

Surveyor new to Norton

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By the time he was big enough to carry a tripod, Brian Berlier was helping his father survey. Now, Brian has turned surveying into his full-time profession.

Mr. Berlier's parents, Ed and Kathleen Berlier, have lived in Norton for several years. That is how Brian and his wife, Tina, were introduced to the area. Initially, it was the hunting and fishing that attracted them to northwest Kansas, but as the crime-rate increased right along with the population in Greeley, Colo., the Berliers wanted a change.

In August they made the move to Norton where he relocated BEB and Associates. Mr. Berlier said, "If you have any kind of surveying work — we can do it."

He received his first surveying license in Colorado through an apprenticeship program. He has had his Kansas surveying license since 2004 when he took the state test. He also takes 30 hours of continuing education classes every year to remain current.

Surveying is now a one-man job. With laser technology and the robotic total station that Mr. Berlier uses, he can survey any site by himself. He is able to survey roads, property divisions, property lines or new home sites.

He said, "There is no survey work I won't do."

Mr. Berlier enjoys the history side of survey work. Recently, he has been studying an original survey of the Phillipsburg area done in 1863. He said a rule of surveying is: "follow in the steps of the fathers".

Mr. and Mrs. Berlier share



Brian Berlier, BEB and Associates, aligns the tripod of his robotic total station, with laser, that he uses in his surveying business. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

their love for their new hometown. He said, "We enjoy the friendly people of Kansas. We love everybody we've met. I even think the kids are nice. It's such a relief to not have any crime and be around nice people."

Mrs. Berlier said her full-time job is taking care of Brian and their comfortable home on West

Wilton. She enjoys crafts and plans to do lots of yard work this spring and even paint their home. She also wants to do more hunting with her husband.

Besides hunting and fishing, the Berliers are involved with on-line NASCAR racing. At 7 p.m. most week nights you will find them "racing" with friends all over the world. They have

"racing buddies" all over the United States and in Germany. It's a hobby they both enjoy because it's something they can do together.

To contact Mr. Berlier about survey work call him at 785-874-4664 or 785-874-4640.

You can check out BEB and Associates at www.bebandasociates.net.

This could be a banner year for tree planting

This could be a banner year for state residents' ordering the low-cost tree and shrub seedlings the Kansas Forest Service offers annually through its Conservation Tree Planting Program.

"From a soil-moisture standpoint, Kansas is in the best shape it's been in years. Plus, this winter's combination of harsh weather and rising fuel prices have been demonstrating — once again — that various types of windbreaks and some additional protection for outdoor animals can be a very good thing," said Joshua Pease, KFS conservation forester.

So far, spring 2008 buyers appear likely to range fairly widely, Pease said. Suburban Kansans with weather-exposed homes on small-acre lots are now qualified for the program. Farm producers with woodlands, wildlife habitat and/or aging windbreaks were hit hard last year by tree-damaging weather, including last May's tornadoes, early September's high winds in the west, and December's ice storms.

The program began taking orders in December and will continue doing so into May. Because seedlings have the best odds if planted by late March or early April, Pease will start shipping March 17.

Qualifying for the program just requires a buyer to agree to use the seedlings for conservation.

Program trees and shrubs can become living barriers to block ugly views, to reduce wind speed or highway noise, and to prevent road-covering snow drifts. They

can mark property lines plus create habitat for songbirds, game birds or other wildlife. They can protect livestock or crops, as well as provide firewood or Christmas trees. If planted on shores, they can stabilize the bank, help control soil erosion, and filter out pollutants before rain runoff reaches a pond, stream, river or lake.

"More and more people appear to be using our trees and shrubs simply for stewardship or ecological reasons," Pease said. "Of course, people also are using them to take the edge off of Kansas' weather extremes — to improve their overall quality of living and perhaps reduce their heating and air conditioning costs. As a group, though, they're having a real impact on our overall environment."

The tree planting program offers more than 30 species, selected for hardiness in the central High Plains, he said. The plants are one to two years old. Most are bare-root and 12 to 18 inches tall.

Special offerings include four types of mixed-species bundles meant to benefit wildlife — the songbird, pheasant (western Kansas), quail (eastern Kansas) and wildlife mast (nut-producing bundles).

All other plants come in one-species bundles of 25. Order forms and more information are available at any county or district Kansas State University Research and Extension office or on the Web at www.kansasforests.org/conservation/.

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Houses for Sale

601 SANBORN — This almost new 2400 sq. ft. home in Almena, KS has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, full finished basement on a one acre lot. Home has city sewer and water but also has its own well. There is an oversize two car garage, and a deck out to the French doors to the large fenced back yard. Nice post rock and chain fence on the front yard. This house just needs you to make it a home. Listed to sell at \$129,900.00. Price reduced to \$119,000.00

131 BRYANT — This very nice 4 plus bedroom 2 bath home in Almena, KS sits on 2 1/2 acres with outbuildings and grass. The home has a large living room, formal dining room, and a large kitchen. Outside there is a patio, 2 car garage, large shop, hay storage, barn shed, and another small building close to the pasture. This property is selling for \$109,000.00. Price reduced to \$97,000.00.

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Library exhibits include carousels, cookbooks

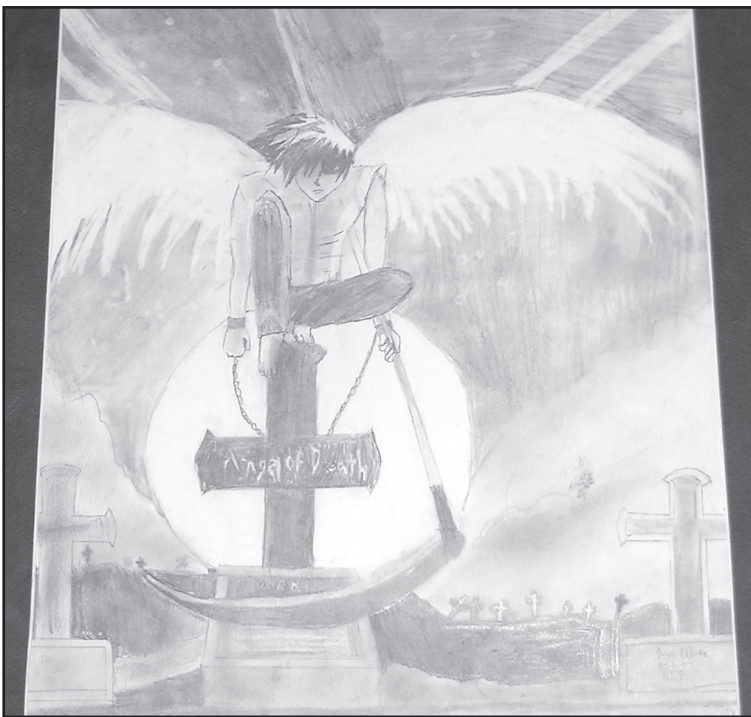
By BEVERLY KINDLER

Carousels, clocks and cookbooks will get your attention when you visit the Norton Public Library to see the latest exhibits.

Coni Park has shared her collection of carousels. You will be greeted by a variety of carousel horses. The carousels include county fair carousels, a crystal carousel, a snow globe, a music box, a trinket box, a wooden one, a candle topper, a set of our Precious Moments carousels, a key chain and even a lighted carousel.

Then take TIME to see Tina Silan's collection of miniature clocks. In her collection you will find teapots, dolphins, a kitchen mixer, a piano, a sewing machine, telephones, a Fabrege' egg, a golf tee of Waterford crystal and a miniature clock from Australia. As you examine the display you will be amazed at the many ways you can find the time of day.

The third collection features cookbooks. These books, from Beverly Kindler's collection, include reprints of two books — *The First American Cookbook, 1776*, and *The Fannie Farmer 1896* cookbook. Miss Kindler also shared a box of recipes that were her grandmother's and her



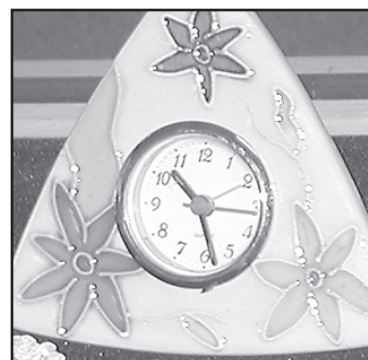
Jason Ulmer's pencil drawings are exhibited in the art corner at Norton Public Library. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

mother's well-used *Betty Crocker Cookbook*.

Other books are from The Greenbrier, Williamsburg, the Shaker Village and from other cultures — Danish, Dutch, Swedish, Russian and Czechoslovakian. For the chocolate lovers there is a *Hershey Chocolate*

Treasury.

While at the library be sure to visit the Art Gallery to see the artistic talent of Jason Ulmer. His pencil drawings include a collection of portraits and a living room scene. Jason, a high school student, uses this medium as a hobby.



Miniature timepieces belonging to Tina Silan fill the center aisle showcase at Norton Public Library.

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