

Serious Concentration



Spinmaster Brent Dellinger performed at East Campus on Sunday. Dellinger has been yo-yoing since August 1999 and has been performing professionally since February 2000. He let the crowd in on some of his secrets during the performance. The event was presented by the Norton County Arts Council.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Police log

October 14
 1:50 a.m. Officer investigate open door, S. Kansas
 9:53 a.m. Report of lost check book
 9:57 a.m. Request to speak to officer, 200 block E. Crane
 11:37 a.m. Report of finding lost check book
 2:00 p.m. Transport individual from Hays Medical Center to Larned
 2:40 p.m. Funeral escort
 10:08 p.m. Report of individuals having problems
October 15
 7:28 a.m. Report of gun shots, E. Washington
 9:22 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, NCHS
 6:33 p.m. Report of teen aged girl wanting to clean carpets for money
October 16
 9:51 a.m. Activated alarm, 500 block Pool Dr.
 11:51 a.m. Report of individual receiving threatening messages, 1000 block Echo Acres
 3:42 p.m. Report of individuals yelling at each other, 100 block Howard
 3:51 p.m. Report of child playing in street, Crane and West St.
 10:05 p.m. Report of suspicious vehicle outside of residence, 600 block N. Jones
October 17
 2:29 a.m. Report of fight at Loves,
 6:04 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
 10:40 a.m. Report of water leak, 500 block N. Brown
 3:39 p.m. Report concerning children at Elmwood Park
 10:20 p.m. Report of individual being sick, Engel's Sales
 10:23 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls, 600 block Crane
 11:34 p.m. Report of individual drinking in public, Lincoln and Kansas
October 18
 4:13 p.m. Report of individual driving through yard, 300 block Washington
 5:27 p.m. Report of spouse taking child without permission
 7:40 p.m. Report of individual making harassing phone calls, 500 block W. Wilton
 10:06 p.m. Report of individual yelling obscenities out of vehicle, Elmwood Park
October 19
 4:00 p.m. Delivered council packets
 6:56 p.m. Individual burning trash in back of pickup, 300 block W. Washington
October 20
 12:15 a.m. Report of individual wanting to kill themselves, 600 block W. Mail
 3:38 a.m. Transport individual

to Larned State Hospital
 1:04 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 600 block N. Second
 3:21 p.m. Report of loud explosion, tire blew out on semi at stoplight
 6:06 p.m. Report of lost house keys, 500 block W. Wilton
 6:40 p.m. Keys found
 11:39 p.m. curfew violation, 1st Stop
October 21
 10:38 a.m. 911 hang-up, 1000 block Truman, officer responded everything Ok
 11:33 a.m. Funeral escort
 3:00 p.m. Report of child's purple and white bike with training wheels taken from the 300 block N. Graves, if you have it please return it.
 6:18 p.m. Report of possible intoxicated individual
 7:15 p.m. 911 hang-up, 1000 block N. Norton, officer responded everything Ok
 7:41 p.m. Report of residential fire, 400 block E. Lincoln
 7:51 p.m. 911 hang-up, 200 block W. Crane, officer responded everything Ok
October 22
 8:27 a.m. Report of dog left in vehicle all night, Attitudes
 3:20 p.m. Report of speeding Semis, S. Hwy. 283
 9:30 p.m. Civil stand-by, 300 block W. Main
October 23
 8:45 a.m. Report of found wallet, Diamond Shamrock
 9:30 a.m. Located owner of wallet
 2:12 p.m. Report of found bicycle, Co-op
 2:15 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning restraining order
 4:21 p.m. Report of shoplifting, Shop and Save
 6:53 p.m. Report of vehicle alarm going off, 500 block N. State
 9:02 p.m. Report of aggravated battery, Hillerest Motel
October 24
 11:12 a.m. Report of individual's vehicle at residence, 400 block Waverly
 4:49 p.m. Report of individual driving too fast, Wabash
October 25
 5:35 p.m. Report of found purse, returned purse to owner
 6:39 p.m. Welfare check, 300 block W. Lincoln
 7:00 p.m. Neighbor dispute, 500 block W. Wilton
 7:05 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning drugs
 7:21 p.m. Civil standby, 300 block S. Wabash
 7:55 p.m. Welfare check
Vehicle stops: 40
Accidents: 1
Animal control calls: 17

Try some spice in your life

Pieces of Life's Puzzle
 Liza Deines



Generations upon wise generations have advised us that variety is the spice of life. Why, then, do we persist in treading our chosen path, looking neither to right nor left in a fiercely concentrated effort to live our lives in a self made rut? Why such a passion for consistency, for conformity, for squelching our inherently impulsive nature?

The master of creation was obviously a fan of variety, as we will easily see if we just lift our eyes and look about. The marmalade colors of autumn illustrate how cleverly nature mixes every color in the paint box with a result not gaudy or garish but flamboyantly festive. Springtime, too, besieges us with cascades of color in every tint, blossoms of every shape. Summer shimmers and winter shivers as the seasons run their circuit. Available to enhance our existence is a vast array of not only colors and textures, but flavors visible in fruits, vegetables, fish and fowl, grains and grasses. A banquet of incredible choices is daily spread before us. We make our lives only as diverse, however, as we choose to make them.

So off we go to the same restaurant we go to every Tuesday and we order a cheeseburger, fries and a cola. In church we slide into the exact same pew we have sat in for 14 years. Clothes shopping we tend to migrate toward familiar

styles and colors. Why do human beings voluntarily limit themselves in this inexplicable way? If someone told us we had to wear blue, eat nothing but cheeseburgers and sit in a certain seat, we'd kick like mules!

Nowhere is diversity more apparent yet less expected or accepted than in siblings. There are no carbon copy kids. Even identical twins do not share the same tastes, opinions or character traits. My own twins are fraternal and a stranger would never believe they are brother and sister. They are as different as night and day in appearance, attitudes, beliefs, and in every other way, as is their younger brother. Yes, family resemblances appear, but each is individual to the nth degree. We all know families in which these differences split the family unit apart, temporarily or, sadly, permanently.

Others have learned to respect opposing views, tolerate irritations and agree to disagree. The creator made every human unique in His infinite wisdom, so why should we, as parents, teachers, coaches, expect otherwise?

Much better for all concerned to emulate a grove of trees. Here in Missouri the range of tree varieties amazes this flatland girl. Woodlands are aglow with color and texture, rolling away across rocky bluffs, laced with scarlet sumac. A cluster of blazing maples is breath-taking next to a stand of small golden hued trees, each enhancing the other. Majestic, stalwart and unchanging, tall evergreens stand guard nearby. Exuberant bursts of burgundy bronze contrast with brilliant burning bush, hues so intense they make your heart ache, your head spin. Such an assortment, yet all with their roots in the same soil, all drawing sustenance from the same rain. Each contributing, they stand strong together in woody draws, mixing peacefully with bashful brown pin oaks, amber-leaved sycamores. All are a pleasure to the eye, a joy to the heart, dwelling harmoniously together, each one an integral part of a glorious whole.

Tomorrow look out a new window, try a different angle, eat an anchovy, buy a pair of purple boots. Search out and recognize the unique qualities in your family and treasure each one for who and what they are. Unity in diversity is a blessing given to make life interesting, whether in families, foods or friends. Dip deeply into the banquet of earthly existence. Our time here is short.

Be prepared for deer during this time of year

The Kansas Highway Patrol is advising all motorists to be cautious of deer activity on and around roadways this fall.

Because the deer breeding season generally runs from October to December, law enforcement officers routinely investigate a large number of deer-vehicle crashes this time of year.

Last year, six people were killed in crashes involving deer and 318 were injured. According to Kansas Department of Transportation statistics, 9,371 deer-vehicle crashes occurred on Kansas roadways in 2008.

Deer represent a significant problem for those traveling on motorcycles. In 2008, four of the six fatalities involving deer were motorcycle riders.

"This time of year in our state, you must be prepared for deer crossing the roadway, especially in the night and early morning hours. Control your speed so you

can react, should a deer enter the roadway," said Patrol Superintendent, Colonel Terry Maple.

"If an animal is in your path, it is often better to brake and slow down, possibly striking the animal, than it is to swerve. If you swerve, you run the risk of losing control of your vehicle, and possibly driving off the roadway, which could contribute to the vehicle overturning, and causing a more catastrophic crash."

The Patrol offers the following tips to avoid and mitigate vehicle-deer crashes:

- Intentionally look for deer. Be especially alert at dawn and dusk, which is when visibility is low and is peak movement time for deer.
- Slow down near woods, parks, golf courses, streams and deer crossing signs, which are posted where deer-vehicle collisions have repeatedly occurred.
- Deer usually travel in groups.

When one deer crosses the road, there may be others about to cross. Be prepared to stop for others darting into the road.

• Slow down when approaching deer standing near roadsides. They have a tendency to bolt, possibly onto the roadway. Use emergency flashers to warn oncoming drivers after you see deer near a roadway.

• If you hit a deer, pull over onto the shoulder, turn on your emergency flashers, and watch for traffic before exiting your vehicle.

Do not try to remove a deer from the roadway unless you are certain it is dead; an injured deer could hurt you. If you have a cellular phone and are on a Kansas highway, dial *47 (*HP) for a highway patrol dispatcher or *KTA(582) for assistance on the Kansas Turnpike.

• Anyone involved in a vehicle-deer crash that results in personal

injury or property damage that totals \$1,000.00 or more is required to immediately report the crash to the nearest law enforcement agency. Failure to report any traffic crash is a misdemeanor and may result in suspension of driving privileges.

• If you are involved in a non-injury crash on an interstate, U.S. highway, or any divided or multi-lane road in the state of Kansas, and if you are not transporting hazardous materials, it is required by law to move your vehicle out of the lane of traffic. This law is intended to help keep drivers and passengers safe by getting them out of the lane of traffic, and away from oncoming vehicles.

• Make sure you and your passengers are buckled up and are using the appropriate child safety seats, which are the best ways to prevent injuries or death should you be involved in a crash.



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