

# Beauty and the Beast!



Todd Burd and Company from The Gardner High School near Kansas City visited Norton Saturday and gave an energetic performance filled with live music and dance. Pictured are from the left, Todd Burd as Beast, Ethan Platt, Morgan Buie, T.J. Chaffin, Tressa Lee, Taylor Harlow and Branson Bice. Not pictured is Terry Thoeke. The group, under the direction of Mr. Burd, had confident vocals, versatile sound and a full circle of styles and tastes. Song selections included those from Broadway shows such as Singing in the Rain, Grease, Jekyll and Hyde, Beauty and the Beast, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Rent, Girl Crazy and Wicked. The troupe has performed in Norton before and they have plans to return. Todd is the son of Ruth and Richard Burd, Norton. Most of the student performers plan to continue careers in this line of work. The performance was sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Police Log

**January 10**  
 9:00 a.m. Report of 4 wheeler pushing snow into roadway  
 10:42 a.m. Report of semi stuck in roadway  
 11:46 a.m. Report of individuals drinking and driving  
 2:51 p.m. Report of vehicle stuck in alley  
 6:33 p.m. Report of semi stuck at Westridge  
 9:07 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 10:46 p.m. Report of threatening e-mails  
 11:15 p.m. Report of messages on Facebook

**January 11**  
 7:10 a.m. Report of semi stuck in roadway  
 9:13 a.m. Request to speak to officer  
 10:25 a.m. Two vehicle accident  
 1:01 p.m. Report of stoplight out  
 4:31 p.m. Request welfare check  
 5:52 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning bond conditions

**January 12**  
 3:46 a.m. 911 call, individual wanting phone number  
 6:02 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 8:45 a.m. Received accident information  
 9:20 a.m. Report of vandalism to vehicle  
 12:50 p.m. Parking citation  
 3:45 p.m. Motorist assist  
 4:29 p.m. Two vehicle accident  
 4:44 p.m. Two vehicle accident  
 7:06 p.m. Request for extra patrol

**January 13**  
 6:23 a.m. Motorist assist  
 7:33 a.m. Motorist assist  
 9:49 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 12:56 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case  
 12:57 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case  
 5:24 p.m. Request to help get residential door unlocked

5:52 p.m. Assist Sheriff's Dept.  
 6:06 p.m. Report of found dog  
 6:59 p.m. Request for civil standby  
 9:45 p.m. One vehicle accident

**January 14**  
 2:06 a.m. Request by Norton County Hospital for information concerning report  
 10:39 a.m. Request for welfare check  
 1:26 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 1:35 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 1:45 p.m. Assist Sheriff's Dept.  
 3:38 p.m. Report of individual standing around watching kids  
 7:37 p.m. Report of vehicle pulling trailer with no lights  
 9:54 p.m. Report of domestic situation, one arrest

**January 15**  
 10:15 a.m. Request for information on inmate  
 10:36 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 11:04 a.m. Request for civil standby  
 1:38 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning individual being threatened  
 3:00 p.m. One vehicle accident

**January 16**  
 12:29 a.m. Report of vehicle being taken by spouse  
 12:30 a.m. Individual walking down street with 19 beer cans duck-taped together  
 6:41 a.m. Report of suspicious vehicle  
 9:22 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 2:48 p.m. Request for extra patrol  
 3:44 p.m. Request for extra patrol  
 5:12 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 11:32 p.m. Request for welfare check

Seventeen vehicle stops were reported from Jan. 10 to Jan. 16.

# Teach decision skills at a early age

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Children who learn decision-making skills early in life can be more able to weigh choices prior to making decisions as they go through the various stages of growth and development and grow into adulthood.

"Starting early provides learning experiences for children, when the stakes are significantly less than when a teenager must decide whether to attend a party where alcohol will be served or accept a ride with others who have been drinking," said Charles A. Smith, Kansas State University Research and Extension child development specialist.

So, how early is too early? And, what makes an effective lesson?

According to Smith, early preschool years can be a good time to help children begin to consider alternatives, make choices and be accountable for their choices.

"This can be a fairly simple process," said Smith, who offered the example of a young child who fails to put his or her dirty clothes in the laundry basket.

While a parent might offer a gentle reminder, a child can make the decision to comply or not comply. And, while it can be tempting for mom or dad to pick up the clothes and add them to the laundry basket, there is something to be learned when the child would like to wear a favorite shirt or jeans, but can't, because he or she failed to add it to the laundry.

If a child rushes to spend his or her allowance or a gift of money, then he or she may not be able to buy a wanted or needed item later. Coming up short also can

be a good lesson in decision-making when it comes to saving and spending, said Smith, who encouraged parents to talk to children about choices to encourage the decision-making process.

Ask questions to encourage thoughtful evaluation, rather than answering the questions for them, he said. To help the child consider alternatives and potential consequences of each choice, ask: Have you thought about A? Or, what would you think of B?

Be consistent; be reasonable and be respectful; try not to belittle a child's choices, Smith advised.

"The goal is to talk with your child and encourage the child to stop, step back and consider alternatives before making a decision," he said.

As the process is repeated and becomes part of everyday life, a child will typically become more aware that he or she has the power -- and the ability -- to make choices, Smith explained.

Does such training mean that a child will always make the right choice?

"No," said Smith, who offered the example of student driver who gets a speeding ticket, and must pay for the ticket and lose driving privileges as consequences.

Allowing a child to decide and, then, succeed or fail based on his or her choices, is an important step

in the growth process, he said.

Does that mean that a parent should give a child free reign in building decision-making skills?

"No," Smith said. Some choices, such as choosing to wear jeans or khakis, will be easy; others, whether to spend an allowance or gift money on a small toy or save for a larger item, a new bike, electronic device or drum set, will require more thought. And, he said, with some choices parents must intervene, such as a small child who reaches out to touch a hot stove or teen driver who fails to buckle a seatbelt when riding in a car and then speeds.

More information about child development and building successful family relationships is available at local K-State Research and Extension offices and online: [www.ksre.ksu.edu](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu); Smith also maintains a family-friendly, ad-free educational Web site: The WonderWise Parent at [www.k-state.edu/wparent/](http://www.k-state.edu/wparent/) and is the author of "Raising Courageous Kids: Eight Steps to Practical Heroism."

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