

Couple to marry in June

Sarah Denton, Norton, and Calvin Pemberton, Beaver City, Neb., have set June 12 as their wedding date. They plan to be married in the Beaver City Park by Wilmer Severns.

Miss Denton is a 2001 graduate of Southern Valley High School, Beaver City, and works at Pure Prairie Natural Foods, Norton.

The prospective groom is employed by Courtwright Farms of Beaver City.

After their wedding, the couple plans to make their home in Beaver City.



Calvin Pemberton and Sarah Denton

Parents of the couple are Andrew and Theresa Denton, Norton, and John and Brenda Pemberton, Beaver City.

Edmond alumni to meet

Alumni of Edmond High School are planning a school reunion for Saturday, May 29, at the American Legion in Norton.

A social hour beginning at 4 p.m. will start the festivities followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m.

All alumni, spouses, teachers, friends and anyone who attended school at Edmond are invited to attend.

Reservations are required for the dinner and should be made by Friday, May 14.

Contact Barbara McKie at (785) 877-3340 to learn more.

String holders were popular

When was the last time you received a package tied up with string?

At one time every piece of merchandise sold was wrapped in brown paper and tied up with string.

In grocery and dry goods stores a big spool of string was hung from the ceiling or nailed on the counter. The clerk would grab the end and with a few deft twists and turns your purchase would be safe to carry home even in Kansas wind.

Furthermore, every tad bit of that string was saved for reuse. In kitchens across America during the 1800s every home had a string holder of some kind where salvaged string was tucked away. Some just used a fruit jar or a cracked sugar bowl and rolled the twine in little bundles, some had cast iron holders that are a real find these days.

More affluent households had commercial string holders, which hung on the wall.

Beginning about 1930, chalk kitchen decorations came into vogue and included with sets of chalkware vegetables or fruits were attractive string holders. If you are lucky enough to find one in good repair, they are very collectible.

Chalk was not only fragile but string holders were vulnerable to being yanked off the wall by an impatient user, so a number of them crumbled or cracked and fell by the wayside. Some were made

Collector Chat Liza Deines



with slots for scissors and they were also often grabbed in a hurry, leading to disaster.

Probably the string holder most people remember best was the Aunt Jemima face. She wore the classic red checked bandanna, had those big expressive eyes and an exaggerated mouth with big red lips where the hole for the string was located.

If you find one, be prepared to pay \$400-\$500 if you want to acquire it.

Fruits, cats, dogs, monkeys, and parrots were also popular.

The sharpest one I have ever seen was produced during World War II.

It depicted a sweet-faced sailor boy in his perky white cap and collar. He had curly hair, flirty blue eyes and the string emerged from puckered lips that were obviously engaged in a wolf whistle. I'll bet he brightened many a housewife's day.

Comic characters and movie stars were also manufactured including Shirley Temple, Popeye and Felix the Cat.

Black Americans were often seen including charming

picaninnies and mammy figures. These created what is called a "triple play" collectible, which is an item collectible in three or more categories. An example would be a chalk collector who also collects Shirley Temple memorabilia and string holders. An odd combination, you might think, but it does happen occasionally with us collection addicts.

Very, very rare are the home-made string holders crafted from coconut shells. The three soft spots on a coconut were sometimes ideally placed to be eyes and a mouth and artistic housewives used to work diligently to split such a coconut smoothly so it could be used to create an original holder.

Usually, due to the brown color, these were mammy figures or the picaninnies mentioned before, made with black yarn hair, red handkerchief bandannas, and facial features added with soot and water mixed to create black paint. Depending on the ability of the housewife, they could be very cute or very homely, but if you see one, pick it up. They are few and far between.

Maybe if we all saved string nowadays Norton wouldn't need that new landfill? No, I expect we'd have a hard time finding any string to save in this age of tape and staples.

FROM THE COOK: No soup is complete without diced parsnip. Be sure to plant a row this spring and bring me two come fall.

READERS

Heath Vincent, a sophomore at Norton Community High School, has been selected to participate in the Kansas State University College of Engineering Science and Summer Institute May 31-June 4. The Institute offers high school students an opportunity to learn about engineering, physics, chemistry, biology and math. He is the son of Mike and Wanda Vincent, Norton.

— Precision Hearing will NOT be in Norton Wednesday, May 12. 5/11

Dan Skrdlant, president of Norton County Farm Bureau, and his wife Sue Ann Skrdlant took their concerns regarding the permanent repeal of the death tax, maintaining ethanol tax credits and commodity transportation issues to Capitol Hill. While in Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Skrdlant met with Kansas Farm Bureau president, Steve Baccus.

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 5/11

Joshua Jackson, had his directorial debut Wednesday with the performance of "Act 3, Scene 5" by Terrence Ortwein, during a festival of short plays at Bethany College, Lindsborg. He is the son of Duane and Aurelia Jackson, Norcatour.

— PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT 7 p.m., May 16, Norton American Legion. 5/11

Jamie Meitl, a 2001 graduate of Norton Community High School, will receive an associate of science degree in respiratory therapy from Washburn University in Topeka on Saturday.

Miss Meitl is the daughter of Carolyn Dooley, Norton. She is also the granddaughter of Charlotte Roberts, Norton, and the late

Bobby Roberts.

Erin Tibbetts, a Norton Community High School senior, has been awarded the Thresher Academic Scholarship from Bethel College in Newton for 2004-'05. The scholarship is valued at \$8,000 over four-years. Miss Tibbetts is the daughter of Doug and Jenny Tibbetts, Norton.

The ninth and tenth-grade boys team from Norton took second place in the Sappa Valley Shoot-Out 3-on-3 Tournament held April 17 at the high school in Oberlin. Team members were Heath Vincent, Nathan Morse and Brian Juenemann.

The family of Claude and Ellene Archer request a card shower to honor them on the occasion of their 73rd wedding anniversary Friday. Greetings will reach them at 511 Brooks, Almena, Kan., 67622.

Club enjoys African, Asian decorations

Members of Mid-Century General Federation of Women's Clubs experienced a safari atmosphere at their April 22 meeting at the home of Lois Myers as the house was decorated with objects from Asia and Africa.

Mrs. Myers' co-hostesses were Rosetta McFarland, Judy Davis and Virginia Will, who were attired in native costumes. Favors for each member were origami folded paper elephants.

Following the meal, Mrs. Myers showed a video of life in Burma when she and her sister, Karen Cox, were children. Their father

was a missionary and their mother taught Bible school. The sisters were home-schooled by their mother. Their family lived in Burma until Mrs. Myers was 11 years old.

President Jean White conducted the meeting and recognized members who had birthdays in April: Eunice Neiltopp, Carolyn Higgason, Lynn Nelson and Maxine Wiltfong.

It was decided that the group would operate the PLINKO booth at the Norton County Fair once again.

It was also decided that the

group would create a display of stichery work at the Norton Library.

Beverly Kindler conducted a recognition service for those who have been members at least 25 years.

Gifts were presented to Vida Perrill, Lynn Nelson, Carolyn Higgason, Rosetta McFarland, Geraldine Packer, Mary Beth Boyd and Bertie Leigh Compaan.

The next meeting of Mid-Century Club will be Sept. 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton United Methodist Church for their annual salad supper.

Soccer group selling bread to raise money

Butter Braid bread orders to benefit the American Youth Soccer Organization are due to a board member by Friday.

The bread, at \$9 a loaf, may be

ordered from any board member. Board members are David Unkel, Tami Broeckelman, Toby Kuhn, Mike or Deena Wente, Glenda Maurer, Amanda Shannon,

Michelle Bohl and Marty Ross, Lenora.

The bread will be delivered to the city building at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18. All soccer players need to be at the city building that night to pick up their bread orders.

Summer Bible school planned

"Walking With Jesus" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School at Norton Christian Church.

Children, ages 4 through 6th grade are invited. Evening activities will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, May 24, through Wednesday, May 26, with a special closing program at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, followed by a hot dog feed and fellowship time.

Children who come will hear stories about Jesus calling the 12 disciples, calming the storm and

the passion of Christ. This year's missions class will focus on Michelle Volgamore's missionary work in Australia. Miss Volgamore is a graduate of Norton High School.

To learn more or to pre-register, contact the church office at 877-2871; Nancy Hager, 877-3841 or Melba Witt 877-3660.

A registration table will be available at the church on Sunday morning and also through the week of Bible school.

If you live in Norton and did not receive your Shop and Save insert in this week's Telegram Extra please call the Norton Telegram at 877-3361.

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