


# The piano man



Long Island native and Northern Valley High School graduate Stanton Nelson performed a piano concert Sunday afternoon at the East Campus auditorium as a fund-raiser for the Norton Theatre. The concert featured seven of Nelson’s own compositions. The fund-raiser is intended to help the theatre switch to digital film equipment, without which the theatre will no longer be able to operate.

–Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

POLICE LOG		
<b>July 30</b> Report of open door Escort inmate to court Two vehicle accident, Jambo-ree Report of five underage kids smoking Noise complaint	Parking complaint Report of fight Report of assault Report of individuals’ child causing problems EMS assist Questions concerning, if air soft guns are legal to shoot in the city limits, No they cannot be shot inside the city limits	Welfare check <b>Aug. 3</b> Building checks EMS assist Report of reckless driver Report of party Report of orange cones taken from Jamboree
<b>July 31</b> Removed debris from road-way Keys locked in vehicle Found license plate in road-way Removed bush obstructing view Verbal dispute Keys locked in vehicle Report of phone scam (2) two vehicle stops Keys locked in vehicle	<b>Aug. 2</b> Motorist assist Towed abandoned vehicle from 300 block N. Norton Court paper service Two vehicle accident, Jambo-ree Individual called stating items were being sold off their prop-erty without permission Two vehicle accident, Mc-Donald’s Parking citation, rural fire lane (3) three vehicle stops Court paper service Request for extra patrol	<b>Aug. 4</b> Report of individuals walking through people’s yards Report of disturbance (7) seven vehicle stops Report of missing dog, dog found <b>Aug. 5</b> Call from individual in Cali-fornia stating their friend in Horton, KS is suicidal Report of semi with brakes on fire (5) five vehicle stops Welfare check Report of kids fighting in Elmwood Park
<b>Aug. 1</b> Report of individual possibly missing tools (4) four vehicle stops Questions concerning vehicle accident		

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. Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.	May 26-Debra Lynn Schnakenberg, Concordia, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Deferred adjudication; Fine \$143. May 26-Debra Lynn Schnakenberg, Concordia, Mo.; Charge: Transporting an open container; Found: Deferred adjudication; Fine: \$200 diversion fee. May 26-Harold W. Schnakenberg, Concordia, Mo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: De-ferred adjudication; Fine: \$10. May 26-Harold W. Schnakenberg, Concordia, Mo.; Charge: Transporting an open container; Found: Deferred adjudication; Fine: \$98 court costs, \$200 diversion fee. July 27-Lon Dean Wiseman, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10. July 21-Michael K Heintz, Lakin; Charge: Per-sonal floatation devices not accessible; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$148. July 15-Timothy Jansonius, Norton; Charge: Failure to purchase permit as required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$148.	
<b>Aug. 2</b> July 23-Wade J. Bader, Catherine; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$161. July 7-Robert Lynn Barnett, Norcatur; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10. July 7-Walter J. Gower, Fairbury, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10. June 26-Ronald Lee Harman, Norcatur; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10. June 26-Louis D. Keiswetter, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10. July 24-Alden Pfannenstiel, Norton; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$149.		

Municipal Court These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings. <b>Aug. 2</b> July 8-Jason Thiele, Irving, Texas; Charge: Speeding 60 in 45; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136. June 5-Afton Macias, Omaha, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 27 in 20; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106. June 18-Andrew Johnson,	Norfolk, Neb.; Charge: Speed-ing 50 in 40; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106. June 15-Melanie Doyle, Cul-bertson, Neb.; Charge: Speed-ing 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106. July 12-Cristee Sharpnack, Norton; Charge: 1. Expired registration, 2. No insurance; Plea: 1. Guilty; Other action: 2. Dismissed by city prosecutor; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176. July 8-Gretta Snapp, Bel-leville; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found:	Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106. July 2-Tyler Brockman, Law-rence, Neb.; Charge: Speed-ing 47 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$72, costs \$76, total \$148. July 12-Brady Skrdlant, Nor-ton; Charge: Loud muffler; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136. July 8-Karen Sullivan-Kop-pinger, Unadilla, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 48 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sen-tence: Fine \$48, costs \$76, total \$124.
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# Gleanings from thither and yon

I can cope with innumerable medigap insurance ads in my mailbox but solicitations by funeral homes and monument companies concern me for some strange reason.

Apparently there are tomatoes and peppers growing somewhere in this hot and barren wasteland; several readers have inquired about LeRoy’s salsa formula, specifically needing clarification about the “yellow salsa peppers” ingredient. Forgive me for not being more precise and providing the proper name, Hungarian wax peppers. As for the green, yellow, and orange peppers - we planted “Bell Boy” variety because they produced thick-walled peppers with a nice sweet flavor.

Although August promises continued heat, I did hear the cicadas singing last night, which used to mean six weeks to frost. Do you want to make a bet? This year has been so strange we are learning to expect the unexpected as a matter of course. August is a “blue moon” month, however, with a full moon on the second and again on the final day. This means all those things you promised to do “once in a blue moon” must be tackled, heat or no heat. Time to clean closets?

Funny old sayings jogged a lot of happy memories. A bachelorette wrote, “A girl sure has to kiss a lot of frogs before she finds her prince”! And how about this apt description of a person facing a daunting task, “there’s ‘way too much water and not enough bucket”. And a new twist on an oldie, from a fellow who says his wife goes through life “as if she’s killing snakes with a putty knife”. I’ve often heard “the lights are on but nobody’s home” and I now know the New England equivalent, “a coupla clams short of a bake”. One of my acquaintances here describes her husband as being “dizzy as a pet coon” in contrast to my guy, who was “handy as a pocket on a shirt”.

Treasure the small joys that make a day shine. Having all the laundry done, folded and put away is almost as good as hanging sheets out on a clothesline on a hot, sunny Kansas day. Remember

## Pieces of life’s puzzle

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the lovely smell of a bed freshly made up with wind-ironed linens? A hug from behind when you’re busy cooking, especially when followed by a kiss on the back of your neck. A recipe turning out just perfect. An old Fred Astaire movie on TV. And best of all, a new book by a favorite author.

Here’s a neat cooking tip sent in via email: “On a recent trip we ate a wonderful fresh linguine dressed simply with garlic infused olive oil and pine nuts. Thought I would try it at home until I learned how expensive pine nuts are. Substituted toasted soy nuts and the family loved it. A great meal for vegetarian friends”.

Some evil institute somewhere has run a study that indicates each slice of bacon eaten shortens your life by nine minutes. Why must they tell us things like this? For my part, a slice or two of bacon occasionally is worth the loss of nine lousy minutes. It brings to mind an old joke about a couple who died together in a traffic accident and arrived in Heaven to find it even more glorious than anticipated. The husband turned to his wife saying, “And to think, if it hadn’t been for all those bran muffins you fed me, I could have been here years sooner.”

Election day is less than one hundred days away. Are you registered to vote? If not, please go register as soon as possible. Maybe it’s only because I’m getting older, but this year’s election seems to me to be an important turning point for the USA. Frankly, I’d like to dump all politicians and start from scratch at all levels. A recent Facebook post expresses my feelings well -- “Politicians are like a bunch of bananas which arrive green, quickly turn yellow and progress rapidly to rotten.”

Vote and throw the rascals out. That’s the extent of my political advice for 2012.

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## Severns-Wetzler Reunion

Descendants of the Orin E. and Ida M. (Wetzler) Severns family gathered Aug. 4, 2012 at the Norton County Senior Citizen’s Center for their annual reunion. Twenty-one family members and one guest were in attendance.

Many helpful hands working together put a wonderful pot-luck dinner on the table for all to share and enjoy. A special thank you to all the women who helped ensure this tradition would continue: Dixie Green, Gloria Egge, Judy Talbot, Zona Fritz, Nancy Fry and Beth Heikes. After a blessing by Wilmer Severns, everyone enjoyed the fantastic meal. There was much visiting and updating of family news throughout the afternoon.

Attending the reunion this year were Nina Melroy, Wilmer and Juan Severns, and Beth Heikes, Norton; Ron and Zona Fritz, McCook, Neb.; Judy Tad-lock, Gloria Egge, and Dixie Green, Kearney, Neb.; Norman Severns, Marysville; Nancy Fry, Grand Island, Neb.; Margaret and Bob Leonard, Man-hattan; Jerry Severns, Amber, Whitney, Brendan and Braydan Boyd, Hutchinson; Frank and

Jan Henson, Warriors Mark, Pa.; and Cheryl O’Donnell, Bend, Ore. Allen Kindall, as a guest of

Wilmer, also attended. The next reunion is planned for Aug. 3, 2013.



You’re Invited to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Fashioned  
**Republican Picnic**  
**Saturday, August 18, 2012**  
5:30 p.m.,  
Hansen Memorial Plaza, Logan, KS  
Fried Chicken and all the Old-Fashioned  
Picnic Trimmings Furnished  
ADULTS: \$15.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 18: \$5.00  
**Keynote Speakers will include**  
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