

# Murder in the Knife Room



Cody O’Hare, the Probably-Faking-It-Deaf-Mute/Inspector interrogates Neysa Carlson, the Decrepit Invalid, in a scene from this weekend’s Norton Community High School Drama Club’s presentation of Murder in the Knife Room by Jonathon Rand. The play was a murder mystery parody with a wide spectrum of characters from the mobster to Santa Claus. They were all placed in the same room while an Incredibly Omniscient Inspector sorts through the evidence and investigates the suspect’s past. There were 53 different characters who took direction from Brandon Gay to present this performance for the public with two viewings, one Saturday night and a Sunday afternoon matinee.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# HONOR ROLL

## NCHS Honor Roll

1st 9 Weeks

### Highest 4.00

Seniors-Lane Bigge, Katherine Boteler, Eli Bozarth, Jade Braun, Andrew Ellis, Tawni Griffey, Teslee Nickell, Alex Riggins, Rachel Slipke, Teal Stewart, Wyatt Wentz.

Juniors-Branson Addington, Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Baintner, Kristen Burge, Leif Carlson, Katelyn Engelbert, Ashley Hildebrand, Jared Shelton, Landon Slipke.

Sophomores-Neysa Carlson, Connor Cox, Chance Uehlin.

Freshmen-Casey Ambrosier, Kyle Bell, Philip Boutwell, Audrie Burge, Weston Erbert, Kirstin Georgeson, Lauren Mordecai, Raenee Patterson, Peyton Renner, Valery Rostek.

### Honors I 3.50-3.99

Seniors-Ryan Baintner, Rheanon Baker, Sierra Black, Jared Bohl, Javen Colipp, Cassius Dole, Cody Ellis, Chris Fisher, Samantha Gordon, Kami Jones, Julia Kent, Alexis Lively, Alec Melvin, Dalton Miller, Vaughn Newman, Brett Pulec, Treven Rossi, Dylan Sprigg, Alexander Strough.

Juniors-Marisa Maddy, Cody O’Hare, Hannah Pollock, John-

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Sophomores-Lindsay Addington, Kaitlyn Bohl, Christian Boser, Stephen Cummings, Morgan Farber, Connor Griffey, Kendall Miller, Zebulon Rempel, Derek Rowh, Molly Scott, Kobie Unterseher, Stewart Whitney.

Freshmen-Adriana Ankenman, Adam Baughman, James Berry, Hailey Branek, Brionnah Fessler, Brendon Frack, Ward Hayes, Cameron Heikes, Michael Kasson, Rachel Kerperich, Gavin Lively, Molly Maddy, Audrey Morel, Shelby Mulford, Kylie Perez, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Quinton Porter, Ryan Thailkill, Lexi Voss.

### Honors II 3.00-3.49

Seniors-Jacob Brooks, Chalise Christensen, Dustan Daniels, Austin Duscher, Lucas Engel, Stephanie Hager, Jordan Hartwell, Brianna Karnopp, Katie Koch, Carson McKenna, Shelbi McKenna, John Rise-wick, Emily Schulze.

Juniors-Kayla Campbell, Travis Cressler, Zach Esslinger, Shauna Gibson, Jordyn Gosse-lin, Austin Hager, Kolton Hart-ing, Marc Miller, Alissa Otter, Cole Renner, Ethan Ross, Drew Schrum, Abbie Smith, Cody

Temmel, Danielle Wagoner.

Sophomores-Caysean Campbell, Derick Campbell, Sheridan Dillehay, Kenzie Esslinger, Grant Gordon, Sierra Griffith, Adrienne Hager, Mickey Hahn, Wyatt Harting, Jordan Karnopp, Tyler Kuhn, Andrew McMullen, David Smith, Jesika Smith, Breven Sondergaard.

Freshmen-Andrew Bashford, Hanna Brooks, Tevin Brown, Cayanna Campbell, Cody Campbell, Alma Clavijo, Mariah Dawley, Taylor Dicks, Sabrina Gibson, Morgan Griffey, Alexis Hartwell, Skylar Johnson, Rachel Jones, James King, Nickala O’Hare, Nicholas Peterson, Kristin Stewart, Chandler Sumner.

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# We live and learn, times three

One of the joys of being a stay-at-home mother is the pleasure of watching your child grow and change from moment to moment; seeing a child develop coordination, skill and knowledge is an irreplaceable experience. I was blessed to be able to stay home with my children until my youngest son started kindergarten.

Crawling was the method of locomotion on the day David figured out mirrors. A full length mirror hung in our hallway near where I worked at my desk. While typing church bulletin stencils, I heard baby “conversation” and turned to see David patting the mirror, then patting his face, talking to the little boy he saw before him. This went on for quite some time as I sat, work forgotten, quietly watching. At last he crawled away, returning with a small metal car, which, before I could stop him, he presented to his mirror image. Bam! There’s still a scratch on that mirror. He wasn’t happy with me when I replaced the car with a stuffed bear but he played contentedly for some time with his new buddy.

We usually took an afternoon outing following nap-time, first in the stroller, then gradually walking a little farther each day until we could walk around the block. The children found many treasures on these trips, especially on the dirt road hill to the west. We crouched to watch ants, petted caterpillars, observed Cecil McMullen’s cows in the gully next door, and carried home many a rock. Joan was usually happy with the

## Table for five

Liza Deines



first rock she found, but some days David had to make tough choices; is that rock better than the one in hand? He had to hold onto me with one hand, so only one rock could be chosen. Then came the day he first wore pants with pockets. His delight was a pleasure to behold.

Not for all the jewels on earth would I give up the moment when Joan discovered flowers. It was a lovely spring afternoon when we went out to the back yard to watch for Daddy to drive in. A volunteer little purple pop-pymallow, commonly known as an American Beauty, blossomed near the steps and Joan toddled over to investigate. She squatted down, looked, touched a fragile fuschia petal very gently with a tiny index finger, then looked up at me with an indescribable expression of awe. “Oh, Mama!” she said. It was almost a prayer.

Catching an unexpected expression of surprised amazement is a bonus of being with your children all day, every day. The moment Joan tried to walk under the dining room table, bumped her head and looked up with a puzzled expression was priceless. Watching David experiment with an automatic door is another moment I’m glad I didn’t miss. The best time of my day was opening the door to Dan’s room after nap-time.

He’d be standing expectantly at the end of the crib, a huge smile on his face, patiently waiting for me.

Finger feeding was educational for all concerned. Cubes of cheese, beets, carrots and whole green beans are reasonably easy to grasp but their favorite food, spaghetti, was quite a challenge. All three loved it from the first taste, merrily munching pasta while smearing tomato sauce from head to toe!

Watching individual talents emerge was fascinating. Joan wrote her name when she was three. David then pointed out his name had more letters. We didn’t even know he could count. He could also identify the make and model of every car on the road by the time he was four. That never ceased to amaze us nor could we ever figure out how Joan could recognize colors by feel, not sight. We wondered why Dan wasn’t reading as early as the older children. It never occurred to us that he needed glasses until a kindergarten screening showed a vision problem. Sure enough, once he could see the words, he read everything that came to hand.

Thank you, David, Joan and Daniel for all the fun, plus an early childhood education for an amateur mother.

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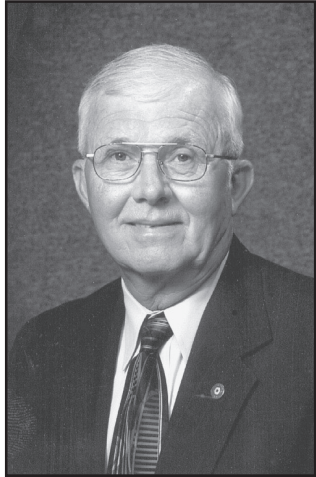
# POLICE LOG

Oct. 20  
Report of intoxicated driver  
Investigate open vehicle door (11) vehicle stops  
Vehicle stop, one arrest  
Report of two vehicle accident  
Motorist assist  
Report of two vehicles racing on KQNK road  
Noise complaint  
Oct. 21  
EMS assist  
Keys locked in vehicle  
Request to speak to officer in Elmwood Park  
Report of someone ringing doorbells  
Oct. 22  
Report of kids ringing doorbells  
Contact with suspicious person walking around town  
Traffic control  
Request to speak to officer  
Report of kids driving not wearing seat belts  
Parking complaint, vehicle out of fuel  
Keys locked in vehicle  
Report of dog running loose  
Another call of female being held captive at Hillcrest Motel  
Oct. 23

Funeral escort  
Assist Phillips Co.  
(7) seven vehicle stops  
Report of verbal altercation  
Report of broken window  
Oct. 24  
(5) five vehicle stops  
Report of two vehicle accident, First Stop  
Theft report

Report of vandalism at new restroom Elmwood Park  
Oct. 25  
Report of suspicious vehicle  
Keys locked in vehicle  
Report of child screaming, parent would not let child have their way  
Report of possible scam  
(4) four vehicle stops

# THANKS



I would like to thank everyone for your support in the general election. Your positive comments and phone calls continue to encourage me. I look forward to your continued support during the legislative session and beyond.

Senator  
Ralph Ostmeier,  
Kansas 40th District  
Pol. Adv. paid for  
by Ostmeier for Senate,  
Lori Edwards, Treasurer



# CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the November dinner and meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Nov. 13 by calling Joy Johnson (874-4706).

The annual County Fair Special returns for this special night. The special feature for the evening, “HONEY OF A DEAL,” offers Don McMullen, local auctioneer, presenting the annual auction of pies, cakes, craft items and other goodies. The proceeds of this fun evening

help provide a Christmas gift to the missionaries of Stonecroft Ministries.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Jackie Johnson, Cambridge, Neb. Ms. Johnson will share an experience with a Brazilian nationalist that brought heart-warming change for all those involved and an understanding of other cultures in a small town in Nebraska in “THOUGHTS TO PRE-SERVE.”

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.

# CORRECTION

In the results of the general election story on the front page of the Friday, Nov. 9 Norton Telegram, it was incorrectly stated that the sales tax increase passed to finance a new swimming pool was a Norton County tax when in reality a Norton City sales tax increase was approved.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors.

We believe that news stories should be fair and factual and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

## Attention: Norcatur

The Decatur Health Systems Outreach Clinic  
at the former school  
will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Call the Family Practice Clinic at 475-2015  
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