

Norton students excel on state tests

Norton Community Schools had 156 students recognized for having attained the Standard of Excellence on the 2003 state assessment tests. Each of the students received a certificate of recognition from the State Board of Education for their achievement.

Eisenhower Elementary School was recognized for meeting the Standard of Excellence in math and science in the fourth grade. Only 29.3 percent of the schools in the state met the standard in math while 13.9 percent met the standard in science.

Norton Community High School was also recognized for meeting the Standard of Excellence in Math and Science at the tenth grade. Only 11.8 percent of the schools in the state met the standard in math while 12.3 percent of the schools met the standard in science.

Attaining the Standard of Excellence is the mark of a school where student learning has been made a high priority, school officials said. Individual students receiving awards were:

- Fifth Grade**
Cole Archer, Troy Bainter, Melinda Becker, Billy Broeckelman, Maia Carlson, Randy Cochran, Dakota Dreher, Kyra Fulton, Caleb Goss, Justin Griffith, Katie Grose, Kaid McKenna, Zoey Meyers, Sophie Mills, Jacob Mizell, Tanner Morel, Kaylen Rossi, Spencer Shirk, Dustyna Sprigg, Rylee Stanley, Rebekah Streck, Lindsey Tacha, Brett Terrell, Jade Braun, John Koch, David Mizell and Chris Pinzenscham.

- Sixth Grade**
Cody Cook, Allison Corbin, Austine Dole, Ashton Draper, Kendra Engelbert, Marcus Herman, Lacy Keilig, Corey Lewis, Christopher Maddy, Matthew Miller, Casey Robison, Jake Romey and Kaitlyn Wolf.

- Seventh Grade**
Phillip Becker, Kerby Brandyberry, Vernon Carlton, Zachary Dreher, Lucy Gosselein, Emily Grose and Kara Jo Jones.

- Eighth Grade**
Timothy Becker, Carson Braun, Jared Cox, Lacy Ellis, Nolan Evans, Tanner Griffith, Preston Herman, Bryttani Porter, Travis Ray and Aaron Vanderwege.

- Freshmen**
Justin Bainter, Annette Becker, Jared Engelbert, Morgan Kauten, Gena Myers, Maggie Nielsen, Nathan Pollock, Mathew Shepard, Thomas Vilar, Kayleigh Brooks, Rachael Engelsman, Morgan Kauten and Kent Mann.

- Juniors**
Jessica Duscher, Amber Engelbert, Nicholas Evans, Jason Green, Josh Jackson, Alisha Keiswetter, Shadrick Kendell, Ryan Maddy, Stacy Reeves, Justin Shirk, Michael Sprigg, Rachel Baxa, Shannon Jones, Korey Look, Seth Mills, David Sheley and Kylee Witt.

- Seniors**
Eric Burton, Michael Crowder, Charles Foley, Joel Griffiths, Charlie Kohfeld, Ashton Lofgreen, Kai Mann, Mark Smith, Nyblon, Kolleen McMullen, Joel Nielsen, C.J. Thiele, Curtis Black, Ian Conkey, Melissa Jensen and Kevin Lentz.



Jennifer and Jamie Wildeman

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Wildeman (Jennifer Brooks)

Jennifer Brooks, Lenora, became the bride of Jamie Wildeman, also of Lenora, on Oct. 25, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville.

Father Kerry Ninemire, uncle of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Kathy (Ninemire) and Ralph Rinke and Jerry and Margaret Mahler. The grooms parents are Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings.

Honored guests were grandparents of the couple Jeanine Rinke, Pratt; Frank Bouts, Selden; and Virginia Wildeman, Grainfield.

The church was decorated with violet and purple lilies, white roses and ivy. The pews were festooned with white bows from Linda Wahlmeier and the altar candles were encircled with wreaths of ivy and purple and lavender flowers. Mashelle Johnson, Lenora, provided the flowers.

Janet Meitl, Dresden, a friend of the groom, was the organist. She played Canon in D for the processional and The Wedding March as the recessional. Cheri McKeever, Lenora, a friend of the bride, was the vocalist. She sang "Keeper of the Stars" and "Me and You".

The bride, wearing a white satin gown with an embroidered bodice and a cathedral train, was escorted to the altar by her son Jacob Brooks.

Jessica Clark, Manhattan, served her sister as maid of honor. Lisa Willson, Wichita, a friend of the bride; Joni Clark, Wichita, sister of the bride; and Joni Wildeman, Pratt, sister of the groom were the bridesmaids. They wore lilac satin floor-length gowns with spaghetti straps.

The bride's personal attendant was her friend, Susie Nelson, Wichita.

The bride's daughter, Hanna Brooks, was the flower girl. She wore a white satin, tea-length, sequined and sleeveless dress.

Jaquan Goodridge, nephew of the bride was the ring bearer.

Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., and friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were

friends of the groom, Justen Nokes, McCook, Chance Yoder, Hugoton and Cody Bridgeman. Jacob Brooks, son of the bride, was the junior groomsman.

Ushers were Clay Rush, Colby, brother-in-law of the groom; and friends of the groom, Bart Brooks, Clayton, Chris Scheetz, Lenora, and Brady Hageman, McCook.

The guest book and gift table was attended by Tammy Gerlits.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held in the Leoville Parish Hall. Daryl and Marge Hartzog and Gary and Jeanie Gawith, Jennings, served as hosts.

A white, three-layer wedding cake was made by Violet Krizek, Jennings. It featured violet and purple flowers with a satin ribbon swag. Cake servers were Jessica Rush, Colby, sister of the groom and friends of the couple, Kim Georgeson, Lenora, and Anna Casperon, St. Libory, Neb.

Dennis and Shawn Spresler led the wedding march and Stan McEvoy deejayed the dance.

The couple has postponed a honeymoon trip until a later date.

Mrs. Wildeman graduated from Wichita State University with a general studies degree. She is a full-time nursing student through Colby Community College, Norton Annex at Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Wildeman earned a degree in ag business from Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., and is employed as a combination technician with Rural Telephone Service Co., Lenora.

Mr. and Mrs. Wildeman are making their home in Lenora.

More studies needed on twin-row system

Many of you may have seen a new twin-row planting system developed by Great Plains in farm press magazines.

The implement is a drill that has a unit that is supposed to enhance the dispersion of seed to accurately plant crops like corn.

This would allow a farmer to buy one piece of equipment to plant both winter and summer crops. The idea is very appealing, and there may be some other benefits such as better plant spacing and quicker canopy closure.

To evaluate this in our area, large dryland field studies were conducted evaluating the twin row system from Great Plains to a 30-inch conventional planted crops.

Sponsoring companies have been Hoxie Implement who supplied the twin row planter with additional sponsorship from Pioneer with corn in 2002 and DeKalb with corn and Fontanelle with grain sorghum.

Even though weather conditions have been bad these past two summers, there was some usable information collected.

In 2002, the twin-row system failed to plant consistently at two locations. Corn stands were extremely erratic ranging from 8,000 to 17,500 plants/acre. The desired stand was 18,000, which was achieved with a 30-inch conventional planter.

These plots were not harvested due to the drought. Needless to say, everyone was disappointed, but there was a consistent thought that low seed to soil contact was to blame for the poor performance of the twin-row planter.

In 2003, Hoxie Implement replaced the springs on the twin-row planter with stronger ones to increase down pressure to increased seed to soil contact. This improved performance. The desired population was achieved for the corn and

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grain sorghum with an exception. When the twin row planter was traveling over a terrace there did appear to be more skips in corn or grain sorghum than when comparing to a row planted with a conventional planter.

The twin-row system also took more area to prime than a conventional planter.

Fortunately, plots at Norcatur were able to be harvested this past summer. For corn although yields were low, there was no significant difference between corn planted on conventional 30 inch rows, 31.5 bu/A, when compared to corn planted with the twin-row planter, 27.4 bu/A. The same is true for the grain sorghum. There was no difference between the twin-row system at 54.6 bu/A and the conventional system at 52.3 bu/A.

The drought has impaired the evaluation of the twin-row system the past two summers. However, due to the improved operation exhibited by the twin-row system this past year, preliminary results would indicate that farmers should look at the twin-row planter. More field trials will be conducted.

For more information on the twin row planter comparison, please click-on the "Block 2 Dryland and Irrigated Results" at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2, or a copy can be acquired at your local extension office. Please e-mail me at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Limited Action

Nov. 24, Norton County Cooperative Assoc. versus Don Quillen, Pueblo, \$307.67 plus costs and fees, failure to pay for products or services.

Nov. 24, Uptown Pizza dba Pizza Hut versus Jason Nelson, Edmond, \$41.39 plus costs and fees, non-sufficient funds check.

Nov. 25, Norton Dairy Queen versus April Stevens, Norton, \$9.49 plus costs and fees, non-sufficient funds check.

Dec. 10, Norton Shop and Save versus Leah B. King, Norton, non-sufficient fund checks \$16.01 on Sept. 6; \$26.06, \$16.06 and \$23 on Sept. 8; \$31.77 and \$23.71 on Sept. 11; and \$12.91 on Sept. 13

plus costs and fees.

Dec. 10, Danna Kelly, Norton, versus Diane Herrmann, Hoxie, \$2033.45 plus costs and fees, non-payment of debt for Mary Kay starter kit and inventory.

Dec. 12, Kearny Anesthesiology, Garden City, versus Steve Sprague, Norton, \$902 plus costs and fees, failure to pay for medical services.

Dec. 15, Dr. Theresa Poorman, DDS, Garden City, versus Steve Sprague, Norton, \$1211.86 plus costs and fees, failure to pay for medical services.

Small Claims

Oct. 21, Richard's Service and Repair, Norton, versus Ken Cadwalader, Almena, \$83.13, nonpayment of goods or services.

Dec. 15, First State Bank, Norton, versus Rebecca Traxler, Norton, \$122.76 plus costs and fees for overdrawn checking account.

READERS

Sondra Crowder, former Norton resident, received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in commencement ceremonies on Dec. 19. Her field of study was

social work.

— **Buffet dinner Saturday, Dec. 27, 6-9 p.m. Norton American Legion. Open to Legion members and guests. 12/26**

CORRECTION

Wyatt Harting and his mother Mindy were incorrectly identified as Wyatt and Mindy Harding in the Friday, Dec. 19 edition of *The Norton Telegram* as they were decorating a gingerbread house for an activity at Eisenhower Elementary. This was a reporter's error.

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Genealogical Society holds meeting

By PHYLLIS HARTING, reporter

The Norton County Genealogical Society met Dec. 8 for its monthly meeting at the Genealogy-History Room at the Norton Public Library.

Seven members were present along with a guest, David Unkel. Roll Call was answered with "What You Remember About Your Childhood Christmas".

Vice President Ron Temple conducted the meeting and announced that the Norton Public Library would soon have the microfilm records of Norton newspapers

from 1884 to 2001. They will be ready for those doing research using the microfilm machine in the Genealogy-History Room.

Of special interest to the members was the information that Olin Sprague is researching and compiling the history of Norton County schools.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the meeting room of the Library.

City Councilwoman Elaine Mann will discuss the beautification and improvement plans being developed for the Norton Cemetery by the Cemetery Committee.

BIRTH

Brodey Hinson

Brett and Dani Hinson, Bertrand, Neb., are the parents of a son, Brodey Lee Hinson, born Dec. 19, 2003, at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Neb.

He weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Mr. and Mrs. Hinson are also the parents of Brianna Hinson and Mac and Kyle Harshbarger.

Grandparents are Jerome and Leeta Rudolph, Norton, and Robert and Ada Hinson, Bertrand.

Great-grandmother is Freda Rudolph, Smith Center.

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