

Thumbs Up to . . .

- √ **Ervin and Gertrude Bohl**, on your 60th wedding anniversary, truly blessed by God. (e-mail)
- √ **Maj. David Johnson**, on being named a Kansas National Guard battalion commander. (e-mail)
- √ **Toby Kuhn**, for being so kind to folks when he is working accidents. He talks to the ones involved to be sure they are OK before he works the accident. I know, I have been there. He's one of God's angels from Heaven. (Katherine Severns)
- √ **Camden Cox, Dylan Goss and Emily Schulze**, for being super readers and bike winners.
- √ **Carolyn and The Norton Telegram staff**, for doing special story time articles for the Norton Public Library this summer. It is so nice to have the publicity and let people know the fun times we have during our Summer Reading Program. Thank you for the weekly reminders of what the programs were. (Mary Luehrs, children's librarian)
- √ **Everyone** involved in putting together this weekend's all-class reunion. Lot of work, truly appreciated and now we shine the light on you. (e-mail)
- √ **Blue Jay football**, you are the reason the weatherman is warning Smith Center that there could be severe storms at Travis Field Friday night. Go get 'em! (e-mail)
- √ **The Editor**, for his honest approach to the problems of today's world, and the great job he is doing at *The Telegram*. (Virginia Lang, Chillicothe, Mo.)

(Salute someone. It's easy. Simply send an e-mail to tomd@nwkans.com, fax 877-3732, call 877-6908 or mail to the office at 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654.)

Don't ever underestimate kids

A young boy enters the barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "this is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

You know you are in Kansas in August when...

The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

The trees are whistling for the dogs.

The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.

Hot water now comes out of both taps.

You can make sun tea instantly.

You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.

You discover that it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.

You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

You burn your hand opening the car door and your butt on the hot seats!

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from

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laying boiled eggs.

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

Ah, what a place to call home

Now you have to put your brains to work and see if you can figure these out. The answers appear at the end, but please don't look at them until you are finished.

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later, they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

OK, here are the answers:

1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.

2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it and hung it up to dry.

3. Charcoal
4. Sure you can. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.
5. The letter "e," which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the paragraph.

I received the following note from a reader about last week's column. I will share it with you:

"I really appreciated Patty Decker's article you shared in Friday's 'At Week's End.' In it she had 'Bill Gates' 11 rules on life that weren't taught in school.' Rule 8 especially spoke to me. Remember it said, 'Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.' It reminds me of an article written several months ago by a concerned parent on what was being taught to our children by not keeping score in soccer. You know, I actually can only recall 2 responses to her article, and although they made a few good points, the articles seemed more personal in their criticism rather than acknowledging that, 'Hey, this person has a legitimate concern here.' I think by trying to accomplish a few good lessons learned with not keeping score — just maybe they are also teaching our children the way 'life' isn't. Is this being deceptive?"

"Maybe...."
 "I personally feel the lessons learned by keeping score and winning and losing are well worth a little hurt self esteem! I say if their feelings get hurt, they need to learn from the experience and just get over it. Learning to lose well — that, I think, is good for anyone!"

Send your stuff for this column to me at tomd@nwkans.com, fax to 877-3732, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654, or drop it off at the office. Thanks for making this new column an early success.

And the winners are...



Sara Campbell and Ashley Esslinger took home the crowns as the Norton County Saddle Club's first ever Queen and Princess at this year's Ranch Rodeo. — Photo by Veronica Monier

Working people get the day off

(Continued from Page 1) Norton Shop and Save from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Kellie's Cellular phone store will be closed all day Monday.

The Norton Theatre will be showing World Trade Center and Step Up, both rated PG-13, at 7 p.m. Call 877-2075 for other days and times.

Pamida Discount Store will serve customers from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Pamida Pharmacy, however, will be closed all day. Moffet

Drug Store will also be closed Monday.

Dollar General will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Several area restaurants chose not to open on Mondays anyway, so the holiday doesn't affect them. Closed will be Attitudes, Hidden Dragon and Whitefield's Coffee and Sandwich Shop. Others closing that day will be the Beacon Cafe, the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcat and Pure Prairie Natural Foods. Pure Prairie will actually

close at noon on Saturday.

If you are looking for a place to eat on Monday, here are your options: Adventures in Eating from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; McDonald's from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Town and Country Kitchen from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dairy Queen from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Pizza Hut/Taco Bell from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Roxanne Kent, owner of O'Brien's Bar and Grill said she would be open regular hours from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Farm Bureau recognizes 'Century Farmers'

(Continued from Page 1) sometime before 1900 on land that was part of a 200 acre purchase for \$5,300. Mr. Zierlein's grandfather, George H. Zierlein was born in Vockawind, Germany. After

coming to America he originally settled in Febing, Neb., then moved to Gaylord and finally to the Lenora area. The second owner was Lloyd's father, Elmer Zierlein. The farm was known as

Wakeman. A special recognition award was presented to Jon Lofgreen in appreciation of his many years of volunteer service to Norton County Farm Bureau.

Receipts help Northern Valley students

(Continued from Page 1) SpaghettiOs pasta, Campbell's beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego pasta sauces, Swanson broths and canned poultry, Pace salsa and picante sauces, V8 vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks, Campbell's tomato juice, Pepperidge Farm breads, cookies, crackers, and

frozen products, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers, and Campbell's Foodservice products.

Collection Containers may be found at the following businesses, or you may give them to any Northern Valley student to take to school: Almena Market, Almena Senior Center, Almena State

Bank, Post Offices, Rita's, Home Oil, Joy's Body Essentials, the school lunchroom, Almena Elementary, Almena High School, Almena Agri-Services, Long Island Café, Long Island Grain, First National Bank at Long Island, Long Island Middle School and Long Island Library.

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- door, 4x4, moon roof, leather, CD, 41,000 miles. Another Walter Motor Co. WISE BUY!
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