

Arts Council and you can make things happen

Sunday will be a pretty big day for the Norton County Arts Council. Hopefully, it will also be a financially rewarding day, too. The annual "Homes Tour" will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at four homes of which many people would like to get a peek. Here's your chance.

And while viewing the homes, you also have an opportunity to purchase season tickets for some exciting performances in the weeks and months to come, under sponsorship of the Norton County Arts Council.

Memberships come in two categories: \$20 for a single membership and \$40 for a family.

Sponsorships are also available and you just might like to demonstrate your support, or continued support, in this category. Choose from one of the following four: Bronze Sponsor, \$100, includes two single memberships; Silver Sponsor, \$250, includes four single memberships; Gold Sponsor, \$500, includes six single memberships; and Platinum Sponsor, \$750, includes 10 single memberships.

Organizations, like the Norton County Arts Council, are able to function because of your generosity. That generosity allows the council to bring varied programs to Norton. Variety allows you, the member, to attend the programs of your taste. But after viewing the new season's schedule it would be safe to say that from the opening act to the finale, the question arises, "What's not to like?"

These programs, if it were not for the arts council — and your support — would require many of us to drive to other locations to take advantage of these offerings.

The homes you can see during Sunday's tour are: Rose of Sharon, 603 E. Main; Corey and Gail Roy, east of town on US 36, use the drive just west of Ruth's Antiques, tan/brick, bi-level home on the south side of the drive; Charles and Kathy Zimmerman, 711 W. Crane; and Alberta Slaby, 903 Sun Avenue.

In case you need more detail about the arts council or Sunday's "Home Tours," call any of the following numbers: 877-5611, 877-2627, or 877-3952.

—Tom Dreiling

Thumbs Up to . . .

√**Harold Achey**, Andbe Home interim administrator, good job. (e-mail)

√**Matheus Martins**, enjoy your stay in Norton. (e-mail from school friends)

√**Doug Ray**, (really two Thumbs Up), for being the Week #3 winner of *The Telegram's* football contest, and for earning your diploma from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado/Boulder. (e-mail)

√**Morgan Bailey, Lisa Jones, Hannah Mills, Lacey Roe, Nathan Broeckelman, Jared Engelbert, Kent Mann, Blake VanEaton**, good luck tonight at the coronation of the Norton Homecoming Queen and King. (*Telegram* staff)

√**To the kind** young man who helped a "struggling old lady" maneuver her car out of a tight spot on State Street in downtown Norton Wednesday. (phoned in)

(To salute someone, e-mail tomd@nwkansas.com, call 877-6908, drop by the office at 215 S. Kansas Ave., or fax 877-3732. Thanks!)

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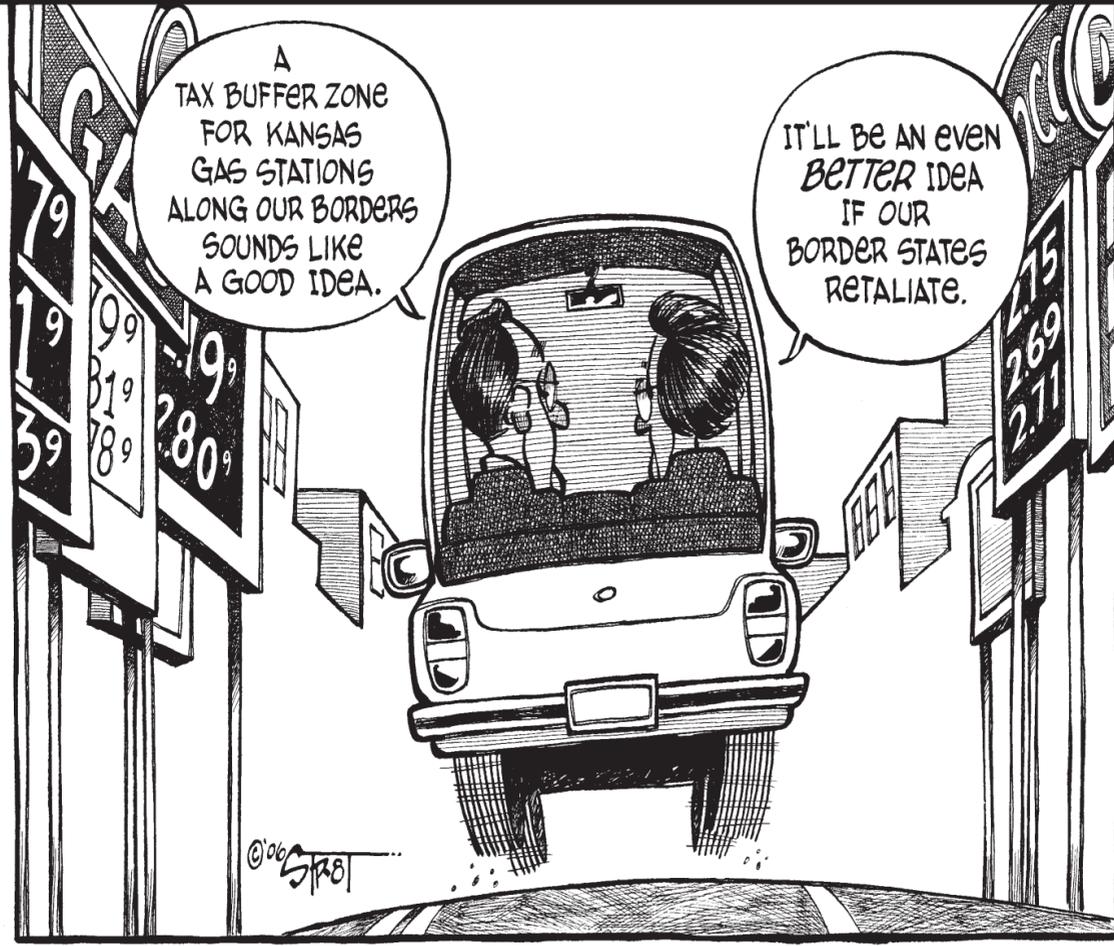
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Husband had to set the record straight

This 80 year old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge, he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches."

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6.

The judge then said, "I will then give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

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The kids at Norton Community High School are gearing up for tonight's homecoming encounter with Hill City. It's been a spirited week at the high school as the countdown to kickoff is just a few short hours away. A full house will undoubtedly roar the Blue Jays on to victory. The Jays are 2-1 for the season, losing to Smith Center and beating Trego Community High School and Plainville High School — the latter being a shortened game due to the threat of lightning. It ended in the third period. For the season, the Blue Jays have scored 74 points while limiting opponents to just 26. Go cheer the Jays!

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For those who might have forgotten, they better acquaint themselves with the name **Terry Petrie**. Norton and northwest Kansans know who he is, thanks to his exceptional career on the football field as a Norton Blue Jay, especially his senior

Good Evening Norton Tom Dreiling



year when he took up residency in the end zone 28 times. Petrie is now a Ron Prince-coached K-State Wildcat who, last Saturday, carried the ball five times for 22 yards. Big day, considering. But prior to the game Petrie got to do something of honor as a Kansas State University football player. Coach Prince picked him to carry the Kansas flag to usher the team onto the field. Two players carry either the state flag or the American flag at the outset of home games. Last Saturday Zach Diles carried Old Glory. Petrie, who has earned the trust of coach Prince, scored a 32-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter of the game against Florida Atlantic the previous week. I'll bet we'll see and hear the name **Petrie** quite often as the season plays out. The 'Cats are 3-0, and face #8 ranked Louisville (also 3-0) on Saturday. It'll be televised around 11 a.m.

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Help me out, if you will. Many of you have e-mail and I am trying to determine these 45 days before the Nov. 7 election, just where Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Democrat, and Jim Barnett, Republican challenger, stand with the voters in our neck of the woods.

Some political analysts are indicating that the governor will maintain her grip

on the GOP moderates and gain in some strong Republican counties in the west where she didn't do very well last time around. Her Democrat base is solid. Barnett, they say, needs to crank up his machine and quickly. They are at a loss to explain why he seems to be holding back. Kansas is a lopsided Republican stronghold. But Kansans have often, in the past, put a Democrat in the governor's office while surrounding that person with a Republican dominated Legislature. Your name, if you participate in this most unscientific poll by e-mail, won't ever be used or known to anyone else. Or, if you wish, call me at 877-6908, or mail me at 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654. Local polls are always fun.

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I don't know about you, but I've been enjoying this change in weather. I like the crisp, very cool mornings, the tolerable daytime highs. And as this is being written it is raining! Friends in Sheridan, Wyo., tell me the Big Horn Mountains, just a stone's throw away from Sheridan (where I lived for several years), had a heavy snowfall late last week. They said it just feels like the coming winter is going to be a very snowy one. What a beautiful sight the Big Horn Mountains are, especially when the white stuff begins collecting.

If you never have been up in that territory (about 10 miles from the Montana border on Interstate-90), put it on next summer's list of places to see. You won't be disappointed. The scenery in that part of the state is simply "breathtaking."

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I'm all talked out, so have a good weekend, and take time to worship in the church of your choice.

Colorado tiger brings big \$\$s in Missouri

We called him Sterling and he was the sweetest tiger you've ever seen.

I'm a sucker for cats and for stuffed animals, so when I saw the stuffed tiger — about half to two-thirds life size, in the bookstore in Durango, Colo., I was sold. Not so Steve.

He's a fisherman.

I'm a hunter-gatherer.

He goes fishing and I go hunting for bargains and gather them in.

It took a bit of work, but eventually he saw something he wanted to buy and I smiled and said sure, but it's going to cost you a tiger.

I ran back to the bookstore just as it was ready to close and lugged Sterling back up the street as wasted college boys stepped back and said, "Cool!"

And he was.

He looked great lounging on the back of my sofa.

My cats weren't too happy about the newcomer. The back of the sofa is their territory — but nobody argues with a tiger.

Open Season Cynthia Haynes



The cats are happier now.

Sterling has a new home.

We went to the annual Missouri Press Association meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks last week.

Where better to take a tiger than into University of Missouri territory?

My tiger was even named after a popular Missouri fan — Scarf Man, also known as Jim Sterling, a rabid Tigers fan who sits under the basket and waves his long gold-and-black scarf whenever his team does something good. Or the other team wants to shoot a free throw.

Jim and his wife Nancy are friends of ours from many press association meet-

ings, and naming a tiger after him just seemed right. He's the biggest Tiger I know.

My idea was to put Sterling, the tiger, into the Missouri Press silent auction. Money raised at the auction goes into the Missouri Press Foundation, which uses it to give scholarships to students in journalism school at MU.

Now, I admit, I paid \$49.95 for the tiger in Durango.

One of the press association workers got him a black and gold scarf and he was ready for bids..

A Mizzou fan paid \$450 for him at the auction. (Steve said if they buy like that, he's moving to Missouri to sell real estate.)

The last I saw of Sterling, he was sitting on a luggage rack headed to his new home. And, I swear, he had a smile on his face.

That bookstore also had a lion, an octopus, a penguin and a whole pack of dogs.

Hey Steve, how about another visit to Durango?

Editor's Note: Fine by me if you've got a market for 'em.

Say it with a Letter to The Telegram's editor