

READERS

Larry Enfield, Jr. of Norton, was recently installed as Vice-President of the Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association at its May 1-4 convention in Overland Park. Mr. Enfield, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, has been with the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton for 22 years. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Norton Lions Club, Prairie Dog Golf Course, Norton Car Club and is a volunteer with the Norton City Fire Department.

He and his wife, Diana, have two sons, Jody a student at Washburn University and Andy, a student at Hutchison Community College.

— PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, May 15, Norton American Legion. 5/10

Polly Bales, Logan, accompanied Lynn and Karen Clements, Bethany and Tiffany of Logan to the production of "Horry for Hollywood". Megan Clements, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clements, performed in the concert choir and in the "Headliners" group. She sang, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as a solo performance.

Miss Clements is a freshman at Butler Community College, where she is majoring in elemen-

tary education and minoring in vocal performance.

An informal reception was held after the performance for the performers and their guests. Ms. Bales has accompanied Miss Clements for the past six years.

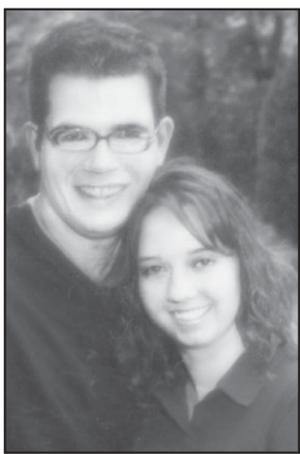
— Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 5/10

Jessi Day, a senior from Hill City, is the recipient of a Black and Gold scholarship from Cloud County Community College for the 2005-'06 academic year. She is the daughter of Robert Day, Lenora, and Bonny Day, Hill City. She plans to major in nursing.

Amy Griffey of Norton was selected as one of the 35 outstanding individuals to participate in the 2005 class of Leadership Kansas, a nationally recognized program that aims to develop and motivate future leaders for the state.

Mrs. Griffey is a graduate of Norton Community High School. She received her master's degree from Fort Hays State University. She works for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission.

She and her husband, Mark, have two children, Morgan, 7, and Lance, 3.



C. Hernandez and E. Kelly

Couple to be wed May 27

Erin Kelly and Christopher Hernandez have set May 27 as their wedding date.

Parents of the couple are Danna Kelly of Norton, Dick Kelly of Oberlin and Michael and Sandra Hernandez of Salina.

The bride-to-be is studying religion, philosophy and family and youth ministry at Kansas Wesleyan University.

The future groom attended Kansas State University-Salina and is a professional tutor in Salina.

Their wedding will take place at Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church, Salina.

After-5 Club open to all area women

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the May dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at the Town and Country Kitchen, E. US 36.

The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll (877-3042) by May 17.

"Accessories After The Fact" is the theme for the evening "Change Your Tune" will be the special music for the evening with Patty Morrison, of Loveland, Colo.

The Norton After-5 Club welcomes Ms. Morrison as their special speaker.

She will speak on "Change Your Outlook". She has a theatrical background and uses "hats" as her teaching means. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, the Disney Institute, and a member of the National Speakers Association, Ms. Morrison has been published in magazines and is writing a book.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the United States and Canada.

The Norton Telegram... News you need!

HANSEN MUSEUM

Over the years, the Hansen Museum has exhibited many quilts; some traditional and some art. Today's exhibit expresses the art quilt in a manner seldom seen before.

Molly Anderson, Minden, Neb., has surpassed the traditional methods of quilt making and has created a style that is both beautiful and uniquely hers. Using hexagon pieces of fabric, she builds a visual art form or painting and embellishes it with applique, beading, thread work, and embroidery. Mrs. Anderson's exhibit, containing approximately 45 award-winning quilts, were painstakingly hand quilted, taking anywhere from 300 to 400 hours to complete a single piece. "Transitions in Quilting" is

a feast for the eyes. A graduate from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Mrs. Anderson received her degree in Secondary and Elementary Art Education and now lives in Minden with her husband Steve and two children. She is a professional artist, a painter of watercolor in fabric. For anyone who loves quilts or quilting, this exhibit is a must-see. For everyone else, it is simply a creation of beauty that is hard to conceive without actually viewing her work.

The exhibit preview for her quilt show will be held in the Museum Gallery this evening. Plan to attend and hear Mrs. Anderson speak about these breathtaking art quilts.

CORRECTION

In a picture of the seventh grade girls and boys track team, in the Spring Sports Section, printed April 29, several names were omitted. Jessica Weaverling, Ashton Draper, Ronne Tafoya, Corey Lewis, Connor Pfannenstiel, Grant McClymont and Jake Romey should have been listed as "not pictured". Incomplete information was provided to

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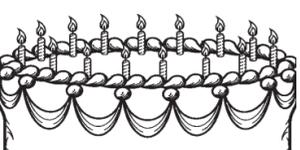
Piano students to hold recital at senior center

The piano students of Donna Severns will perform in a recital at 3 p.m., Sunday at the Norton Senior Center.

Everyone is invited to attend. Participating will be Abby Bainter, Austine Dole, Mat Shepard, Marc Miller, Connie Gassman, Kynzie Stevens, Sierra Griffith, Chandler Severns, Justus Severns, Reesa Volgamore, Karlynn Kent, Julia Kent, Gavin

Lively, Alexis Lively and Drew Schrum.

As an added bonus, Chandler Severns will also be playing his guitar, accompanied by his teacher Terilyn Gower.



Joyce is Back! ...and better than ever!



Happy 67th Birthday "I don't mind birthdays at all; it sure beats the alternative." —Joyce Howell

Parents Who Host Lose The Most

Big events such as prom and graduation deserve celebration. When planning these events adults need to think twice when involving alcohol if youth under 21 are going to be in attendance. Parents and other adults should be first in line to prevent alcohol problems for youth by not supplying alcohol to them. They can, however, face legal consequences for supplying alcohol to minors. The Youth Access Prevention Partnership and Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs is joining the efforts of Ohio Parents for Drug-Free Youth in creating awareness of the dangers of underage drinking and consequences to hosting teen parties that include alcohol.

Underage drinking parties are a health and safety problem. Prevention is key in teaching youth that underage drinking can lead to addition. Teen drinking is not a "rite of passage". It is illegal and can lead to irresponsible and dangerous behavior.

Parents and other adults sometimes cite two misguided reasons for hosting teen parties where alcohol is served. First, they may believe it is "safer" for kids to drink at home, secondly, some may think that hosting teen parties makes them appear to be a "cool" parent. When parents or other adults serve alcohol to teens in their home, what they are doing is facilitating their child's comfort with alcohol. This practice sends a mixed message. Teens believe "if it's OK to drink at home, it's OK to drink". The reality is that the consequences can be overwhelming and in extreme cases, fatal. Adolescents who drink heavily assume the same long-term health risks as adults who drink heavily.

Legal and civil consequences can face any adult supplying alcohol to minors or providing a place for underage drinking to take place under the Kansas law called "Paul's Law".

- Don't be a party to underage drinking
- Refuse to supply alcohol to youth in your home or property
- Be at home when your teen has friends over and make sure that none of your child's friends bring alcohol to your home
- Talk to other parents and communicate ways that youth can be kept busy having fun without alcohol
- Contact local law enforcement to report any knowledge of underage drinking parties or people supplying alcohol to minors.

Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Graduation ceremonies were once dignified celebrations

The month of May is without a doubt a very momentous and memorable time when you are 17 or 18.

Celebrations moistened with a few tears, a lot of anticipation and anxiety, joys and fears fill those last few days before and after the end of high school. By now, most plans for the future are made and students begin to realize the "lasts". Last track meet, last band concert, last pep rally, last school dance, last classes and at last, the day of graduation.

Graduation was once a much more solemn and dignified occasion.

A baccalaureate service with a local minister giving a sermon was an important prelude in the days when religion, unrestricted by government intervention, was an integral part of education.

Graduation itself was an afternoon event the following day with speakers being the salutatorian and valedictorian of the class. This was an honor earned through grades, not popularity nor a faculty committee.

There were no raucous demonstrations, no hilarious high jinks when diplomas were handed out; no tennis balls or pennies or bubblegum packets exchanged with the principal, no fireworks or confetti or paper streamers at the end, no shouting, no hats tossed in the air. No shorts or tees appeared under graduation robes.

Boys proudly wore suits, girls floated in pretty white dresses.

Following the presentation of the class, a benediction and a joyous recessional led to a graduate reception line where hugs and handshakes preceded the community party in the gymnasium. No one left the line until the faculty came

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



through, followed finally by the principal and his wife who pinned a rose on each girl.

Peonies, iris, lilacs and the last of the tulips decorated the gymnasium in big white wicker baskets borrowed from a local funeral home. Brownie box cameras and Kodaks appeared everywhere as parents posed graduates with their signed diplomas held proudly before them. No one-hour developing in those days; a good three weeks would elapse before the drug store would return packets of deckle-edged photographs to be glued into black paged albums, captioned with blotchy white ink.

No barbecued ribs, hamburgers, pizza or tacos appeared. Coffee and tea were served from silver service and punch from a cut glass bowl, silver trays of tea cookies and fancy finger sandwiches were set out on beautifully dressed tables.

The home economics teacher, with the help of the junior girls, domestic arts class, the junior mothers and the faculty wives, had worked tirelessly on rolled cucumber and tomato sandwiches, tiny hot ham tarts, cream puffs filled with chicken salad, stuffed mushrooms, platters of deviled eggs and other delicacies.

No graduation dances or riotous and dangerous all-night parties took place.

Each grad went home to a celebration dinner with the entire family. There were lots of gifts,

sentimental poems from the aunts, toasts from the uncles, jokes from the cousins and happy tears from the parents. Sometimes the evening festivities lasted as late as 11.

Many of these graduates did not have the option of college.

High school graduation was the end of childhood, the beginning of "life". Often boys were going directly into military service or full-time jobs right in the town where they grew up. Many girls were engaged and married within the coming summer months and by fall were starting families. Others became clerks or secretaries, beauticians or waitresses. Not many left their hometown.

The wealthy and privileged perhaps were able to study teaching or fine arts at a nearby college. Only a few of the best were able to consider medicine, law or engineering. Scholarships were few and working your way through school was difficult and uncommon.

Today, high school graduation is only the beginning of most students' educations. Better or worse? Who knows?

Circumstances may have changed but life never does. We learn only by living.

God's blessings and good fortune to all the graduates of 2005. May the future bring you realized ambitions, productive lives and the joy of the unexpected.

NORTON NEWS: The "flower ladies" are always looking for help and contributions. Do you appreciate their efforts to beautify our town? Show them how much we like those flower beds and barrels with a little time, muscle and some dollars. Norton wouldn't be same without them..

Science teacher is recognized as 'Teacher of the Year' by conservation districts

Mrs. Teresa Schulze, fifth and sixth grade science teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School has been recognized at the "Kansas Teacher of the Year" by the Kansas Conservation Districts' Committee on Education and Youth.

Mrs. Schulze will be honored at

the District's annual convention in Wichita to be held in November.

Superintendent of Schools Greg Mann said, "She is very deserving of this award as she is an outstanding science teacher. She works very hard to make her students understand the importance

of soil conservation and its affect on our way of life in northwest Kansas."

Mrs. Schulze is a native of Wilson and a graduate of Wilson High School and Fort Hays State University. She is finishing her fifth year as the science teacher at Eisenhower Elementary.

Norton sorority has salad supper and learns news of state convention

Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met Monday for a salad supper and meeting at the Prairie Land meeting room. Twenty-three members and one guest were present.

President Belinda Thalheim conducted the meeting. Members learned about the state convention in Great Bend attended by Verlaine Schooler and Mrs.

Thalheim.

Maxine Sebelius received a president's pin from State President Kim Oatney, a friend and co-worker when Mrs. Sebelius was active in KAYS.

Founder's Day was observed with the reading of a script about the "Ten Wishes" of a Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter.

Mrs. Thalheim will be the host-

ess at the next meeting at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1.

MARKETS

At close of business May 9
Wheat \$2.89
Milo \$2.73
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AUCTIONEER NOTES:
There are all sorts of temptations in this auction offered by Kenneth Hoyt and Others. It's a sale for all sizes and all ages of people. Since you make the choice of which sale to attend, this is the choice you should make! Kenneth says the items have been good to him but he is finished with them. I know that he and his late wife have taken excellent care of them. Be on hand May 14, 2005 and let this sale tempt you into taking home items ready for use.

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