

# Honoring their own



Braving cold, damp weather Monday morning, members of the Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post 63 in Norton helped perform a military funeral at Enfield Funeral Home. Also helping was an Honor Guard from the Legion Riders, based in Norton. The funeral was for Clifford Schoenthaler, who served in the United States Navy and passed away last Thursday. For related obituary, see page 2.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# It's time to bake cookies

Snowy weather always inspired me to bake cookies and make soup perhaps because extra warmth was welcome when cold weather came along. In case cold weather also draws you to the kitchen, here are recipes for pretty cookies to add variety to holiday cookie trays.

Hartzen are a traditional German cookie served at Christmas. Do not use powdered spices in this recipe because the bits of crushed cinnamon stick and nutmeg add a necessary texture to a very simple but delicious cookie. May be kept covered a few days if they last that long!

**HARTZEN**  
Two to three cups flour  
One cup white sugar  
One quarter cup butter  
One quarter teaspoon salt  
One teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg  
One cinnamon stick crushed in bits  
Two cups sour cream  
One teaspoon baking soda

Dissolve baking soda in sour cream and set aside. Mix one cup flour, butter, salt, spices as for pastry. Add sour cream and work in enough more flour to form a stiff dough. Cover and chill overnight. Roll chilled dough half an inch thick on a floured board and cut into half inch wide strips. On an ungreased cookie sheet form each strip into a heart shape and brush lightly with beaten egg yolk. Bake at 375F just until light brown, six to eight minutes, remove immediately to waxed paper to cool.

**SPEARMINT DIAMONDS**  
Two cups brown sugar  
Four eggs  
Two cups flour  
One teaspoon baking powder  
Half cup walnuts, chopped  
One pound of spearmint leaf gumdrops, cut in tiny pieces

Beat eggs and sugar together, add flour and baking powder, then nuts and candy pieces. This is a very sticky dough. Get your hands wet, dump the dough onto a 16x20 jelly roll pan and

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in potato chips and peanuts. Mix well. Butter a foil-lined 8x8 pan and press the hot mixture firmly into it. Chill two hours, lift out by foil edges and turn onto a cutting board. Peel off foil and cut into small squares. Store loosely covered at room temperature. They won't last long!

This recipe can be made without tequila but it will not be the Real McCoy served at Mexican fiestas. Not quite like your mama used to make but oh so good!

### ORIGINAL MEXICAN WEDDING COOKIES

Half a cup powdered sugar, sifted twice

Two cups soft butter (not oleo)

Two tablespoons good tequila  
One teaspoon real vanilla extract

One fourth teaspoon salt  
Almost three cups flour  
Half cup chopped pecans  
Additional powdered sugar for rolling

Work butter and first powdered sugar together until very smooth; add the tequila and vanilla extract. Sift salt and flour together and work it into the butter mixture until it forms a soft dough. Mix in pecans. Chill dough overnight. Roll into one-inch balls, place on cookie sheet and bake at 400F for 8 minutes, until set but not brown. Roll in powdered sugar immediately, cool on racks and roll in powdered sugar again. Store in airtight container. Makes five dozen.  
Happy baking!

press evenly into all the corners and out to edges. Bake at 375F for twenty minutes. Allow to remain on sheet while you stir up three tablespoons cream and half cup powdered sugar with a drop or two of mint extract to make a thin frosting to spread on warm slab. Cut into diamond shapes by making angled cuts across the slab. Remove quickly to racks or they will stick. Can also be made with a pound of orange slice gumdrops or mixed color spice gum drops with frosting made with orange or lemon juice. Store in covered container. Number of cookies depends on how narrow you cut the diamond shapes.

**MICROWAVE CHIPSTERS**  
One cup milk chocolate and toffee chips, mixed  
One can sweetened condensed milk  
One cup chunky peanut butter

Two cups plain potato chips, scrunched

One cup chopped peanuts

In a two-quart glass measuring cup combine peanut butter, chocolate and toffee chips with the sweetened condensed milk. Microwave on high setting two minutes, remove and stir well, microwave another two minutes. Remove from heat and stir

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate among military veterans is nearly double the national average as members of the military return home to find the current state of the economy offering limited job support and

business opportunities. These statistics are expected to get worse as many of the troops are expected to return home with the end of operations in Iraq

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# HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, presents "K is for Kansas" and "Considering the Common Place: Prairie Towns" which opened Oct. 28 and will be on display through Dec. 18. "K is for Kansas" is an exhibit exploring Kansas from A to Z. This includes the state symbols that all Kansas children study, but also fun and curious facts about the state, and stories which are often overlooked. "Considering the Common Place" consists of 71 photographs taken by artist/teacher, Bob Regier, from North Newton.

Since we have access to so many fun and curious facts about Kansas, I would like to ask questions each week to give you something to think about! This is the last week for questions! 1. What is the name of the wheat that is considered the father of our hard red winter wheat? 2. In the late 1940s and 1950s,

many small, local schools began consolidating or combining together. What was this called? 3. What is the Kansas state bird? Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon and Wyoming also claim this bird as their state bird. 4. What city is the biggest city in Kansas? 5. What is the name of the basketball player who wowed Wichita State University fans during the 1984-1985 basketball season as the first NCAA player to lead the nation in scoring (27.2 points per game) and rebounding (14.8 per game)?

The answers to last week's questions are as follows: 1. What African-American from Fort Scott wrote the book The Learning Tree? Gordon Parks, award-winning photographer, poet, composer, author and filmmaker wrote the book and movie The Learning Tree. In fact our next exhibit will be "Gordon Parks' Photographs". 2. What is

the name of the "rock art" that native Americans scratched or pecked into sandstone bluffs? Petroglyph is an example of "rock art" scratched or pecked into sandstone bluffs. 3. What is the name of ground squirrels that live in large "towns"? Prairie dogs are ground squirrels that live in large "towns". They share their burrows with burrowing owls and black footed ferrets. 4. Many settlers on the treeless prairie built a house with walls made from thick chunks of grassy sod that they cut from the earth and used like bricks. What was this house called? This house was called a soddy. 5. What is the Kansas state flower? The sunflower is the Kansas state flower.

Our December Artist of the Month is Gordon Mai from Wilson. Gordon has paintings and photography on display.

# PUBLIC RECORD

**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 and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.  
**Dec. 8**

Nov. 29-Carl Lee Bray, Almena; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.  
Nov. 7-Arthur William Langford, Bozeman, Mont.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.  
Nov. 26-Lance Gerald Preuss,

Pueblo West, Colo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.  
Nov. 28-Gerald R. Wetter, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

**Municipal Court**  
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.  
**Dec. 8**

Oct. 28-Clark Cox, Norton; Charge: Dog running at-large/no license; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$25, costs waived, total \$25.  
Sept. 9-Joseph Sweet, Norton; Charge: Speeding; Plea: Not guilty; Found: Guilty at trial;

Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.  
May 26-Tina Larison, Alma, Neb.; Charge: Inattentive driving; Plea: Not guilty; Other action: Found guilty at trial; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

# POLICE LOG

**Dec. 5**  
Report of suspicious voices by vehicle  
Vehicle stop  
Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter  
Report of individuals playing music in front yard  
Keys locked in vehicle  
**Dec. 6**  
Keys locked in vehicle  
Two vehicle accident  
Two, one vehicle accidents  
Report of theft from Ebke's Liquor, one arrest  
Keys locked in vehicle  
Report of phone scam (DO NOT SEND MONEY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY USING WESTERN UNION BECAUSE SOMEONE CALLED CLAIMING TO BE A RELATIVE

NEEDING MONEY TO GET HOME. CALL YOUR RELATIVE FIRST TO BE SURE THEY'RE OK)  
**Dec. 7**  
Two vehicle accident  
Vehicle stop  
Report of theft  
**Dec. 8**  
Vehicle lot checks  
Report of suspicious vehicle  
Vehicle stop  
**Dec. 9**  
Assist Sheriff's Dept. with investigation  
Request to remove individual from property, one arrest  
Report of verbal situation  
Two vehicle stops  
**Dec. 10**  
Report of individual being harassed in store

Report of lifeline being set off  
Vehicle stop  
**Dec. 11**  
Request for welfare check  
Assist Sheriff's Dept. with deer accident  
Returned lost bike  
Call from individual concerning child custody  
Civil standby  
Traffic control for Living Nativity

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