

Memorabilia on display at Norton Public Library

By BEVERLY KINDLER

Changes have been made — there are four new displays at the Norton Public Library. As you come in the front door you will see, on your left, strawberries, strawberries and more strawberries. Mary Jo Montgomery shared this display in memory of her mother, Barbara Tacha. Mary Jo's collection of strawberries started when her mother made the strawberry cookie jar in a ceramics class and gave it to Mary Jo. After that, gifts from family and friends usually featured strawberries. As you check out the display you will see dinnerware, a napkin holder, teapot, jars, cans, coasters and the newest addition, a strawberry stamp holder. Mary Jo says she also has linens and clothing items with strawberry motifs.

Race fans will want to check out the display of NASCAR Legends cars. This display of 50 cars, features past champion NASCAR drivers (up to the 50th anniversary). Vance Poage has shared part of his collection. Vance reported that NASCAR races are held from February through mid November at locations across the United States. He has not attended a NASCAR race, but it is one of his goals in the future.

If you are interested in glassware, you will want to spend some time admiring the collection of Depression Glass owned by Marie Moritz. The focus of her collection is pink depression glass in as many patterns as possible. At present, her collection features 30 to 35

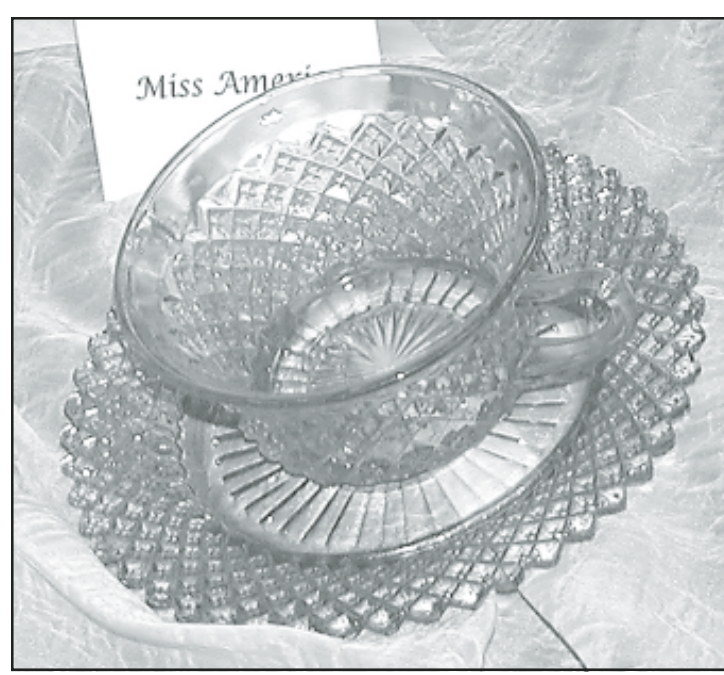
different patterns — of pieces, not complete sets. Most of the pieces were produced during the period of 1920 to 1940. Take time to enjoy the different shapes and sizes of cups, saucers, dessert plates and sherbets that Marie has displayed for our enjoyment.

The art display features six needlepoint pictures done by Emily Melroy. She is known and admired in the Norton area, as a master needlepointer. The pictures are owned by Teresa Tolle.

Needlepoint is the technique of forming stitches on a special open-weave canvas fabric. Needlepoint stitches are worked in conformity with the grid-like structure of the canvas. Yarns for needlepoint come in several fibers, weights and textures. Yarns may be made of wool, cotton, silk, acrylic, rayon and metallic. Wood is used most often. Working on a needlepoint project is as tranquil, cheering and satisfying as a cup of tea before the fire.

The pictures in the display are needlepoint interpretations of art masterpieces. Two have been identified. One is "The Laughing Cavalier". The original painting was done by Frans Hals, a Dutch painter (1580-1666). "The Milkmaid", a painting done by Jan Vermeer (c.1656) is the other one. If students of art can identify the other art works, please share the information with the staff at the library.

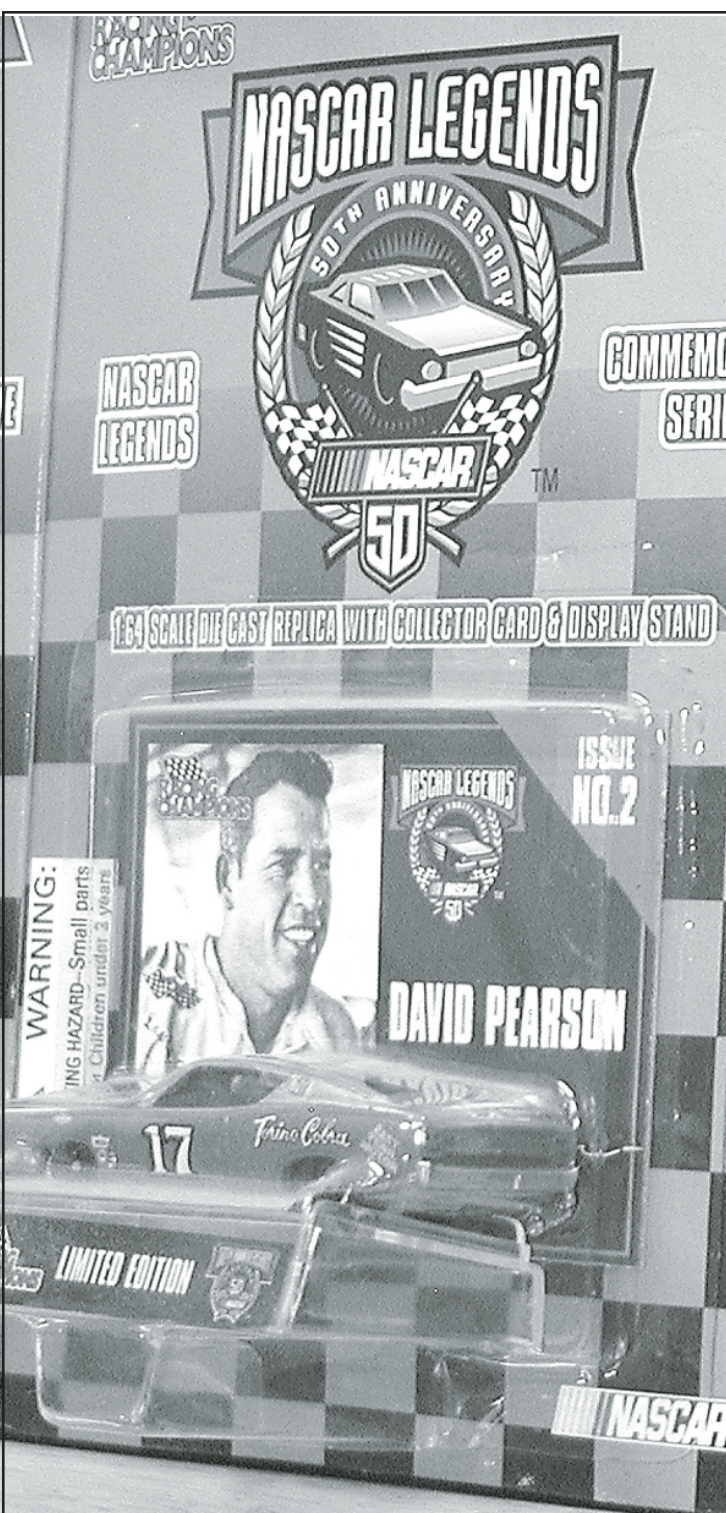
Do plan one or more visits to the Norton Public Library to see and enjoy the displays.



Depression Glass in a variety of patterns fills the center aisle showcase at the library. Pink cups and saucers belong to Marie Moritz.



They look good enough to eat. The strawberry collection of Mary Jo Montgomery's fills one of the display cabinets at Norton Public Library. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



NASCAR fans might find their favorite driver among the Legends memorabilia on display that belongs to Vance Poage.

Lenora honors its fallen heroes

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Corps in the United States Army. Seventeen years later, she said, she left the army because, after having two surgeries, she could no longer run the required two miles. "I've come to speak to you about our fighting men and women," she said. "They come from all walks of life... They all have one goal — to keep America free."
Mrs. Lymer said history books are full of their sacrifices. The average age of today's soldier is 19 years old. "They are not yet old enough, as the saying goes, to be considered not quite dry behind the ears," she said, "but they are old enough to fight and die for our country."
She said our soldiers have wept unashamed for friends they've

seen die and also for children who have died by stray fire. "They know that freedom isn't free," she said. "...They have earned our friendship, understanding and respect. Remember them, they are America's finest."
"Today, let us remember our fallen heroes. Those who have died for this great, this beautiful country, America."
Mrs. Lymer then read a poem about freedom and its costs. Mr. and Mrs. Jones then led the crowd in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic", followed by Mr. Berry giving the roll call, adding three new names to the list of fallen. Following military honors and the gun salute, Jeremy Wetter played "Taps" and Mrs. Lymer gave the benediction.

Almena service held to remember

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of fallen Civil War soldiers, General John Logan proclaimed the first militarily official Memorial Day. In doing so, he stated that to not recognize the sacrifice of the fallen soldiers would be equivalent to vandalism — "the vandalism of avarice or neglect." I will close with part of his proclamation, followed by a prayer.
"Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic."
Mr. Kasson closed with a prayer on the gift that is life. Chaplain Field read the memorial prayer and then placed a

wreath of flowers, "a token of enduring memory", on crosses representing 13 fallen soldiers — Paul D. Linnell, Roy Elson, Russell Knapp, Joseph Liggett and Orland Schesser, World War I; Max Clinkinbeard, Jack Eckhart, Kenneth Bright, Jack Fitzgerald, Rex Runyan and Cecil Sawyer, World War II; Dale Seever, Korean War; and Glenn D. McCubbin, Vietnam War.
"Flowers may wither, but, the spirit of which they are the symbol will endure until the end of time," said Commander Denehy.
The Almena American Legion gave the gun salute and presented the colors, followed by "Taps". Commander Denehy thanked everyone for coming.

Norton upholds legacy

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sense of pride. Mr. Perez said the day used to be called Decoration Day. The name came from the Civil War when the graves near battlefields were decorated with flowers by the nearby townspeople. He said that since the United States became a nation more than a million men and women have given their lives. He said soldiers today continue to give the ultimate sacrifice. He encouraged everyone to uphold their legacy with gratitude and closed by saying that because of them we can enjoy freedom. Following Mr. Perez's speech, Honor Guard Commander Jake Durham commanded the firing squad to fire a three-volley salute. In conclusion trumpet player Jeremy Wetter played "Taps". Its poi-

gnant melody was echoed by a second trumpet player, Justin Scheimo. Wilmer Severns dismissed the crowd with a benediction.

Congressman works to modernize guard

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Jerry Moran announced his support for legislation to modernize benefits for members serving in the National Guard and Reserve. Though close to 500,000 members of the Guard and Reserve have been called up since September 11, their benefits do not always match their increased service. Congressman Moran has sponsored legislation to provide more adequate compensation by enhancing education benefits and lowering the age of retirement for guardsmen and reservists. The House Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he serves as a senior member, has begun a series of hearings on improving Guard and Reserve component education benefits.
"From towns across Kansas, citizen soldiers have stepped up to play an increasingly vital role

in the defense of our nation, from protecting our freedoms in Iraq and Afghanistan to protecting our borders," he said. "More and more, we are asking members of the Guard and Reserve to serve alongside and take the same risks as active duty members. Their contribution has changed and so should their compensation. The reality of today's military demands we modernize Guard and Reserve benefits to show our nation's appreciation to these brave men and women and to improve our military's ability to recruit and retain forces."
"Enhancing educational benefits and lowering the retirement age is not only of great benefit to manning the Kansas National Guard, but it simply makes good business sense," Craig Beardsley, President of the National Guard Association of Kansas, said. "The improved educational benefits help us to attract and retain qual-

ity soldiers and airmen for the near term. The lowered retirement age encourages those same quality individuals to stay in the Kansas National Guard until retirement."
The original G.I. Bill was authored by Kansas Legionnaire Harry Colmery in 1944 and has provided education benefits to millions of veterans. However, in the last 20 years, the value of the standard Montgomery G.I. Bill for members of the Guard and Reserve has fallen from 47 percent to 29 percent of active duty benefits. In addition, these are the only benefits that guardsmen and reservists who serve on activated duty cannot access once they separate from service. To address this inequity, the congressman has sponsored the Total Force G.I. Bill. This legislation would allow activated guardsmen and reservists to earn the same G.I. Bill benefits as active duty soldiers and enable them

to use those benefits after they leave the service. Congressman Moran has also sponsored legislation to lower the retirement age for Guard and Reserve members who have served at least 20 years. Unlike active duty forces that have no age restrictions on retirement once their 20 years of service is complete, Guard and Reserve members are ineligible to receive retirement pay until they reach age 60. This legislation allows members to begin drawing their retirement pay at age 55 rather than at age 60. The congressman is also supportive of alternative legislation that will reduce the age for receipt of retirement pay by increments of three months for every 90 days a Guard or Reserve member spends on active duty after September 11, 2001, enabling members to retire as early as age 50.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON
The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum takes great pride in bringing to Logan the exhibit "Married to Adventure", photographs from the travels of Martin

and Osa Johnson. "Married to Adventure," recounts the daring world travels of Martin and Osa Johnson as illustrated by their unprecedented photographs and writings. The stunning portraits that Martin and Osa produced depicting people going about their daily lives, undisturbed by modern society, stand today as testament to the dignified world cultures that

did exist then, but were cloaked in the racial fog and skewed perspectives of the day. Avoiding the white community and its limited colonial society throughout Africa, Martin and Osa led camel safaris deeper into the Northern Frontier District and later even further into the heart of Africa itself to film stalwart warriors and nomadic herdsman.

of the century, but the cultures and wildlife they captured on film are frozen in time. Despite Martin and Osa's primitive equipment and initial inexperience, their films and photos continue to be of great value to filmmakers, historians, botanists, zoologists and anthropologists. Our May Artist of the Month is Joyce Underwood from Everest. Joyce has some beautiful stained glass pieces.

Norton County Economic Development Director
Maintain and Improve the Quality of Life for the Citizens of Norton County
QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with coursework in Business Administration, Public Administration, Planning or a Related Field; 3-Years of Increasingly Responsible Professional Experience in Economic Development, Grant Writing, Business or Public Sector Management, Including 1-Year Administrative Experience; Excellent Communication Skills; Outstanding Organizational Skills.
JOB SUMMARY: Responsible for planning, directing, managing and overseeing economic development activities for Norton County that will promote economic growth, including attracting quality employment opportunities, revitalizing downtown areas, and improving housing options.
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DEADLINE FOR RESUMES IS JUNE 15, 2007

IRS Public Auction
Pursuant to an Order of Sale entered in *United States vs. Donald W. Dawes; Phyllis C. Dawes; and David Larry Smith and Derek Dane Dawes as Trustees of the Plainsman Property Trust also known as Plainsman Property Company* defendants, Civil Action No. 03-1132-JTM, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the United States will offer to sell at public auction, to advertise and sell, without appraisal and subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments, to the highest bidder, according to law and pursuant to the terms and conditions set in herein, the real properties in which Donald W. and Phyllis C Dawes have an interest.
Included in the sale is a house with 2,689 sq ft of total living area on the south edge of Goodland KS, grain bins and a machine shed in Brewster KS, and approximately 1,600 acres of agricultural lands located in Sherman, Thomas and Wallace Counties.
Sales will be held at the respective county Court Houses on June 20, 2007
Thomas County 9:00 A.M. Central Time
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Session 1: June 18-29; Session 2: July 2-13
Must be 4 years of age or older. Each session is \$15.00
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