

Farm babies always a sure sign of Spring

We are going to the farm this weekend! I can hardly wait. Aunt Florence sent a postcard to Mama to tell her the spring calves and kittens and piglets are here. Last year Uncle Jim promised me that when my hands were bigger he would teach me how to feed a calf. I hope my hands are bigger but they look pretty much the same to me. How do hands grow anyhow? I'll have to ask Daddy about that.

Uncle Jim is a tall thin man who wears overalls. He rolls "smokes" from little papers and a bag of tobacco he carries in his bib pockets. He carries his false teeth there, too, and sometimes peppermint sticks or some funny brown stuff that he chews and spits out. Still, he is really nice and I like to see his eyes smile when he looks at Aunt Florence.

The road to the farm turns off over a bridge and under some trees just down the road from Hill City. It seems to take a long time to get there because Daddy has to slow down and look at everyone's wheat and Mama wants to stop to pick wild roses at the creek. Finally we top the big hill and I can see the square yellow stone farmhouse straight ahead, the windmill by the milkhouse and the big barns and sheds. We're here at last.

Cousin Margaret runs down the dirt road to meet us and takes me right off to the granary where we climb up the ladder to see the new kittens. They are tiny but have their eyes open and they mew and mew when we hold them, soft and furry, so fragile I can feel their ribs move when they breathe. The mama cat is nervous about us touching her babies but she settles down to purring when she sees we are gentle and nice.

Here's Uncle Jim with three syrup buckets full of milk. "C'mon you lazy lizards," he says, "we got calves to feed." Down we scramble and follow him to the corral. Half a dozen calves are bawling and pushing soft black velvet noses against the fence. It is time to train them to bucket feed so they

Child of the 40s

Liza Deines



are in a small pen. Their mama cows are bawling on the other side of the fence because they can't get to their little ones. Balance the bucket of milk over one wrist, Uncle Jim shows us, and dip the other hand in warm milk. Slip a few fingers into a calf's mouth. OOOOH, their tongues feel really funny when they suck the milk off my fingers, sort of soft and rough at the same time. Margaret and I slowly put our fingers down into the bucket so the calves, mouths and noses are in the milk. They snort and sneeze and shake their heads but as soon as they figure out how to swallow, they guzzle down a whole bucket of milk in no time. They wiggle all over and wag their tails when they eat.

We wash our hands in the horse tank and go to see a litter of new piglets. Tiny pink squealers with curly tails are snuggled up against their big, ugly, muddy mother. Uncle Jim lifts one out for me to see up close but Mama Pig doesn't like that at all. We hurriedly put wee piggy back after a quick pat. Out back of the hog pen is the chicken house where we stop off to see the chickens, young turkeys and guinea hens. We poke weeds through the fence for them but they'd rather chase grasshoppers and bugs for their dinner.

After our dinner the men sit in the living room and talk about the government. I'm sure glad I'm a girl and won't ever have to do that. Mama and Florence, Maggie and I walk up to the west pasture where we pick daisies for daisy chains and make grass dollies. The sun sinks down behind the hill before we head reluctantly back to town. New baby day at the farm is just the best but it never lasts long enough.

Learn why radon gas is making news in Kansas

Many new ads have been on television in recent months talking about radon in Kansas and how to find out more about it.

Have you been wondering where radon comes from, and where one can buy a test kit to determine if our home or business is at risk?

Here is some information you might need:

•Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas produced from the natural radioactive decay of radium and uranium found in the soil beneath a house. The amount of radon in the soil depends on soil chemistry, which varies from one house to the next. Radon levels in the soil range from a few hundred to several thousands of pCi/L (picocurie per liter of air - equal to the decay of two radioactive atoms per minute).

•The amount of radon that escapes from the soil to enter the house depends on the foundation openings, soil porosity, soil moisture, and air pressure differences which create suction by the house on the soil. Any age home or business can have dangerous levels of radon inside the building. The only way to find out the level of radon in the building is to test the radon level.

•Consumers can purchase radon test kits for their homes from a

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number of outlets. The Kansas Radon Program distributes short-term radon test kits through the Kansas State University Research and Extension service. Consumers can contact their County Extension Office and inquire about availability and costs, which are under \$10, inclusive of all costs. Home improvement stores may also stock or order test kits for consumers.

Additionally, radon test kits can be purchased directly from the manufacturers and laboratories over the Internet.

More information is available on K-State's Kansas Radon Program Website: www.radon.oznet.ksu.edu/.

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Local artists compete and win in annual art competition

The 4th Annual High Plains ArtFest was held April 18-20 at the Gateway in Oberlin with over 200 entries in the show.

Art Patrons, not only helped support the show, but bought 21 art pieces adding up to \$7,165 in sales for the artists.

This year's judges were Larry Peters and Barbara Waterman Peters from Topeka.

The Gala Event on Friday night was well-attended by patrons, artists, student artists, guests, and judges as they viewed artwork,

were entertained by the McCook Quintet, sampled hors d'oeuvres, and voted on the People's Choice awards.

Local winners were: Ashley Maybon, a senior at Norton Community High School, a Juror's Merit Award in Mixed Media; Anthony Marshall, Norcatour, a Patron Award for Mixed Media called, "Sticky Situation"; and a \$100 first place ribbon for a sculpture, "Trout Table" by Roger and Linda Fuller of Rawhide Ironworks, Norton.



Eenie, meenie, miney, moe. Andbe Home volunteers Mabel Nyland, left, and Janice Beale, selected thank-you gifts following an appreciation tea held Wednesday at the home. Dozens of volunteers were honored at the tea and program. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Local manufacturer hosts tour for club

Members of Mid-Century General Federation of Women's Clubs enjoyed a tour of the Natoma Corp., the evening of April 14. Chief Executive Officer Gail Bolter told the club that in 1982, he had started a small manufacturing company in Natoma. In 1984, he moved the company to Norton and it is now Natoma Corporation. During these years the company has grown and expanded. Mr. Bolter led the group through the plant where precision parts are manufactured for the medical field, airplanes and wherever precision parts are needed. There are no end-products manufactured. There are 60 employees and 25 computerized machines. The group expressed appreciation to Mr. Bolter for the tour and added that Natoma Corp. is an asset to Norton.

Following the tour, the group went to the home of Eunice Neiltopp with Maxine Wiltfong as co-hostess for refreshments and the business meeting. Beverly Kindler called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by 17 members with "A Piece of Technology I Would Not Give Up." Darlene McEwen said that five members had perfect attendance for the year.

Leta Donovan read a note from former member Carolyn Higginson, now living in Overland Park. Lynn Nelson told of a call she had received from another former member, Rosetta McFarland, now of Indiana.

Mrs. Neiltopp thanked the group

for delivering Meals-On-Wheels the previous two weeks. Mid-Century will again furnish "Kind News" for Julie Schrum's class at Eisenhower Elementary School. Plans were made for the annual Pie Sale that was held April 17 at the Senior Center. The group voted to take charge of the Plinko Game at the Norton County Fair in July.

The Fall Convention of Sixth District will be in Hill City on Sept. 27. Mid-Century has been asked to help with the morning coffee hour. Mrs. Nelson will co-chair this committee with Hill City. The theme "Potpourri" was chosen for the basket that will be made for the money-raising event at the convention. Jean White and Lynn Nelson will be voting delegates.

Beverly Kindler, GFWC Sixth District President, reported on the state convention she had attended. There were 97 women in attendance, representing the 68 clubs in the Kansas Federation. It was reported that Kansas Federation women had volunteered 37,000 hours during the year and had made \$40,000 in contributions. Mid-Century was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. The 2007-2008 Year Book was awarded a purple ribbon. A Certificate of Caring for Kind News and a Certificate of Appreciation for Reach-Out Internationally were also received.

Aileen Boxler, a long-time member of the Federation, was recognized during the Rosemary Hour.

READERS

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first place Myron Voh and Ivy Rolland; and second place, Jake Durham and Sam Manning.

Thomas "T.J." Siard, Almena, was one of five students who recently completed the Environmental Protection Agency certification for heating and cooling. Mr. Siard is enrolled in the program offered by Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland. The certification designates him as being an expert in refrigerant chemicals and equipment. After completing the course in July, he will be eligible to take the Journeyman Mechanical license test.

MARKETS

At close of business Apr. 24	
Wheat.....	\$8.21
Milo.....	\$4.98
Corn.....	\$5.36
Soybeans.....	\$12.10

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

April 3 — Dawn Hock, Norton, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

April 3 — Jessica Normile, Beaver City, Neb., speeding 36 in a 30 mph zone and failed to provide verification of insurance, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

April 3 — Michele Franco, Clayton, failed to provide verification of insurance, dismissed as verification provided at hearing.

April 10 — Maria Planellas, Logan, speeding 44 in a 35 mph zone and no verification of insurance, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

April 10 — Daron Mowry, Cambridge, Neb., speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

April 10 — Sunnie Fredrickson, Colby, failure to provide verification of insurance. Dismissed as verification provided at hearing.

April 10 — Cody Bredemeier, Norton, failure to use seatbelt, 14 to 18 rule, fine \$60.

April 10 — Andrea Wingfield, Idalia, Colo., speeding 55 in a 45 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

April 10 — Zeb Lynd, Norton, failure to use seatbelt, 14 to 18 rule, fine \$60.

April 10 — Aaron Roberts, Norton, transporting an open container, fine \$200, court cost \$70.

Criminal

April 10 — Kim and Chris Jakubowski, Norton, abandoned motor vehicles, article 8-308, ordinance 1569. Guilty on four counts. One count \$0 as had been abated. \$300 per day for 42 days, \$12,600 reduced to 10% equal to \$1,260 if violations abated by

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, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Oct. 10 — Darren M. Parr, Colby, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$66.

March 4 — Rhonda S. Dossey, Gilbert Ariz., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

March 20 — Todd J. Anderson, Oakley, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$66.

March 21 — Michael A. Rutherford, Eudora, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$66.

March 23 — Traci A. Dragoo, Holmesville, Neb., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$66.

March 27 — Raul Martin, Hannibal, Mo., speeding 91 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$144, court cost \$66.

April 5 — Ellen C. Wehrhan, Lincoln, Neb., speeding 85 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$90, court cost \$66.

Animal Shelter For Adoption

- Male Border Collie mix, 2 - 3 years old.
- Male black Labrador, 4 - 5 months old.
- Female Terrier mix, 1 - 3 years old.

Found

April 20, female black Labrador, red collar. KQNK Rd.

Musicians hold recital

Music students of Jennifer Ruder and Jeremie Krehbiel performed in a recital Sunday at the Norton Christian Church.

In addition to teaching elementary music at Lenora Grade School, Mrs. Ruder has a small private piano studio. Her students include Alec Melvin, Kirstin Georgeson, Alexis Henson, Tyus Henson, Rhees Carlson, Jace Ruder, Johnnye Ruder, Jazzmin Wahlmeier, and Jonah Ruder.

Students in Jeremie Krehbiel's beginning guitar class have been working hard since November. Those students include Ryan Johnson, Miah Melvin, Cale

Patterson, Jace Ruder and Alexis Henson.

Mr. Krehbiel is employed by STS, LLC in Long Island and Bridges Group Insurance, Norton. He is very active in the Praise and Worship Band at his church playing percussion, guitar and singing.

The young musicians range in age from 5 to 14.

Other students not able to perform in the recital were pianist, Bethany Roy, and guitarists, Brendon Frack, Grant McClymont, and Eric Patterson.

A reception was held following the recital.

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April 25 - April 30
 Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
Walt Disney's College Road Trip
 1 Hour, 30 Minutes (G)
 Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 5:00 p.m.; M-T-W: 7:00 p.m.
Step Up 2: The Streets
 1 Hour, 44 Minutes (PG-13)
 General Admission \$6.00 Adults, \$5.00 Kids 12 & Under for Both Movies
 Since both movies are non-premieres, all movie passes accepted
 Coming Soon: •Premiering May 2-Iron Man (PG-13); •May 22-Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull •Leatherheads (PG-13) •21 (PG-13)

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