

# Just a temporary job – forty years later

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“How would you like to ride to work with me and help with a printing job?” That is what my sister Anita asked me when I was 17 years old and fresh out of high school.

My first job at the Norton Telegram was putting together a Norton County Fair book in the back room of the Telegram office for Wilson-Carter Printers. That was in 1971.

“A typing position came open and I applied for the job. My sister, Anita, was already an employee of the new owners, Dick and Mary Beth Boyd,” said Vicki.

Vicki said, when I started as a typist we typed on teletype machines. You typed on a tape, fed the tape into a machine that read the type and printed out your copy. You had one chance to get it right or you had to restart your whole project. The process was quite different than it is today with the computers and automation.

The paper was a daily when Vicki started, the Norton Daily Telegram printed six days a week, Monday through Saturday. The paper was printed until 2002 in Norton on the press that is still in the back room of the Telegram office. Larry Henderson, her future husband, was the

pressman.

Newspapers are dependent on advertising to make it profitable to print. Vicki is the one in the office that creates ads with imagination and experience. You can thank her for the ad layouts that fill the Norton Telegram.

Vicki leaves the newspaper office at 4 p.m. and travels to her second job as a certified manager at the local McDonald’s. She has been with McDonald’s for ten years.

“I especially enjoy working with the crew and other managers and look forward to seeing our regular customers that come into the restaurant every day, said Vicki”

Vicki is married to Larry Henderson, a well known local musician. They have two daughters, Lisa Henderson of Norton and Angela Folks (Brett) of Lawrence.

Vicki grew up on a farm in rural Densmore. She is the daughter of the late Cecil and Julia Roeder.

She attended school in Densmore until the district consolidated with Logan and Prairie View school districts graduating from Logan High School in 1971.

Vicki received a perfect attendance award for never missing a day of high school. She has maintained that standard of perfection in her employment.



Vicki Henderson

The Norton Telegram would be lost without the genius of Vicki Henderson. Her gift of imagination in the creation of advertising makes the customers of the newspaper confident that their message is received by potential users of their services.

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