



The six top aprons that were modeled at the Royal Neighbors of America annual Mother's Day Tea all featured lots of history. Modeling were, from left to right, Dorothy Woods, Marjorie Ridpath, Carolyn Strevey, Neoma Tacha, Shirley Hayward and Carolyn Wehrheim. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Norcatur tea celebrates mothers

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Members of the Royal Neighbors of America, Camp 1893, hosted their annual Mother's Day Tea in the multi-purpose room of the former Norcatur School on Wednesday. Dorothy Woods, Oberlin, was the master of ceremonies.

Everyone attending was to wear an apron and Mrs. Woods invited each member to model her apron and share its history. Prizes were given to the top models with Neoma Tacha, Jennings, taking first place. Mrs. Tacha wore a pin-

afore-style apron made by her mother some time before 1939. It featured an embroidered peacock on the skirt with embroidered flowers sprinkled across the bodice. Other winners in the apron contest were Marjorie Ridpath, Carolyn Strevey, Shirley Hayward, Carolyn Wehrheim and Mrs. Woods.

Over 50 guests attended the gathering. A dessert and hors d'oeuvres table featured mini cream puffs, finger sandwiches, fruit and chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Featured speaker was the Rev.

Charlotte Strecker-Baselor, minister at Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, and a board member of Northwest Kansas Sexual Assault Services. Pastor Charlotte, as she likes to be called, told the women that domestic violence and sexual assault knows no boundaries.

It happens in the best of families as well as the worst.

She said it's not always a "stranger hiding in the bushes". She said almost two-thirds of all rapes are committed by someone who is known to the victim; 73 per cent of all sexual assaults were perpetrated by a non-stranger; 38

per cent of perpetrators were a friend or acquaintance of the victim; 28 per cent were an intimate; and seven per cent were another relative.

For those who think, "It can't happen here." Pastor Charlotte said at least eight cases of domestic violence, requiring the women to be given shelter in a "safe house," were reported in Decatur County, alone.

Guests were also asked to bring personal care items. These were collected and donated to the shelter in Hays.

Norton schools' loss is great in years

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With the close of this year, the Norton School District will be losing over 100 years of combined experience within its staff.

Susan Anthony, Marilyn Colip, Dale Goss, Phil Morel, Chuck Zimmerman and Carol Clough are all retiring at the end of the school year.

Superintendent Greg Mann said they were each very valuable in their knowledge and experience and it will be hard to lose them.

Mr. Goss has been a bus driver for 31 years. Mrs. Anthony, an inter-related teacher at

the junior high, and Mr. Morel, an elementary teacher, have both been with the district for 29 years, while Mrs. Colip, a junior/senior high cook, has worked there for 10 years and Mr. Zimmerman, a junior high social studies teacher, has taught at Norton for nine years.

Although employed by the North Central Kansas Special Education Co-Operative, Mrs. Clough, an inter-related teacher, has been assigned to the Norton junior/senior high for the past 13 years.

"It's going to be difficult to replace 121 years of experience," said Mr. Mann. "It's interesting to note that it is not only teachers, but bus drivers and cooks as well, on

the retirees list. It takes a lot of different people to give our students what they need. It's not just the teachers in the classrooms.

"We appreciate what each have done for us and we'll miss them. We wish them all the best."

The district will be honoring these longtime staff members with a reception at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 in the East Campus auditorium. Following the recognition program, there will be light refreshments served in the gymnasium and the opportunity to wish the retirees well. The public is encouraged to attend.

Handgun class allows conceal carry

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What to choose? What to choose? Marguerite Clark, left and Judy Jackson sampled from the refreshment table at the annual Mother's Day Tea sponsored by Royal Neighbors of America, Camp 1893. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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Northern Valley fills out staff

The Northern Valley School Board met in special session at the Long Island School on Tuesday, and, as a result, filled two positions in the school district.

The board hired Chuck Zimmerman to teach K-4 and 9-12 physical education and health, and also to serve as high school volleyball head coach, high school girls' basketball head coach, and assistant high school track coach.

The board also hired Chris Robertson to serve as PreK-8 principal.

The motions to hire Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Robertson were both approved 4-0.

An executive session preceded the hiring action.

Board members present were Gale Hays, president, Doyle Baird, Harlan Ponstein and Alan Woodside. Also present were Bill Lowry, superintendent/K-8 principal, and Barb Nelson, board clerk.

The meeting started at 8:50 p.m. and concluded at 9:10.

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