

# New displays grace library

By BEVERLY KINDLER

It is time to check out the new displays at the Norton Public Library. They feature eggs, pitchers and spoons.

Joan Streck shares her family's collection of eggs. One of the features is a metal egg crate used in the late 1940s to mail fresh eggs a long distance from the farm. Joan's mother used this method of getting "farm-fresh eggs" when she moved to the city. You will also find paper eggs, made in Germany, hand-painted eggs, crocheted eggs and a Fenton glass egg.

There are also eggs, bought by Steve's father while stationed in Korea during the war. You will also see a Funny Face egg, a real egg decorated by Steve, age 10, for his Grandma and Grandpa Streck.

There are antique eggs found in Joan's grandparents' farm house in southern Missouri. An antique egg rack is also part of Joan's exhibit.

Georgia Briery has displayed a small number of pitchers that her grandmother, Nelle McCabe, collected during her lifetime. Most were gifts to Mrs. McCabe from friends. There are glass, China and pottery pitchers of all colors, sizes and shapes.

Can you find the green glass pitcher that recognizes the Norton Auditorium? One pitcher is a promotion from Borden (for those of you old enough to remember — it is Elsie, the Borden Cow). Some pitchers are from Czechoslovakia and some from other foreign countries. There is also a collection of

tiny, tiny pitchers.

Georgia stated, "I have always loved these pitchers, because I spent many hours, as a child and as an adult, helping Gram take care of them."

You will need a "long look" to see the many spoons that Jean White has shared from her collection. The large serving spoons were used by her maternal grandparents when they set up their home in 1890 in Graham County. They were passed down and used in 1923, as her parents set up housekeeping in Kansas City and are now in Jean's collection. The baby spoons honor each of the Whites' grandchildren. Check out the different patterns on the teaspoons and sugar shells.

These small souvenirs give you a worldwide tour as you find spoons representing cities and states in the United States as well as foreign countries. Can you find the spoon from Holland? One from Germany or Peru? Did you see the spoon with jade on the handle; a zebra in the bowl of the spoon or the spoon with a roadrunner on the handle? Some spoons feature the flag of a country.

To complete your tour of displays, take time to see the art work of Shawna (McKinley) Engelsman in the art gallery. As a native of Norton County, Shawna attended grade school, junior high and high school here until graduating and going to Kansas State University. Shawna works in several mediums including oils, pastel, graphite and acrylic. She also enjoys sculpture and jewelry-making.

## Special exhibit set at Sternberg Museum

A major exhibit built from private collections features specimens from all primary dinosaur groups of 185-million-year era.

Representatives of the Mesozoic Era of geologic time, including the Tyrannosaurus rex known as Stan, have arrived at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History for an extended stay.

"T. rex cetera: Dinosaurs and Other Mesozoic Monsters," opening May 24 and running until March 29, 2009, features Stan, at 70 percent the second most complete Tyrannosaurus skeleton ever found, and more than 30 other full skeletons of animals that lived during the 185-million-year span of the Mesozoic Era, comprising the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.

Also in the exhibit are almost 40 other specimens, including many skulls and other bones. The exhibition showcases fossil casts from the private collection of Dr. Jack Hankla, a Danbury, Ky., dentist, whose interest in paleontology and fossil collecting has resulted in one of the most significant private collections in the United States.

"We decided to go with all fossil casts, primarily because the actual fossils are just too heavy and can't be put together for an open-mount display," said Greg Walters, exhibits director of the Sternberg Museum.

"This exhibit has never been seen anywhere before," he said, explaining that it is compiled from Hankla's collections. Some of the individual specimens have been loaned out for various displays, but this is the largest exhibit ever constructed from the Hankla specimens. Some individual pieces have never been displayed anywhere.

That is one reason the exhibit will take more than a month to go up. The pieces arrived at the Sternberg on April 4, but museum personnel and a shifting cast of museum volunteers will have to assemble the skeletons and construct individual displays. Walters said the exhibit has representatives from every major group of dinosaurs that lived during the Mesozoic Era — the various tyrannosaurs, carnosaurs, raptors, stegosaurs, ankylosaurs,

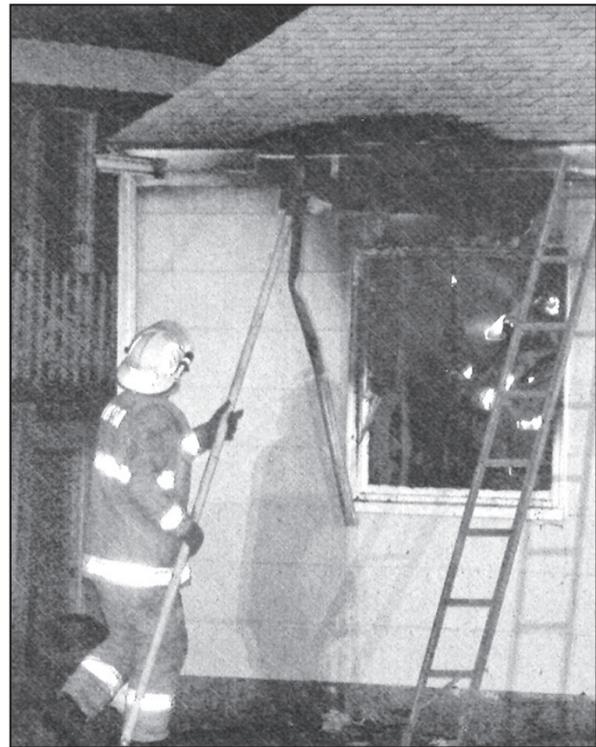
hadrosaurs, ceatopsians, sauro-pods and others. It also includes non-dinosaurs such as mosasaurs, plesiosaurs, crocodiles, a complete giant turtle Archelon (15 feet from flipper to flipper), flying reptiles and others..

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays. Admission for non-members is \$6 for adults (ages 13 to 59), \$4 for seniors (60 and over) and youths (ages 4 through 12), and \$3 for Fort Hays State University students with student ID. Admission is free for museum members and children age 3 and under.



The Norton Fire Department was called to a house fire on West Crane this past week. Volunteer fireman J.B. Carlton (above) helped a fellow fireman put on an air tank as he prepared for entry. Another firefighter (right) knocked down flames as the fire spread to the roof.

— Telegram photos by Vicki Henderson



## Duplex fire causes extensive damage

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Flames had engulfed one half of a duplex last Monday when Norton City firefighters arrived at a house fire at 406 W. Crane.

Fire Chief Mitch Jones said 17 men and two units responded at about 11:15 p.m. and had the

fire under control in about 10 minutes.

The duplex, owned by Curtis and Connie Glenn, was occupied by Charley and Judy Kent and Sam Mertens. The Kents' apartment suffered extensive fire damage. They were both taken to Norton County Hospital where they were

treated for smoke inhalation. They were kept overnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent have been through this once before when the house they own on East Main sustained a fire last July. The Kents have been staying at the Hill Crest Motel. It is believed the repairs on their home are almost

complete and ready for them to move back in.

Mr. Mertens' apartment had a little smoke and heat damage, said Chief Jones.

Kansas State Fire Marshal Melvin Dale, Garden City, is investigating the fire to determine the cause.

## Honorary degree awaits northwest Kansan

Joe Mildrexler, well known northwest Kansan, who retired in 2006 after serving 42 years at Colby Community College, was recently selected as the 2008 Honorary Associate Degree recipient.

The honorary degree will be conferred during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

He has been linked to virtu-

ally every significant event at the school since 1964, said Dr. Lynn Kreider, president of Colby College.

Mildrexler began his career at Colby in 1964 as a math teacher. He was interim dean of instruction from 1975-77, dean of admissions and registrar from 1977-79 and was named dean of community service in the fall of 1979, a position he held until his retirement in 2006.

He was also active in the Kansas Adult Education Association, holding several offices with the state group including the presidency in 1980.

He was honored with the group's State Achievement Award in 1987.

In recognition of his commitment to adult education, Mildrex-

ler was awarded the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association Founder's Award in 2000. The award is the highest honor which the association can bestow on one of its members.

The Missouri Valley Adult Education Association is the oldest regional adult education association in the United States.

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