Students present last concert of year

Twenty-one seniors were among the band members who performed their last concert for Norton Community High School this past Tuesday evening. The concert band as well as individual groups performed the pieces they took to state competition. Some teachers even got in on the action. Awards were given to the Art students and finally Melinda Becker was awarded the John Philip Sousa Band Award for her accomplishments. Front row from the left: Melinda Becker, Dustyna Sprigg, Jordan Brown, Rhees Carlson. Middle row: Julia Kent, Katelyn Englebert, Cristine Nelson, Abby Smith and Rachel Shepard. Back row: Gun Lee, Cassius Dole, Ty Burns and Andrew Otter.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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will require that the clerk's office verify all voters' signatures, which will require all the registration cards be put in a computer. The new law will also require new voters to supply a birth certificate and photo ID, County Clerk Robert Wyatt said.

"Right now we don't even have the equipment to do that," he said.

• Heard that several cemetery officials in the county have gotten a letter indicating the county was going to stop mowing operations there. Since the county hasn't sent out any letters, the commissioners asked to see one thinking that it came from a third-party contract mower. "We don't want to step on toes," Wyatt said of the mowing questions.

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Hayden

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States and Tribes, a group which represents the interests of state governments and Native Americans in the world's third-largest river basin.

Board members of the seven states are their chief water engineers and wildlife executives, so he's familiar with the group.

He'll be replacing David Pope, who had been Kansas' water engineer. The office will move from Topeka to his current hometown, Lawrence.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It involves a lot of preservation of natural resources."

He noted that he had been governor in 1987 when the former Norton State Hospital, a tuberculosis sanitarium, was about to close.

The Legislature passed a bill converting it to a state prison at a time when the inmate population was expanding.

"Fortunately, we were able to convert it to a correctional facility that provides a lot of jobs," he said.

He said he thought the state park and the adjacent wildlife area are important to Norton and Norton County.

One thing he was able to do while at Wildlife and Parks was negotiate a "minimum pool" agreement with the Almena Irrigation District.

That guaranteed that farmers would not drain the reservoir in dry years, eliminating both the fish and the business they bring in, in return for state payments.

The 10-year agreement is about halfway through its term, he noted.

"If we hadn't had that agreement," he said, "we'd be 15 feet (of reservoir level) below where we're at now."

His biggest accomplishment in his final state job? Adding more acres to public hunting, fishing and recreation areas.

"I'm a very strong supporter of public land," he said, "and Kansas has the smallest proportion of public land in the country.

"It's gonna be hard to get people to come here and recreate if we don't have public land."

Asked about the new governor's reorganization of Wildlife and Parks, which has been restructured to include state tourism promotion efforts, he replied: "The jury's still out on that. We do need to promote outdoor recreation as tourism.

"Nebraska tried that seven-eight years ago and it didn't work out. But we have to try new things."

Kansas has been dead last among states in tourism promotion spending, he noted, and most of the state's efforts seem to be directed at getting convention business into the larger cities.

He said that his replacement, Secretary Robin Jennison, another former speaker of the House, does not have a professional degree in wildlife, as most former wildlife executives have had. (Mr. Hayden holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's from Fort Hays State, both in biology and wildlife, a lifelong passion.)

MEMORIAL DAY
5-30-11
There will be NO paper on Monday, May 30 or Tuesday, May 31

This is due to the holiday weekend and the office being closed on Monday, May 30. The Monday EXTRA and Tuesday's paper will be combined and distributed Wednesday, June 1 just as the regular Monday EXTRA would be, free to everyone in Norton

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Poach

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The men were arrested in early December on charges of illegally killing trophy-size mule deer. They were arrested in the Lyle area.

Besides the three who have pleaded guilty to the reduced charges, Mark Jacobs and Paul J. Jacobs were also arrested and booked into the Decatur County Jail.

State wildlife officers seized 12 bucks in all, a mix of white tail and mule deer, and piled them high on a trailer which was parked that day in front of the courthouse.

Among the pile of carcasses was at least one deer that meets the requirements for a trophy buck, which means the inside spread of its antlers measured at least 22 inches.

Several days after the first arrests, charges were filed against two local men, David and Jake Swisher.

No plea has been entered by the remaining four men.

JENNINGS NEWS

Sunflower Senior citizens enjoying carry-in potluck supper and social hour at the center Tuesday evening, May 10 were: Bob and Neoma Tacha, Agnes Wahlmeier, Rachel Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, and Wayne and Louise Cressler. The next carry-in potluck will be held June 14.

An exciting Children's Reading Program at the City Library Saturday morning, May 14 was well attended by: Candace, Sidney, Rayna and Abe Taylor, Malilah, Mason, Madilyn and Maddox Green, Taryn and Jordan Fleckenstein, Clayton and Anna Carter; Madison and Abby DuBois and Jayden and Trent Fenner. The group will meet again at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, to finish their projects they have started. Part of the group went to the Senior Center after the reading program and practiced their songs for the Alumni program.

The Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 28 in the Sunflower Senior Center, not the City Hall. The center is in the basement of the Hall.

Jennings American Red Cross Blood Drive held Saturday May 14 was a big success. Thanks to all who gave blood.

Good luck to the Class of 2011!

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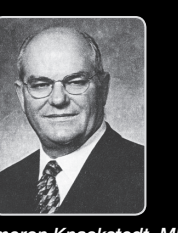
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