



The kids bicycle race was a huge hit at the Hansen Museum's Annual Craft Fair. The fair was held Saturday in Logan and featured activities for children as well as crafts and the artist of the month competition. It was the fair's 36th year.

—Photo courtesy Hansen Museum

Craft fair celebrates 36 years

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The 36th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair was held Saturday, September 19. The beautiful day started at 6 a.m. with 58 crafters checking in. Ken Tidball helped at the check in booth for crafters and food vendors.

The membership table opened at 8 a.m. with Waunnie Parsons and Doris States. Throughout the day, Donna Lowry, Elda Hamit, Betty Baird, Janene Schneider, Mary Lou Donahey and Rachel Rundle worked at the table. The gallery opened at 9 a.m. with Irene Koester, Deb Grammon and Carol Tallent. Allyson Switzer, Dawn Berry, Charlotte Broyles, Carol Bales, Glenda McElroy, Nettie Palmer, Kathy Noel and Deb Berg were the volunteers for the day.

The kids' tents opened at 1 p.m. The KAY Club, Lisa Pinkerton, Karen Clements and Logan Kiser manned the tent. Faces were painted, helium balloons were handed out and finger painting in shaving cream were part of the fun. The Logan High School freshmen class ran the inflatable amusements during the day for the kids. The kids' games ran from 10 a.m. — noon and included turtle races, trike and bike races, sand box treasure hunt and an egg toss. The games were manned by volunteers Kristi West, Logan Kiser and Donald Lowe.

The local Emergency Medical Services volunteered their time all day and were available for any emergency situation that

might arise.

The Phillips County Hospice was once again on hand serving ice water and tea, which was truly appreciated by everyone around the square.

A big thank you goes to our many volunteers. We could not do this without your help.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the day was Tad Felts. This was Tad's 34th year at the Arts and Crafts Fair. Thank You, Tad.

Our food vendors for the day were the St. John's Catholic Church, Logan Lions Club, Chyanne Hilburn, Logan KAY Club, Logan Junior High School cheerleaders, Sno Shack and Grandma's Country Barbecue.

The musical entertainment of Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations and Mark Nebel was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. Both groups had a crowd of followers during the day each time that they performed. We were very privileged to have these talented performers.

Chain saw artist, Gary Keenan, from Iowa, created five sculptures during the day, of which three were given away at the drawing. The winners were Brynn Billings - rabbit, Phil Zillinger - hummingbird and Art Heili - bear.

Bob Jones from Lenora was kept busy during the day giving approximately 55 free verbal approximations of value.

The Logan Historical Museum sponsored an Antique Tractor Show which included 15 tractors. Awards were given for Oldest Tractor - 1927 Allis, Ron Marble,

Best Self-Restoration - 460 International - Bob Underwood and Dennis DeWitt, People's Choice - 1020 Farmall - Bob Underwood and Dennis DeWitt, Best Original Tractor - 1020 Farmall - Bob Underwood and Dennis DeWitt, Best Restoration - John Deere (R) - Bill Biel and Most Unusual - John Deere (G) - Bill Biel. The judges were Arnold Zillinger and Brandon Fisher.

The Artist of the Month winners were: Cynthia Pfeifer, Hays; Julie Bond, Kansas City, Mo; Linda Rice, Athol; Janet Gottstine, Logan; Michelle Lytle, McCook; Twila Large, Ellis; Bruce Bitter, Hoisington; Amy Luerman, Hoisington; Tom and Mary Ewing, Oberlin; Crystal Vette, McCook; William LaSalle, Clayton and Nancy Arehart, Holdrege, Neb. Alternates were Gwen Lang, Phillipsburg; and Barbara Miller, Downs.

The Logan Manor Nursing Home sponsored a quilt and afghan raffle. The winner of the quilt was Sheri Stubbendiek and Harold McCue won the afghan.

The winners of the Purchase Prize Award Money were Lorine Webb, Sonya Montgomery, Duane and Gloria Harris, Sheri Stubbendiek, Linda Jones, Charlotte Broyles, Gerry Pearson, Carol Tallent, Mindy Jones and Dorothy Zillinger.

Our September Artist of the Month is Marilyn Weishapl from Atwood. Marilyn has several beautiful paintings on display and for sale. Please stop by and see what she has to offer.

Sports chatter prompts use of Boyd's name

When conversation turns to sports in Norton, there's one name that always surfaces: Dick Boyd.

Dick has been *The Norton Telegram's* sportswriter and photographer for primarily the Norton Blue Jays since he and wife Mary Beth sold the newspaper in 2002. They owned the paper for 32 years prior to the sale.

Mr. Boyd's unique presentation of Blue Jay sports is unparalleled in the state. His detail puts you on the scene. And his sports photography is just another plus.

Dick and Mary Beth Boyd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They have two grown children: Larry Boyd of Colorado Springs and Rebecca Allen of London, England. Their only grandchild is Emily Allen, 7, of London.

Mr. Boyd was a football player

for the Kansas State Wildcats, and to this day he has a passion for Wildcat sports. In Dick Boyd's wardrobe you will most certainly find only two colors — Wildcat Purple and Blue Jay Blue.

"Dick Boyd has a rare talent — the ability to shoot sports photos while the action unfolds on the field or in the gym, and at the same time jot down notes on his pad relative to the photo and also the action," said retiring editor and publisher Tom Dreiling. "Talk about jugglers..."

Mr. Dreiling said Dick related some time back that he has missed only three Blue Jay football kickoffs. In the past 39 years. "I wonder if any other sportswriter in Kansas can make that same claim," Mr. Dreiling said. "Or any other sportswriter, period!"

Mr. Dreiling said it's been a pleasure working with Dick

Boyd. "We are the two 'old' guys in the place. I think those 'youngsters' like having us around," he said.

"I remember one of my first meetings with Dick Boyd back in the early '70s when he was in Goodland covering a football game between the Cowboys and Blue Jays and I was likewise covering the contest from the Goodland standpoint," Mr. Dreiling said.

"I noticed this guy in a dark suit, blue shirt, blue tie and carrying a camera or two lighting up the sky with lightbulbs. At halftime I introduced myself. It was a short conversation. Dick had football on his mind. Today, many times our conversations are short because Dick's got sports going on in his computer. I would find it difficult not having him around," he said.

42 years of stories to tell

Forty-two years of reporting, editorial and column writing, taking photos and supervising comes to an end on a full time basis on Friday for *The Norton Telegram* Editor and Publisher Tom Dreiling.

From *The Ellis County Star* at Hays, to *The Hays Daily News*, to *The Goodland Daily News/Sherman County Herald*, to *The Sheridan (Wyo.) Press*, to the *Colby Free Press* and *The Norton Telegram*, it's been what he called "a wild love affair."

Mr. Dreiling said that as a fifth grader at St. Joseph's School in Hays his teacher Sister Wilhemine noticed a flair for writing and predicted then that he would go on to be a writer. "As I look back, I'm not quite sure she meant a writer as in journalist," he said. "But she saw something back then that, of course, I wasn't remotely tuned in to."

Dreiling was released from four years of active duty in the United States Air Force in 1959, having enlisted in 1955. (His discharge did not come until 1963; when he signed up it was for four years active and four years reserve status.)

From 1960 to 1964, he worked for both the weekly *Ellis County Star* and *The Hays Daily News*. In 1965 he joined *The Goodland Daily News* and its weekly publication *The Sherman County Herald*. He remained with the Goodland papers as editor for 24 years, the longest period of time in any one community.

In January of 1989, the Goodland newspapers were sold and it was then Dreiling decided to step out of the profession and eventually accepted a contract to work at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School at Hays. In April 1995, itchy to get back into journalism, he was hired on as editor of the 6-day a week *The Sheridan Press*.

"After a few northern Wyoming deep freeze winters, I decided that

perhaps I would be best served moving back to Kansas to thaw out," he said. "So, in April 1998, I was on my way to Colby," he said, "where I joined *Nor'West Newspapers*, serving as publisher of the *Colby Free Press* for seven plus years." He has served as editor and publisher at Norton for nearly four years.

Dreiling said his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees were obtained the hard way: in the trenches of journalism.

"Graduating from what was then St. Joseph's Military Academy in 1953 (now TMP-Marian), I then attended Fort Hays Kansas State Teachers College for a semester and a half, giving way to serving my country in the Air Force," he said.

In the military, Dreiling served in the Air Force Security Service, based in Misawa, Japan, for more than half of his service time. "I studied Morse Code at Keesler AFB Mississippi, for about a year and then was sent to Japan to monitor Russian space efforts as part of the Cold War strategy. I wouldn't trade that experience for anything." After leaving the military, Dreiling returned to Fort Hays State and put in another semester and a half while working for the weekly paper. After the military experience, I felt a need to get on with my life, so I left college...and here I am today."

Dreiling recalls two things during his 42 years that will always remain in his mind. One is serious, the other not. He said he was city editor of the *Hays Daily News* when President Kennedy was shot. He explained it this way:

"When the five bells (signaling a bulletin message) began ringing on my Associated Press machine, all it said was, 'President shot.' I looked at the bulletin, scratched my head and called a few co-workers into the office and told them what was happening.

"They joined me. Soon the AP machine sent five more bells,

'President in hospital.' More workers came into the small city editor's office.

"Starkly, three bells rang out (this being a flash and those rarely, very rarely, occur.) It simply said, 'President dead.' You could hear a pin drop. This was around 1 p.m. and we were well on our way with that day's issue. Needless to say, the front page was taken apart to make way for the Kennedy assassination. For many hours after that it was a matter of piecing together bits and pieces of the tragedy as supplied by the AP."

On the lighter side of experiences, he recalled an elderly lady coming into the paper to renew her subscription. "But she said she would only renew it with Mr. Dreiling," he recalled.

"So I had her pull up a chair in front of the desk. She pulled out her checkbook and began writing. She suddenly stopped and said, 'You know I've been reading this paper for nearly 70 years.' I told her I was honored to be in the presence of someone as dedicated to the paper as was she. Then she resumed writing. She looked at me and ripped the check from her checkbook and started to hand it to me. As I reached for it, she said, 'You know what the last thing is I do before going to sleep at night, Mr. Dreiling?' I asked her what that was. She answered, 'I read your newspaper.'

"My goodness," I said, "bless you. Can I ask why you do that?" She looked at me, and said, 'Because I never like to go to sleep with anything on my mind.' And as she got up out of the chair to leave, she turned, smiled and said, 'Gotcha!'"

Dreiling has three children: Denise, Lance and Todd. Denise and Todd and their families live in Centennial, Colo., and Lance and his family at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. He has five grandchildren. "I think this best explains my retirement," he said.

Still going strong after 38 years

The dean of employees at *The Telegram* is Vicki Henderson, who's now in her 38th year.

Mrs. Henderson graduated from Logan High School in 1971, and shortly after began working for the newspaper. She takes care of advertising and page production, helps customers and keeps things going.

Before high school, she attended the Densmore Grade School.

"You can count on Vicki. She knows the ins and outs and how to make deadlines click," said Tom Dreiling, retiring editor and publisher.

Growing up on a farm north of Densmore, she said, she enjoyed helping her parents with their farm operation. She has many stories about her years on the farm and how she admired her father's resolve to remain a tiller of the soil.

"Vicki beats everyone else to the office each morning," Mr. Dreiling said. "There hasn't been a time when she wasn't first in my nearly four years here."

"And no matter the request, it's taken care of in the time frame established. Punctual, best describes Mrs. Henderson."

She and husband Larry are the parents of two daughters, Lisa Marie and Angela Marie. Her hobbies include needlework, cards and spending time with family.

Mrs. Henderson also works part time at McDonald's in Norton, where she holds down a shift manager's position.

"How she does it all, I'll never know," Mr. Dreiling said, "but if the dedication she has to her newspaper job spills over to her position at McDonald's, then they have a sure winner, too."

Familiar voice, face at counter

The Telegram's bookkeeping and circulation responsibilities keep Sherry Hickman on the go. So do her responsibilities as Norton's animal control officer.

Sherry joined the newspaper's staff full time nearly four years ago.

"She's proved her worth," said Tom Dreiling, retiring editor and publisher. "No matter the request, it's fulfilled; that's just the way she is."

Born and raised in Colorado, Sherry and husband Brian have lived in Norton 12 years. The

couple's children are Jacob, Rachael and Mitchell.

She loves camping, fishing, reading and drawing.

"She is a kind and considerate person," Mr. Dreiling said, "and I have noticed that kindness extends into her role as animal control officer. Those pets have someone who really cares and is on their side."

Mrs. Hickman wears other hats, without prompting, here at the newspaper.

"It's not unusual to see her pack a camera and shoot photos

of activities she's attending," said Mr. Dreiling, "and in so doing, she is lending a hand to the news department. She's what you call a true team player."

Usually, the first voice you hear when calling the office is Sherry's. The first person you see as you enter the office is Sherry.

"I don't know of anyone she doesn't know," the publisher said. "She's just one of those people you like."

"We are fortunate to have her as part of our newspaper, as part of our company."

Former employee fills part time slot

Christie Anderson has returned to *The Norton Telegram* as a part-time society editor and reporter.

She is no stranger to the newspaper, having served as an advertising representative from April 2007 to December 2008.

"Christie brings a smiling face and a can-do attitude, traits she exhibited while in the advertising department," said Tom Dreiling, who is retiring as editor and publisher. "We are so glad to have her

back home."

Mrs. Anderson lives in Henderson, Neb., with her husband, three dogs and a cat. Her off-duty passion is cooking, and *Telegram* staffers have been treated to the results many times.

"I want to further my career in journalism," Mrs. Anderson said. She will report to Erica Bradley, managing editor.

She is also an advertising executive and sales manager at

KQNK radio in Norton.

"She'll do a really fine job holding down that part-time position," Mr. Dreiling said. "She learns quickly and will have no problem adapting to the various challenges of that position. We're glad she's on board."

Christie, a native Nebraskan, loves to hunt and fish. She is a member of several hunting and conservation groups.

Goodbye Tom, we'll miss you!