top honors receiving the District Star This is awarded to the top outstanding first year FFA Member in the NW District. Dylan also received the Chapter Greenhand last year for the Norton Chapter. Elections of the NW District of ficer Candidates were also chosen

Eistrict banquet. Resumes were sent to the area Chapter Advisors to share with their Delegates. During the Banquet the Candidate gives a three minute speech to the Delegates and then winners are announced during the Business Portion of the Banquet.
RJ Ellis from our local Chapter RJ Ellis from our local Chapter
was elected Secretary of NW was elected Secretary of NW
District Secretary for the 2011-12 school year.

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$\square$struck an embankment and rolled over, causing a passenger to be ejected from the automobile. The Pontiac came to a rest on its top facing north. The injured parties were taken by Norton County the Norton County Hospital
May 2: A 1999 Ford driven
Jarrod Davis, Norton, was traveling east on Highway 36 when he struck a deer in the roadway.
and he is always willing to help. His attendance is good as well. I believe he should be recognized for the effort he puts forth here at NCHS.
Factoids about Carson Favorite Class : Art
Favorite Drink: Favorite Drink: Sundrop ai-
 Topaz-Sapphire Blue Topaz-Sapphire Blue
Favorite Food : A pasta, except for spa ghetti, it's not my pref erence. Favorite Movie Ghost World "Favorite Saying "We, we, we, so excit-
ed." Favorite Song: Planet Telex by Radiohead Favorite Hang out: The White Favo
House
Personal Hero : Richard Nix
Future Plans : Undecided.

## Five generations



With the birth of Rayden Thomas Horesky, the Horesky family has five living generations. Rayden is the son of Andrew Horesky, Bird City. He was born on Feb. 14 Pictured left to right, Mary Jo Horesky, Jim Horesky, baby Rayden Horesky, Andrew

## SheriffAccident Log

May 1: A 2002 Pontiac SunAlmena, was traveling Chandler, Almena, was traveling west on a
county road when she lost control of the vehicle on loose gravel She overcorrected and the vehicle entered into the north ditch,

May 5: A 2007 Ford Taurus accidentoccurred at 3:12 p.m. and driven by Patty Fisher, Norton, was investigated by Deputy Adam was east bound on Highway K-9 Wahlmeier when a raccoon ran out in front of her vehicle. May 11: A 2006 Ford F260 driven by Barbara Brooks, Clayriven by William Biel, Logan ton, was traveling east on Highwas traveling east on Highway, 9 way 36 when a deer ran onto the when his vehicle left theroadway. striking the animal. The accident The Ford entered the ditch and hit occurred at 8 a.m. and was invesa tree, coming to rest on its side. tigated by Deputy Adam WahlThe driver was taken to the hospi- meier. No injuries were reported tal in Kearney by helicopter. The to the driver of the vehicle.
Memorial Day
is a time to pray for the peace of the
souls of our brave soldiers who have lost
their lives on the warfront fearlessly,
gladly giving their blood to color our
lives with happiness and freedom!
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