

Time well spent



The NCHS Choir entertained the audience with a Disney Dazzle during the year end music concert held Thursday May 7, 2009 at the East Campus Auditorium. Front row: Bethany Winkel, Missy Byler and Brae Bigge. Second Row: Mariah Farber, Haley Grady and Kelsie Morel. Back row: Danelle Eagleburger, Shelby Schafer and Stephanie Eagleburger.

- Telegram Photo by Dana Paxton



The NJHS choir sang and danced the evening away at the year end concert held Thursday May 7, 2009 at East Campus Auditorium. Front row: Stephanie Hager, Jordyn Gosselin, Suzanne White and Alexis Lively. Second row: Dalton Miller, Cole Renner and Jon Meyer. Back row: Alex Riggins and Lane Bigge.

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Click it or Ticket crackdown planned for Norton

The Norton police department will begin heightened traffic enforcement as it participates in the 2009 *Click it or Ticket* campaign. The campaign begins May 18 and runs through May 31.

According to Norton Police Chief Pat Morel, "Officers will be on the city streets aggressively enforcing Kansas's occupant restraint and other traffic laws."

The *Click it or Ticket* campaign is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The Safety Belt Use and Child Passenger Safety Acts will be strictly enforced, he said. These

acts require that all people in the front seat be buckled up and all persons under the age of 18 must be buckled up.

If a passenger under the age of 14 is unrestrained, the driver will be ticketed, the chief said. "A passenger between the ages of 14-17 will be cited if they are caught without their seat belt," Morel said. Children under the age of four must be restrained in an approved child safety seat, children ages four-seven must be belted into a booster seat and children ages eight-13 must be wearing a seat belt.

In addition, the law prohibits

people under the age of 14 from riding in any part of a vehicle that is not intended for carrying passengers, such as a pickup bed.

An estimated 135 law enforcement agencies will be participating in the *Click it or Ticket* campaign. "The aim is to drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes," Morel said.

According to Kansas Department of Transportation, traffic crashes last year claimed the lives of 384 people. An estimated 61 percent of those fatalities were

not buckled in and almost 90 percent of those not injured were belted in.

On average, only 77 percent of passengers in the front seat buckle up, the chief said. This ranks Kansas 39th in the nation for seat belt compliance; the national average is 83 percent. Higher compliance rates are generally associated with urban areas; the rural areas have a much lower compliance rate and a much higher fatality rate. Excess speed and alcohol are often contributing factors, Morel said.

In Kansas, more than three times the number of crashes occur on city streets than on county

roads, but county roads have 63 percent more fatalities.

According to the latest Kansas Department of Transportation child safety survey, on average only 75 percent of Kansas children, of all ages, are buckled up, and only 66 percent of children ages five-13 are buckled up.

"This stands in stark contrast to the average adult rate of 77 percent, which suggests that some parents are buckling themselves in while leaving their children unrestrained," Morel said.

Morel said that everyone knows there is a seat belt law and a law directing that children be properly

restrained. "You may be a good driver, but not everyone you share the road with will be. When you don't buckle up or require that your passengers buckle up, you're making the decision for everyone in your vehicle that none of the drivers you meet are going to be distracted by sleepiness, cell phones, texting or changing radio stations."

"We want it known that the Norton Police Department is committed to aggressively ticketing violators of Kansas passenger restraint laws and all traffic infractions that make our roadways unsafe," Morel said.

Famed horses of the past invade Concordia college

Cloud County Community College's equine program is now home to some of the top names in horse racing in years past.

Partnering with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, at no cost to the Concordia college, has enabled the Equine Industry Management program to advance. This partnership has provided the college six retired Thoroughbred race horses: Where's Geoffrey, Linda's Little Darlin, King Kaden, Sargent Striker, Clever and Rare and Beringly.

Having these horses physically on campus will provide students enrolled in this program with learning opportunities that would be missed if horses were not available.

"These horses will provide the students with the valuable hands-on aspect that has been missing from our equine program to this point," said Dr. William McGuire.

With the support of President Dr. Richard Underbakke and academic deans Lou Frohardt and Nancy Zenger-Beneda, Dr. McGuire and his equine students have already started working with each horse, preparing them for the upcoming fall classes. Classes that are being offered during the fall 2009 semester include: Introduction to Horsemanship, Basic Equitation, Advanced Equitation and Focused Equitation.

Equine management student Valerie Cose-Parker said, "I'm really looking forward to enhancing my equitation abilities and also being able to positively influence novice riders in the beginning levels of courses."

In this series of classes being offered, the more advanced students will have the opportunity to be teacher's assistants and provide help and support to the beginning riders and equine management students.

May's Business of the Month

Business Name: Twice Sold Treasures

Owners: Buddy Oswald and daughter Janette Oswald

Address: 105 S. State Street

Phone: (785) 877-5362

Type of Business: Retail: Antiques, Collectibles and Gift Shop

Twice Sold Treasures was already established by a group of local ladies many years before, but was purchased in 2004 by Janette's Mom, Mary. It was something she had been interested in doing for a long time and out of all the businesses and towns they checked out, this one stuck out the most. The store had the room for possibilities, new ideas, and Norton seemed like it would be a nice change from the big city life as well.

When Janette's Mom passed away in 2007, Buddy and Janette decided to try and keep the store going. They are happy to say that the store has been doing well and in the past three months they have

gained many new vendors and have many more signing up.

When asked about her greatest challenge, Janette said, "Our name, *Twice Sold Treasures*, has been misleading to some. We're not just a second hand store. We have so much more to offer than one would think. We have new quality gifts and home décor items, to Antiques and collectibles and many handmade items, and the list goes on."

In answer to the question about what they would do differently, Janette said, "Through all the struggles we have gone through, I believe things happen for a reason. We have learned something from all of them, and I wouldn't change anything."

Janette's vision for the future is to be a successful and well-established business in downtown Norton. She feels it is still too early to really know what will happen with the local economy, but she hopes to see the businesses of Norton County continue to grow

and hopes to see more businesses established.

Her advice to other business owners in Norton County is, "Try as hard as you can to have your business grow and don't just give up." The most rewarding thing to her about being a business owner in Norton County is having the opportunity to learn how to run

a business on her own and getting the chance to meet and greet people along the way.

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