



Melissa Ann Harper and Paul W. Foley move their tassels over representing a new stage in their lives. Melissa, Paul and Tyler Cook were the graduates honored at last Friday's graduation ceremonies held for the Norton Learning Center.

— Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Learning Center honors graduates

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Adding to the list of adults who have earned their high school diplomas, officials with the Unified School District 211 Learning Center held a graduation ceremony Friday evening, recognizing three graduates who are now considered high school graduates.

Graduating with the class of 2011 were Tyler Reid Cook, Paul W. Foley and Melissa Ann Harper.

Norton School Board President Jennifer Boller addressed the graduates and guests, em-

phasizing the importance of a diploma that is more than just a piece of paper, but a key to making life a little easier for the graduates.

Danna Kelly, the learning Center Director, also addressed the graduates and their guests, explaining that over four years of the center's operation, 12 adults have earned their diplomas.

A majority of the graduates are adults who take online classes while juggling other responsibilities like jobs and families.

As a testament to the suc-

cess of the Learning Center programming, graduate Paul Foley spoke of his own experience and how the Learning Center has contributed to his success. Foley dropped out of high school in 2003 as a senior because "(he) thought he was all grown up."

Two years ago, though, he began taking classes at the Learning Center, and after some setbacks, finished his credits just in time to graduate with the class of 2011 at the age of 26. Now, Foley plans to attend Ashford University to study Criminal Justice.

Sun threatens eyesight

Children, who typically spend more time outdoors in the sunlight than adults, are particularly susceptible to eye damage from ultraviolet radiation, and steps should be taken to protect young eyes, according to the Eye Care Council.

"Damage from the sun can build up cumulatively and may increase the risk of eye disorders later in life," said Dr. Julie Toon, a Wichita optometrist and president of the Eye Care Council. "The smartest thing parents can do is protect young eyes during outdoor time by making sure children wear a brimmed hat or cap and sunglasses that block ultraviolet radiation."

Susceptibility to ultraviolet radiation grows in the summer time, since radiation can reach eyes not only from the sky but also by reflection from the ground, especially water, sand and other bright surfaces. Ultraviolet radiation risk is particularly high on the beach and while boating.

Toon added that while children are susceptible, no one at any age is immune to sunlight-related eye disorders.

"Overexposure to ultraviolet

rays also can lead to cataracts, macular degeneration, or, in some cases, skin cancer around the eyelids," Toon said.

Laboratory studies show ultraviolet radiation is a causal factor for cataracts, and epidemiological studies show that certain types of cataracts are associated with a history of higher exposure to ultraviolet and especially ultraviolet-beta radiation. Cataracts, a cloudiness of the lens inside the eye, are a major cause of visual impairment and blindness worldwide.

Toon added: "Other disorders that can occur are abnormal growths on the eye's surface and even sunburn of the eyes. Symptoms include blurred vision, irritation, redness and excessive watering."

Sunlight is commonly divided into two components, ultraviolet-beta and ultraviolet-alpha, neither of which benefits eyes or contributes to vision. Optimal sun protection should screen out both forms by simple, safe, and inexpensive methods such as wearing a brimmed hat and ultraviolet-blocking eyewear, particularly if such eyewear has

a wraparound design to limit the entry of peripheral rays.

Ultraviolet absorption can be incorporated into nearly all types of eyewear, including prescription spectacles, contact lenses and intraocular lens implants. Ultraviolet protection is inexpensive and does not interfere with vision. However, polarization or photosensitive darkening are additional sunglass features that are useful for certain visual situations, but do not, by themselves, provide ultraviolet protection.

Public notice of the threat of ultraviolet radiation is part of the Eye Care Council's emphasis on protecting the eyesight of children, Toon said. Another part is the SEE TO LEARN® program, which encourages parents to take advantage of a vision assessment, at no charge, for 3-year-old children.

This highly popular program is called SEE TO LEARN®, and optometrists have provided vision assessments without charge to more than 50,000 children since the program was created more than a decade ago. Participating Kansas eye doctors are listed at www.seetolearn.com.

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, Kansas, is proud to present the "Local Joy of Painting Artists" exhibit which opened on Friday, May 13 and will run through July 3. This is the last week, so make plans to stop in and see this exhibit!

Students from the Bob Ross Style of Painting Workshops, held at the Hansen Museum for the past decade, are showing off their artistic talents. Certified instructors, T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone, Arriba, Colo., entertain and instruct, step by step, revealing how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No previous experience is necessary and anyone can do it. All a student needs to bring is a roll of paper towels, all other supplies are provided.

David Vollbracht of Medicine Lodge, will be presenting an oil painting workshop from July 13 through July 16. David is a representational landscape painter

of the west. His work reflects the quality of light, nature and spirit drawn from the land. For many years he has made trips to various parts of the west to gather reference material for realistic impressions created primarily in oil. David emphasizes the beauty and importance of the natural landscape in his compositions. He is intrigued by the patterns and shapes in nature and concentrates on the effects of light on these elements. This class will be on the use of photography as a reference material. Special emphasis will be placed on the limitations of photography and how to use it as a point of reference instead of a crutch. For more information call 785-689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

We are in the midst of preparations for our 35th Annual Labor Day Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 4, and for our 38th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Sept. 17. The entertainment for

the Labor Day Celebration will be "Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations" and "Night Wing," a country/rock showcase group of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band.

The entertainment for the Arts and Crafts Fair will be "Uncalled 4" and "Intensity" (cloggers).

Our June Artist of the Month is Roy Jessup from Oakley. Roy has watercolor and pencil drawings on display and for sale. Come in and check out our Artist of the Month corner!

Museum hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.; Sunday and Holidays 1-5 p.m. We are handicapped 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.

Police Log

June 20 2011
Removed signage placed on utility poles
Motorist assist
Report of a hit and run accident
Noise complaint
Welfare check
June 21 2011
Hotel checks
Report of counterfeit money
Activated alarm, High Plains
ATV inspection
Report of fight
Noise complaint
Report of individual trying to run them off the road
Report of individual being kicked out of residence
Request for civil standby
Request for extra patrol
June 22 2011
Report of water leak
Spoke with three individuals in Elmwood Park, checked for curfew violations

Two vehicle accident
Gas skip, Loves, individual found and went back to pay
Request for civil standby
Welfare check
June 23 2011
Report of two individuals smoking marijuana in parking lot
Found open door
Motel checks
Request to speak to officer concerning text messages
Report of phone scam
Parking complaint
Report of vehicle driving in yard
Report of manhole lid open
June 24 2011
Report of individual ringing doorbell
Report of unauthorized use of credit card
Report of two vehicle accident
Report of runaway, individual found and returned to parents

June 25 2011
Contact made with two individuals walking around town, 2:28 a.m.
Contact made with two different individuals walking around town, 2:35 a.m.
Report of two individuals in driveway at 3:18 a.m.
Contact made with individual walking around town, 3:27 a.m.
Report of neglected animals
June 26 2011
Report of individual ringing doorbell
Report of possible break-in
Report of domestic situation, one individual taken into custody

Norton Police department reported eight vehicle stops and four keys locked in vehicle during the period of June 20 through June 26.

Municipal court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

June 16
Nov. 28, 2010 - Kyle Burge, Norton. 1) Second charge for drinking under the influence 2) Refused Breathalyzer 3) Criminal damage to property 4) Disorderly conduct. Plea: 3 and 4 Guilty. Charge 1 and 2 dismissed by city prosecution/plea agreement. Found 3 and 4 guilty. Charge 3, \$300 and restitution already made, Charge 4, \$250. Thirty days jail suspended if no complaints of disruptive conduct or intoxication until Dec. 31, 2011
Dec. 15, 2010 - Jonathan Essex, Almena. Speeding 27 in 20, school zone. Dismissed by city prosecutor at trial.
Dec. 25, 2010 - Brett Terrell, Norton. Minor in possession of alcohol. Diversion. Six Month Diversion Assessment \$200, Diversion Fee \$50, Costs \$76, Total \$326, Driver's license restricted for 30 days
May 18 - Brently Willingham, Phillipsburg. Loud stereo system. Plea: No contest. Found Guilty. Fine \$30, Costs \$76, Total \$106
May 18 - James Rowh, Norton. Speed 30 in 20, school zone. Plea: No contest. Found guilty. Fine \$100, School Zone Costs \$76 Total \$176
May 19 - Verland Olliff, Norton. Dog at large with tag. Plea: Guilty. Found Guilty. Costs \$76, Total \$76
May 24 - Mickeal Williams, Beaver City, Neb. No insurance. Plea: Guilty. Found Guilty. Fine \$300, Costs \$76, Total \$376
June 12 - Cassie Walker, Norton. Public consumption of alcohol. Plea: Guilty. Found Guilty. Fine \$300, Costs \$76, Total \$100
June 23
May 25 - Randall Colip, Norton. Defective tail lamps. Dismissed with proof fixed.
May 29 - Alec Gilgenback, Norton. No seat belt 14-17. Plea: Guilty. Found guilty. Fine \$60
May 30 - Brett Pulec, Norton. 1) No seat belt 14-17, 2) Drive in violation of restrictions. Plea: No Contest. Found guilty. 1) Community service cleaning at the police department and city building. 2) Suspend driver's license for 1 year. Costs \$76
June 1 - Betty Rossouw, Norton. No insurance. Dismissed/Proof.
June 2 - Aaron Roberts, Norton. Speed 40 in 30. Plea: No contest. Found guilty. Fine \$30, Costs \$76, Total \$106.

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Kansas Small Business Development Center
The Fort Hays State University Kansas Small Business Development Center (KS-BDC) seeks a Business Consultant for the Bird City Outreach Center.
If you value small businesses, enjoy working with the public, and have strong business knowledge & skills, then consider joining the FHSU KSBDC team. The Business Consultant will provide counseling and training to existing and prospective business owners from the Outreach Center in Bird City, in cooperation with the regional center office in Hays. The position requires frequent day travel for on-site business assistance to the northwest counties and occasional overnight travel.
There is tremendous opportunity for personal and professional growth. Final candidate will have consented to and successfully completed a criminal background check. A complete position description can be found at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/positions/admn.php>. FHSU is an AA/EEO Employer.

District court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.
District Court - Traffic
April 25 - Jordan Banning, Northglenn, Colo. Speeding 79 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$162.50
May 25 - Tyler Perea, Westminster, Colo. Speeding 82 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$180.50

May 27 - Dan Pratt, Selden. Speeding 77 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$150.50
June 1 - Lelia Hall, Lenora. Speeding 71 in 55. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$174.50
June 2 - Kenneth Grant, Friend, Neb. Motor Carrier safety rules and regulations, 11 hour violation. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$208.50
June 3 - David Donovan, Norton. Failure to wear seat-belt. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$5

June 13 - Timothy Heldenbrand, Aurora, Colo. Speeding 76 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$144.50
June 15 - Willard Bridges, Portland, Ore. Speeding 77 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$150.50
June 15 - Clarence Jordan, Garden City. Failure to wear seat-belt. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$5.
June 15 - Jason Krage, Pueblo, Colo. Speeding 83 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$186.50

NORTON TENNIS RECREATION CAMP
JULY 25-29, 2011
COST: \$15.00 — LOCATION: Pool Park Tennis Courts
Upcoming Grades 4-6 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Upcoming Grades 7-8 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Upcoming Grades 9-12 . . . 10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Crystal Montgomery - 107 W. Wilton, Norton, KS 67654
REGISTRATION DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011
A tennis racket must be provided. If you have problems finding one, contact me at 785-443-3419
"The Tennis Recreational Program is an individual undertaking and is not sponsored by or affiliated with USD #211."

Parental Release: We (I) give permission for the enrollment of _____ in the 2011 Tennis Recreational Program from July 25-29. We (I) hereby release the tennis staff from any claim on account of any accidental injury during the time of the camp. _____ Signature
Please note any physical problems your child has that I need to be aware of: _____

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