

# I've got my mint sweater, so...bring on Easter

When I was a child, my mom orchestrated magnificent Easter Egg hunts for our preschool days. I don't recall much about the ones I participated in but I do remember being jealous of my younger siblings on the party days after I was in school. I would know it was going to happen and then one day I get off the bus and there was nothing left but crumbs and I'd been left out!

Or so it seemed. It was a long time ago. I was a kid.

Remember Easter dresses... and new shoes. Seems like we used to get new white shoes or sandals for Easter and school shoes in the fall and that was it. Does anyone else think our economy would not be in such a mess if we went back to buying shoes twice a year with cash instead of Visa? The shoe thing may be a faulty memory also.

I am certain about the dresses.

## Back Home Nancy Hagman



We wore gloves and sometimes got hats and pretty little white socks with lace or bows.

These days I usually don't get a new Easter outfit. This year I psyched, because of serendipitous events rather than actual planning, I do!

The whole thing revolves around what color is blue?

I found a sale online for a skirt and top in shades of turquoise and blue. The jacket was sold out but I have two turquoise jackets in my closet and I was certain one would work. But neither did!

I've always thought of turquoise and aqua as blue. Now

teal is green. Expect when it's blue. You have to take these things on a case by case basis. The ladies understand what I mean.

I've been searching about three months for a sweater or jacket to complete my outfit. And finally I found a sweater (also on line) available in four colors: Azure, Mint, Mist and White. Right away I thought the mint and white were out. I selected the azure but before I checked out I looked at my skirt again. It appeared the color I needed was mint.

I may be confused about whether turquoise and aqua are green or blue. If you say they are green, I won't argue. However, mint is not blue and it is not turquoise. It is green! None the less, I changed my color selection and

a week or so later my pretty new "Mint" sweater arrived. Perfect color! Two weeks to Easter, here I come!

I started doing some research on the spring fashion color palette via the internet and a stack of catalogs. Blues include Lagoon, Bluebell, Aqua Mist, Capri, Blue Mist, Cobalt, Blue Opal, and Endless Sky. There is also Sea Breeze, Deep Sea, Blue Marine, Serene, Tropic and Oasis.

No one has plain old blue: There is Dutch Blue and Clear Blue and China Blue. There is denim and chambray. What one calls True Navy someone else calls Coastal Blue or Armada.

Purples are Light Grape, Lavender, Victorian Lilac, Hyacinth, Iris, Wisteria, Viola, Crocus, Frosted Plum and Blueberry. How can Blueberry be purple

you ask? I call 'em like I see 'em.

Jade is a very pretty green. Spring Green, Leaf and Clover live up to their billing. There is Baygreen, Island Green, Surf Green, Seafoam, and Sea Grass. Hungry? How about Soft Olive, Basil, Pear, Endive or Pistachio. I guess you can wear Pistachio without fear of getting salmonella.

If salmonella were a color would it be salmon? Patricia was trying on bridesmaid dresses recently. The Bride wants Turquoise. They don't have it. They

have Cornflower and Pool. The Pool is a gorgeous color; but to the Bride's mind it's not turquoise! What to do, what to do?

I am also trying to match a print skirt that I thought was Periwinkle.

Everyone knows what Periwinkle is, right? Not blue, not violet--hmmmm it looks like the winner is ICE!

Figuring this all out might give a lesser woman a case of the blues! Not me, though, I've got a mint sweater and I'm ready for Easter!

## Election

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Ward 2, Norton School Board (three open positions)

• Scott Ellis, incumbent, school board position #4, 219 votes  
• Robert Wyatt, school board position #6, 169 votes. Write-ins for this position were Roger Hardiek, Elaine Lofgreen, Bill Manning, Toby Kuhn, Don Jones, Dan Bainter and "other," each with one vote.

• Craig Renner, incumbent school board position #5, 161 votes. Amy Vacura received one write-in vote.

Almena City (three open positions)

• Camille Cox, 90 votes  
• Tracy Stutsman, 84 votes  
• Kevin Sides, incumbent, 74 votes

• Monte Montgomery, incumbent, 53 votes  
• Brian Schreiber, 17 votes

• William Olson received two write-in votes.

Northern Valley School Board (three open positions)

• Clint Lowry, 98 votes  
• Curtis Lowry, 109 votes  
• Michelle Tharman, 54 votes  
• Write-ins: Ann Cox, Brad Hopkins, Brian Schreiber and Ruth Schillig each had one vote; Ann Cox had two.

Lenora City Council (mayor plus two open city council positions)

• Mayor Raymond Heikes, incumbent, write-in, 13 votes. Write-ins Jim Wagner, LaRoyce Brown, Doak Brooks and Paul Becker each received one vote; Larry Shepard received 4; and Jim Rowley, Steve Berry and Loyd Schoen each received 2.

• Dan Mannel, incumbent, 44 votes  
• Loyd Schoen, incumbent, 41

votes

• Write-ins Jack McKay and Steve Berry each had one vote

Edmond City Council (four open positions)

• Mayor Jim Akers, incumbent, 13 votes. Christopher Andrews had two write-in votes.

• Jeremy Hallam, incumbent, 10 votes

• Don Knigge, incumbent, 13 votes

• Bob Anderson, incumbent, 7 votes

• Norma Riley, incumbent, 12 votes

• Write-ins: Robert Richards had one vote; Don Wiseman and Kyle Richard each had two; and Todd Nuttycomb had 6.

Lenora School Board (two positions open)

• Nicole Rhea, incumbent, 75 votes

• De Ann David, incumbent, 74 votes

• Write-ins: Angela Boss, 20; and James Wagner, John Koepf, Beth Gassman, Michael David, Greg Otter, Vince Wagoner, Rodney Sansom and "close" each had one.

Clayton City Council (mayor plus five open city council positions, all write-ins)

• Mayor Russell Bird, incumbent, 2 votes. Write-ins Mike Cook and Bill LaSalle each had one vote.

• Tom Hickert, incumbent, 4 votes

• Brent Cook, 2 votes

• Ruby Cook, incumbent, 2 votes

• Richard Mather, 2 votes

• Don Brooks, 2 votes

• Write-ins: Michelle Franco, Mary Arnold, Mike Cook, Dave Ward, Bill LaSalle, Roger Vanover, Rusty Bird and Dennis McAllister each had one vote.

## Enters 'not guilty' plea

Amanda Willmes, Norton, was recently charged with two counts of obtaining a prescription-only drug by fraudulent means, which is a Class A misdemeanor, and each count can carry up to a \$2,500 fine and a maximum jail sentence of 12 months. The acts allegedly took place on Jan. 7 and Jan. 13 in Norton.

Willmes had her first court appearance on March 19, where Attorney Jill Elliott, Hill City, was appointed to represent her. On

April 1, the case was assigned to Graham County Magistrate Judge Barbara J. Stites.

According to the offense report, the prescription pad used came from The Doctor's Clinic, and the prescriptions were taken to Pamida Pharmacy to be filled.

The arraignment hearing was Thursday, where she pleaded not guilty to the charges. She will have a trial to the bench, however, the court date has not as yet been determined.

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## Travel council

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square-foot tent at the Kansas Sampler Festival on May 2 and 3 in Concordia. The tent will give all council members an opportunity to promote their attractions, festivals, eateries, history and recreation.

"The regional tent at Sampler Festival is a beehive of activity with the smell of fresh popcorn filling the air, local entertainers charging up the air waves and this year a couple of Bird City entrepreneurs will offer a sample of Monty's Beef Jerky to promote this new local product," said Ms. Penner.

"The corn dig is a kid pleaser while adult travelers will be browsing display tables for day trips, boating and skiing adventures, fishing tournaments and educational trips that allow them to re-live a historic event or even a chance to investigate the family tree.

"Plus there are prizes for correct answers to questions from the 'Wheel of Wonder' and candy bowls filled with sweets," she said.

"I will be going to the Sampler Festival," said Miss Becker. "We will be promoting all of our attractions in Norton County, including the Barbeau House, Gallery of Also Rans, Station 15, Sunflower Pioneer Power Association grounds in Almena, Adobe

House, Hillmon School House and historical bridges. There is always great interest in the Sebelius Reservoir and Prairie Dog State Park. We will also promote our annual events, and Larry and LeAnn will be performing there as well."

With a little arm twisting from Ms. Penner, a partnership has been formed between the Kansas Department of Commerce Travel and Tourism Division and the Sampler Foundation that will bring \$50,000 of state money to assist in branding those rural idiosyncrasies that make each community unique. A theme song written by Jim Farrell of the Diamond W Wranglers called "Rural Kansas: Come...and get it" is now being aired on radio stations and was played for those who had not heard its premiere in Salina the week before.

Miss Becker said that any organization or business, non-profit or government, can become a member of the travel council.

"That effort to sell each and every community makes the travel council membership worth the money," said Connie Grafel, Oberlin, currently chairman of the Council.

Find more information on the year-round work being done by the membership by going to the web site at [www.northwestkans.org](http://www.northwestkans.org).

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