

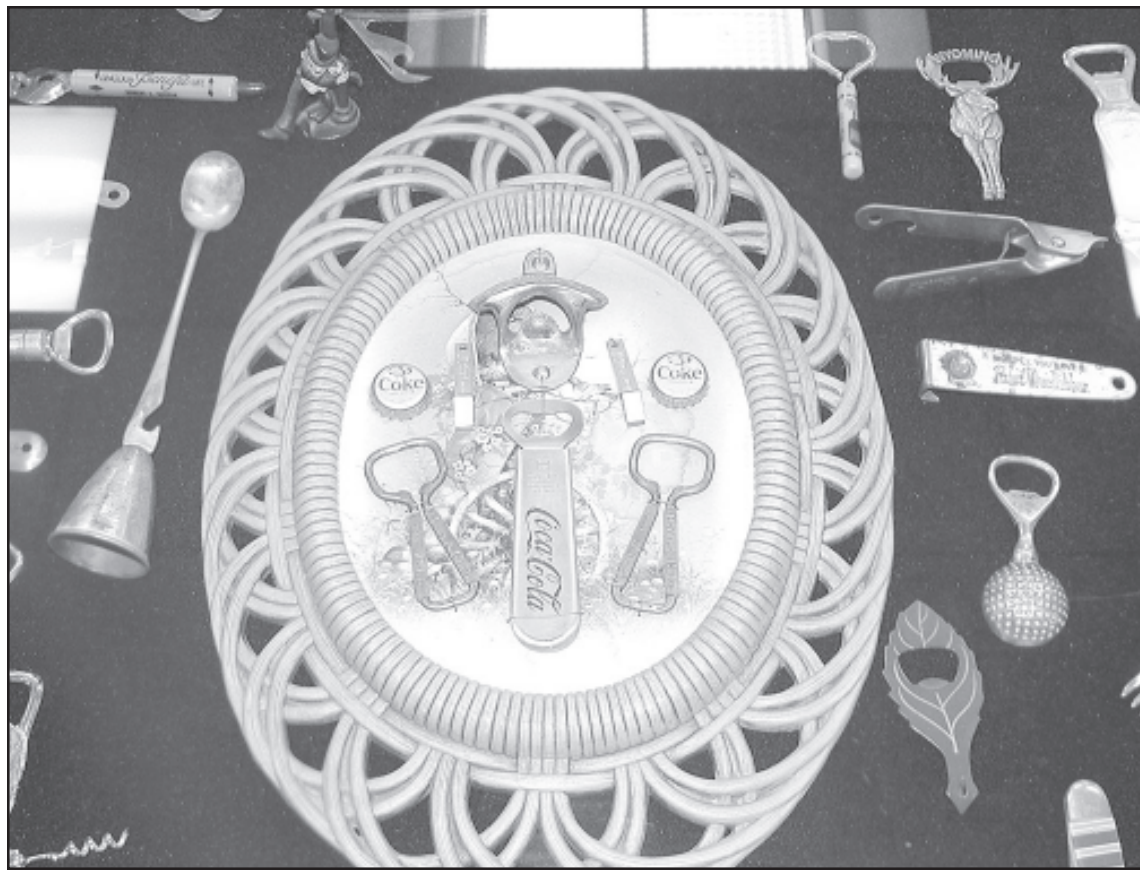
Eye candy available at library

By LIZA DEINES

If you're feeling the effects of the "Febru-wearies", give yourself the treat of a trip to the Norton Public Library to view the display cases freshly stocked with interesting new eye candy.

All that sparkles may not be gold it may be Monte Montgomery's outstanding collection of domed butter dishes from the late 1800s. Many of these beauties are Early American Pattern glass designs that originally came in table sets with cream and sugars, spooners and berry bowls. At just a glance, I spied "Princess Feather", Croesus and a very rarely found Dakota design. Pattern glass is often clear but mixed in here are some flash ruby, opalescent, and vaseline. Ormate Carnival glass, depression designs and cranberry glass are some of the more elegant glasses represented. One spectacular custard glass dome is decorated with dainty hand painted flowers. Gold embellishment accents the intricate pressed motifs of the Croesus and Dakota patterns, which are deep, rich colors of emerald, royal purple and the distinctive burgundy rose that was a Dakota trademark. Come feast your eyes on just a few of Monte's extensive selection.

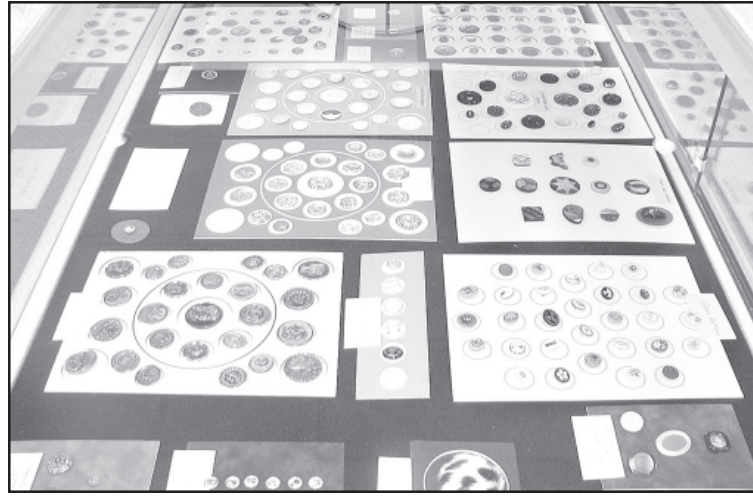
Across the way is a group that, while a bit less elegant, is no less nostalgic. Greg Plumb never lacks for a bottle opener at his house. His only problem would be which one to use. The south display case is full of a variety of bottle openers collected over many years. They range from small folding ones that go on your key chain to the old fashioned Coca-Cola ones that mounted on the wall and had a bottle cap container attached below. Openers were often premiums from dealers and brands of various beverages and many of those are represented here. Black memorabilia wall mounts which used the teeth as an opening device



The bottle opener collection (above) of Greg Plumb, Norton, is on display in the south case in the lobby at the Norton Public Library. Library visitors can see the specialized buttons (below) in the collection of Mary Beth Boyd.

may make local dentists cringe but collectors will covet. One opening device served double duty as a Christmas greeting card and you can find a dozen multi-purpose tools displayed here, also matched bar sets with clever handles. Come travel back to the days when opening a cool drink required what the cool guys called a "church key".

When winter days are chilly and gloomy, Mary Beth Boyd always has her button collection to while away an afternoon. Her best selections are in our center case for your pleasure and enjoyment. All are beautifully organized, mounted on cards and categorized meticulously. Bone and wooden buttons, pearl and glass buttons, fur and silver buttons sit side-by-side with Italian mille fiore, embroidered Kate Greenaway buttons and vintage Tudor buttons from the 1500s. Most decorative are Czechoslovakian glass shanks, jewel-like in their glittering colors, closely followed by a cluster of carved Mother-of-Pearl examples. Most interesting are the silver storybook buttons which illustrate fairytales and the Mark Twain poster showing Battersea buttons. Especially interesting is a



reproduction of a special issue George Washington inauguration button. What an absorbing hobby in which to participate and to share. Allow enough time to truly enjoy the variety of this exhibit.

The mother-daughter team of Donna and Kaye Goscha has cooperated with Jennifer Henrickson to mount a counted cross-stitch grouping in the art area this month. A sentimental keepsake any couple would be delighted to receive is the wedding commemorative wall hanging shown on the east wall. Surrounding walls are hung with clever

stitched mottoes, charming animal scenes and scriptures wreathed in intricate blossoms. A cottage shown at four different seasons of the year is especially appealing. Great workmanship and a lot of it graces this entire needlework tour.

If you have a collection you would like to share with the patrons of Norton Public Library, please call Mary Luehrs at 877-2481 to schedule a time. Your generosity is always appreciated and rest assured your valued items are in locked cases and are safely protected when on loan to the library.



Domed butter dishes from the collection of Monte Montgomery, Alma, are on display in the north case at the Norton Public Library.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton district looking for principal

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said. The board approved the plan for hiring a new high school principal and appointed board members Jennifer Terrell and Mark Keilig to be on the interview committee.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a board policy change about when school can dismiss before a holiday and then approved the 2006-07 school calendar. Mr. Mann said two major differences in the calendar were there would be no late starts this year and, for the Thanksgiving holiday, there would be no school on the Wednesday before, rather than dismissing early on Wednesday, which required the change in board policy.

He said there are 179 contract days and seven inservice days for a total of 186 days, or 1,180 hours. The state only requires a minimum

of 1,116 hours, which is 10 school days less than the Norton district has.

The first day of school, he said, will be on Aug. 18, with the teachers coming back on Aug. 14. May 23 will be the last day of school. First semester will end at Christmas vacation and spring break will be after the state basketball tournament.

• Heard from Mr. Mann how the Legislative post audit report's recommendations for an "efficient" prototype district of 600 students would affect Norton. He said he hasn't heard anyone in the Legislature actually talking about acting on the proposed plan, but if it went through, Norton would have to lay-off several of its staff. The state median was also well above what the prototype district had for staffing as well.

Small detour needed for some travelers on I-70

Eastbound travelers on Interstate 70 will continue to be detoured around the southern portion of Hays while repairs are completed to fix the damages to an overpass west of Hays last Monday.

At 6 p.m. on Feb. 13, an excavator being hauled on an eastbound tractor trailer struck the Hall Street Bridge overpass, causing extensive damage. The damage, which was caused by the arm of the excavator hitting the edge and bottom of the overpass deck, required the closing of a two-mile section of I-70 to eastbound traffic.

"We removed the excavator arm, which was literally poking through the overpass last evening," said Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer Kevin Zimmer of Hays. "Engineering crews from the Kansas Department of Transportation set four temporary supports underneath the bridge and by 10 p.m. two local companies were able to remove the excavator arm and begin cleaning all the debris remaining on the roadway."

Augie's Repair and Towing LLC and Hess Services Inc., both of Hays, removed the excavator

after cutting the arm and separating it with help of a crane, tow trucks, and other equipment.

Repairs to the bridge began Monday.

King Construction of Hesston will tear out a 45-foot, damaged section of the overpass as part of the work. During the repairs, temporary support structures will be used to help stabilize the bridge and eventually allow eastbound traffic to safely travel on I-70.

"The target date for turning eastbound drivers back onto I-70 is March 1," said Mr. Zimmer. "At that point, the traveling public will no longer have to use the designated detour route."

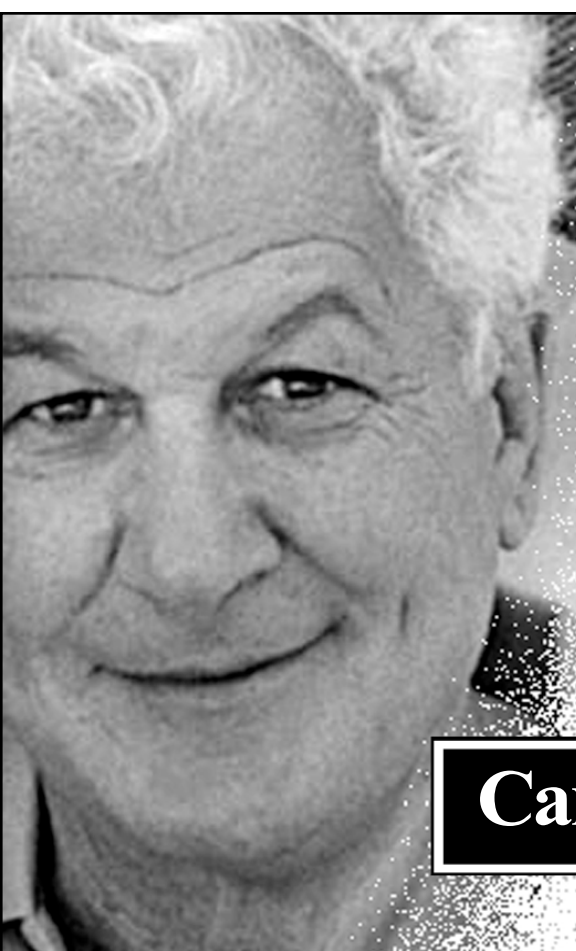
Traffic is being re-routed around the southern part of Hays onto a five-mile detour at Exit 157 west of Hays. The detour takes travelers south onto the US-183 Bypass, then east onto Old US-40 Highway over to the Commerce Parkway Interchange, which takes drivers back to I-70 at the 161 Interchange.

Temporary signs are posted along the detour route, and drivers should exercise caution when traveling through the detour.

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ATTENTION

NORTON COUNTY BUSINESSES: Jean Warta of the Kansas Downtown Development Association and Main Street Kansas Programs will be in Norton on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen restaurant, to discuss ideas and grant possibilities for Norton county businesses growth. For more information contact: **Economic Development 785-874-4816**



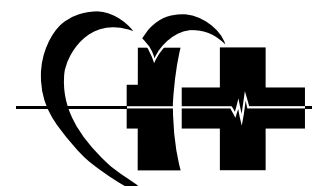
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