



Ronald and Helen Hager in 1960



Ronald and Helen Hager today



Jim and Geraldine Hutchens

## Couple marks 60 years

The family of Jim and Geraldine (Steinke) Hutchens request a card shower for their parents', 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8. Cards will reach them at Jim and Geraldine Hutchens, 416 South Street, Norton, Kan. 67654

## Norton couple celebrates 50th anniversary

The family of Ronald and Helen Hager is requesting a card shower in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ronald Hager and Helen Krauss were joined in marriage on Jan. 31, 1960 in Norton.

Ronald and Helen were long-time business owners in Norton.

They owned and operated Norton Appliance and Furniture and Norton Hardware and Appliance.

The Hagers also farmed near

Edmond where they lived until moving to Norton in 2008.

Their children and spouses and grandchildren are: Barry and Karen Hager, Wesley and Wyatt, of Wichita; Rhonda and Richard Karst, Katie, Rayna, and Caleb

of Rush Center; and Penny and Stephen Otter, Brittany, Andrew and Alec, of Norton.

Cards may be sent to 302 Ward Ave., Norton, Kan.

## Positive, cheerful influences for students

The recent passing of two Norton citizens brought to my mind the influence that one man, or in this case, two men, can have on the population in which they live. The number of Norton students that were inspired by Dr. Roger Hartman's drive for excellence in all things was second only to the number of those students who were safely delivered by Dr. Roger Hartman's skillful hands. Norton is a small town and both of these men could have chosen to pursue successful careers in much larger cities. How fortunate we were that they chose to live in small town America, to teach, to practice medicine among us, to give generously of their individual talents. They will be missed.

This is not written only to eulogize two great gentlemen, but to point out to each of you what a powerful influence you may have on the people with whom you are in daily contact. Yes, you, in the ordinary course of an ordinary day in your ordinary life. Positive or negative attitudes bear sweet or bitter fruit from the most unexpected sources. Years down the road, you may learn you made a difference to someone

### Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



you met along life's path. Or you may never know, but the result remains.

A casual remark that made a difference to me came through a working companion. We were in a group where another employee was totally ticked off with our mutual supervisor and was venting at great length. "It seems to me," Jack said mildly, "if you are willing to be on a man's payroll, you owe him your loyalty. If you cannot give it, better move on." This one came to mind years later when my husband refused to compromise his ethics to please an employer. He resigned and moved on.

When I was in the sixth grade, a student teacher came along who influenced my attitude toward learning. "If an opportunity is given to you to learn and you choose to do so, then you own it," she said. "If you choose not to try, it

owns you. When you own knowledge, you can choose to use it or forget it. Without the knowledge, you have no choice." Initially her wisdom got me through algebra and ultimately several other life crises.

Parents and teachers bear such an awesome responsibility during children's formative years. Probably everyone remembers a teacher they loved and respected, as well as some they didn't. Harsh words spoken impatiently in anger can burn right into a child's mind and remain with them for years. In the same way, an encouraging hug, a sincere word of praise or a "Hang in there, kid" will linger in memory in a much different way.

Quiet influence is unmeasured, seldom acknowledged, perhaps only noticed subconsciously. As a clerk, as a nurse, as a waitress, mailman or trash truck driver, you can change the course of the day for someone with a friendly grin as opposed to a glum expression. A cheerful greeting rather than a grunt.

A climate of cheerful cooperation within a working group is a goal sought by every supervisor.

Never be the one who brings gloom to the room.

Do you think no one sees or cares when you do the right thing, when you laugh instead of get mad, when you surrender control gracefully rather than with a scowl? Be it ever so humble or humdrum, what you do and how you do it catches someone's eye. You may not always achieve excellence, but you will be the better for giving your best shot. No job is without honor or opportunity.

Human contact is a strangely contagious thing. Adults are not immune to the behavior of associates. The Case of the Curiously Creeping Yawn is just one funny example. You may go to work feeling chipper, reasonably perky until someone passes your desk, yawning widely. In moments that yawn has spread, not only to you, but to everyone who witnessed it.

There are so many clichés about smiles and positive attitudes, so many songs, poems, even entire books. What can a country gal add? Only this. What you sow is what you grow. Enough said?

## Hansen displays Sum of Parts Correction

By Shirley Henrickson, Director

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present "Sum of the Parts, Surface Design Association Membership Exhibition 2007", juried by Kyoung Ae Cho and Jan Myers-Newbury, open from December 11, 2009, through Feb. 7.

The mission of the Surface Design Association is to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of textiles in the art and design communities, as well as in the general public.

The Association inspires creativity and encourages innovation, furthering the rich tradition of the textile arts through publications, exhibitions, conferences and educational opportunities.

This organization of dedicated artists and designers generously share what they make and how they think about what they make. This creates a dynamic, wonderfully colorful, caring atmosphere in which all continue to learn about the field and its practitioners.

Surface design has expanded into a multi-disciplinary field that encompasses ancient as well as the most recent technologies. The organization continues to seek fresh and innovative ways to

help one another express what is in their minds and hearts.

The Surface Design Association's continued growth is due to the commitment to creativity and eagerness to learn about the work and thoughts of their colleagues. They encourage networking and promotion of their work through competitive exhibitions, conferences, publications and a website.

Our January Artist of the Month is Julie Bond from Kansas City, Mo. Julie has beautiful ceramic pottery on display and for sale. If you are looking for a gift for someone or just something for yourself, come in and check out our Artist of the Month Corner. You will be pleasantly surprised!!

Our next Continued Education Class will be the 2010 Dance Class. The classes started Sunday, January 10 and will run through February 28, at the Logan City Building.

The beginner class will run from 2:00 - 3:30 and the intermediate and advanced class will run from 3:30 - 5:00 each Sunday afternoon.

If interested or for more information call 785.689.4846 or www.hansenmuseum.org.

Museum hours are M-F 9-12 & 1-4; Sat. 9-12 & 1-5; Sun. & holidays 1-5. We are handi-

capped accessible, there is never an admission fee and we have a free Wi-Fi Hotspot in the Community Room. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at 785-689-4846 or check out our web at www.hansenmuseum.org.

The story on Greg Mann's honor from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association in the January 22 issue of the Norton Telegram stated that Greg Mann had coached Junior High Wrestling in Norton.

This information was incorrect and should have stated that he coached Junior High Wrestling in Garden City.

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