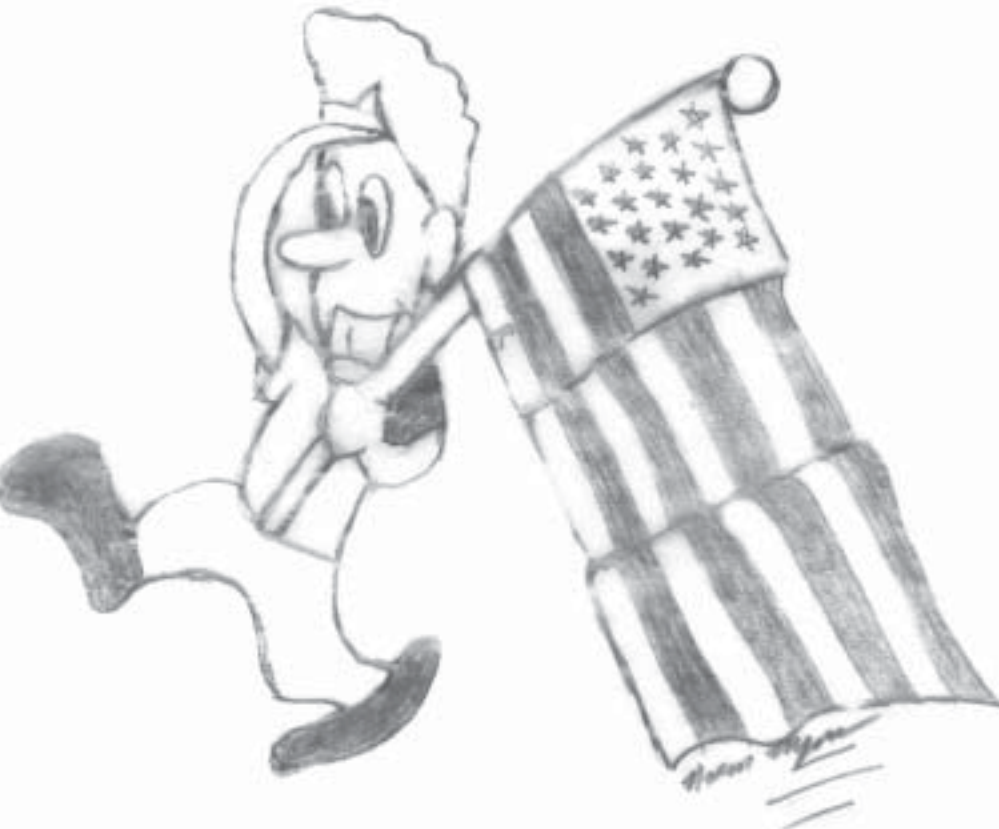


Artist at large paints up city of Norton



The artwork above on this page of the special Freedom Section was done by Norm Myers, Norton, a self-taught artist.

He realized at an early age that he could draw and what was partly a hobby is now partly a business.

Mr. Myers calls his business, "Artist At Large". Customers at Norton's Dairy Queen are familiar with his work. He painted the mural on the east wall of the business.

Murals by Mr. Myers can be seen on several large buildings in Omaha.

He is also responsible for the art work on the window of Russ' Jewelry in downtown Norton; for the flamingo, palm trees, weeping willow and three dimensional fence on the wall at Master's Touch

Fitness Center; and the flowers and vase on the wall at Norton Flowers Gifts and Green-

house.

Norton shoppers saw lots of his work during the Christmas season when his art adorned windows in the downtown area.

Mr. Myers is originally from Dallas. He comes to Norton by way of Denver and Norcatour. He works at Love's Convenience Store.

He is available to do windows for the Norton County Fair. He uses a water-based paint for the background. The graphic is then done with an oil-based paint. Part of the deal is after the fair, he will come back and wash his work off. It is convenient that one of his other side-lines is washing windows. Keeping to his theme, that business is called, "Window Washer At Large".

To have a window painted or to have them washed, call him at (785) 202-0345.



Norm Myers

What being an American means to me



By CHASE BRAUN

I like living in a country that gives me the right to be free. There are lots of things to do that you can't do in another country. You can speak against the government without worrying about being killed. There is no law on how to dress. You can go to the stores without permission and shop for what you want. That is why I like this free country!

By CASPIEN WHITESELL

To be an American I can go anywhere I want, get a job anywhere I want, and have a family anywhere I want. I have freedom of speech and religion; right to bear arms; can get an education of my choice. We are blessed to live in a free country because I couldn't imagine what it would be like living any where else.

By SAMANTHA COOK

To be an American to have to have been born in America. Being American means freedom, we are free meaning being able to do what we want and when we want. Such as being able to wear the clothes, having the job, and many more things of our choice. I would rather be free than always having to be told what I can do and what I can't.

By ASHLEY COLIP

If you look at countries around the world none of them have the same rights and freedoms that we as Americans have. We are blessed to have a brave and patriotic Army, Navy, Marines, etc., who fight for those rights we have. I can't even imagine living in a country where we would not get the opportunity to choose what we wanted. We are very lucky to live in a country that cares so much about the future freedoms of America and its people. Thanks to all of the soldiers who have died for America to give us the wonderful freedoms we have!

By ZACHARY L. DREHER

What is the cost of Freedom? The cost is great for Freedom. Greater for some than others, for the cost that some pay is all that there is to give, life. For those soldiers who pay the ultimate price and for the soldiers that put their lives on the line so we Americans can be free, we are grateful. For freedom is not a right, it is a privilege. Many will never know that due to the government of the country that they live in.



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