



## Earning respect

Earning respect and gratitude, the postal carriers of the Norton community braved wet snowfall and bitter wind Saturday morning to help make sure everyone gets their mail on time. The Norton Post Office employees are reminding everyone that during periods of inclement weather, delivery is much easier when residents keep their sidewalks clear of snow and open a path to their mailboxes for their mail carriers. Pictured, postal carrier Chris Noel bundled up and toted a bundle of mail around town as he delivered the mail to homes on his delivery route.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# The elves of oopsie are lurking

“Oh, isn’t that sweet!” A friend from church was visiting me at the retirement home last week and she was looking at the row of walkers lined up against the dining room wall. “Sweet? Walkers?” I said, puzzled. “I mean the way they’ve all decorated them,” she explained, indicating various scarves, bows, neckties and bandannas tied onto the bars of each device. “Oh no,” I explained. “Those are not for decoration, they’re for identification.” Believe me, one aluminum framework walker may look just like every other aluminum frame walker to you, but you do not want to be around if a resident trundles off with another’s walker. Talk about an upset!

The Elves of Oopsie lurk about, just waiting for a mistake to cause embarrassment on all fronts. For instance, white or silver cars were so common a few years back it was certainly easy as well as understandable to become confused in a parking lot. This one? That one? Why didn’t I tie a balloon on my antenna? My white Ford was lost in a sea of white cars. As I wandered, searching, I’m sure I heard elvish snickering.

I didn’t even have the excuse of a common color, however, when I ventured, if only inadvertently, into car theft. We were driving a cocoa brown Ford Tempo which was the only one of its color in Norton, I thought. So when I hopped into my little brown car in Adventures’ parking lot one day, I couldn’t figure out why the key, which slid in just fine, wouldn’t turn. That is, until I noticed a diaper bag on

Pieces of life’s puzzle

Liza Deines



the passenger seat. The speed with which I slipped out of that vehicle was amazing and accompanied by elf giggles.

It was some consolation, however, when I ‘fessed up to the other Tempo owner later in the week, to learn the Oopsies had also led her to my car one fine day in the grocery store parking lot.

That wasn’t their first attack; they hit me early in life. When I was in high school my folks drove a two-tone green Chevy. It was a common color combo that year and there were several in WaKeeney. Betty and I, walking home one day following our usual after school Coke at Cleland’s, saw what I thought was Dad’s car parked on a downtown street. We hopped in the back seat intending to surprise him and catch a ride home. After a few minutes it occurred to me to wonder why our car was downtown on a workday afternoon. Then my eye fell on a bag of groceries sitting in the passenger seat. A carton of Luckies and a package of chocolate-covered marshmallow cookies were sticking out the top, two items that would never have been found in our house. We set a speed record getting out and slinking away that day, too! Never did know whose car we

invaded.

And then there is the tale of two tan coats. Upon leaving a restaurant in Salina one evening, my friend Margaret took what she thought was her coat, it being the only one left on the rack. Next morning when she put it on to go to work, she found strange gloves in the pocket and, upon further investigation, discovered her JC Penney bargain rack polyester blend coat had morphed into a cashmere wool garment bearing a Stiefel’s label. Stiefel’s, which, alas, is no more, was once THE place in Salina for expensive clothing; definitely not where we ordinary working gals shopped. She called the restaurant, left her name and telephone number and enjoyed the elegant cashmere for several days, since she had no other winter coat to wear.

Eventually came a call from a lady in a neighboring town who, apparently having more than one coat, had just discovered her error and had figured out where the accidental swap had taken place. Each had the coat in their possession dry cleaned and, for convenience sake, mailed them to each other. Margaret told me while she missed the plushy cashmere, she got a great bonus. Her coat came back with all the buttons sewn on securely and a wee bottle of nice perfume tucked in the pocket. How’s that for a happy ending? Sure proof that all Oopsies are not evil elves!

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## CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the February dinner and meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10.00 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, February 14 by calling Claire Ann Eppinger (877-2785).

“Have a Heart” is the theme for the evening. The special music for the evening is “Songs From the Heart” presented by Jim and Linda Anderson

from Wichita. The Andersons, who formed the Dramatic Truth Ministries, portray presentations of various stories of women in the Bible such as The Innkeeper’s Wife and Martha, a busy servant. The couple will speak in “Words That Touch Your Heart”.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and Kansas. All area women are invited to attend.

## 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.

#### Jan. 26

Jan. 7-Kirk R. Bliss, Maize; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$149.

Jan. 25-Johnathan Ray Essex, Alma; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Jan. 19-Thomas E. James, Lenora; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Jan. 2-Nathaniel G. Johns, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Jan. 19-Douglas J. Jordan,

Eagle, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 89 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$239.

Oct. 8, 2011-Cecil J. Myers, Norcatour; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Jan. 1-Amber B. Pedersen, Selden; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 23, 2000-Michael Sprague, Red Cloud, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$265.

#### Feb. 2

Jan. 9-Konrad E. Alexander, Motley, Minn.; Charge: Width of vehicles and loads thereon-move oversize at night; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$218.

Jan. 23-Keremy Leon James Griffin, Long Island; Charge:

One-way glass and sun screening devices; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

Sept. 23-Lucas A Haag, Bartley, Neb.; Charge: Connecting and safety equipment of towing vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

Jan. 16-Jason Matthew Hayath, Ballwin, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

Jan. 8-Dennis Leichliter, Clayton; Charge: Speeding 84 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$197.

Jan. 1-Darrel D. Spencer, Selden; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Jan. 6-Charles R. Traxler, Grapevine, Texas; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.

## POLICE LOG

#### Jan. 30

Request from individual to tell another individual to stay away

Court paper service

Vehicle stop

Two vehicle accident

#### Jan. 31

Barking dog complaint

Motorist assist

(2) Two court paper services

Request to remove vehicles parked in private yard

Keys locked in vehicle

Vehicle stop

#### Feb. 1

Request to remove individual

from residence

Report of suspicious vehicle

Report of individual being harassed

(6) six vehicle stops

#### Feb. 2

EMS assist

Report of theft, civil matter

between renter and landlord

Parking complaint

Criminal damage to property

(6) six vehicle stops

#### Feb. 3

Motorist assist

Report of suspicious vehicle

Report of two vehicle acci-

dent

#### Feb. 4

Report of power line down

Two vehicle accident

(2) Two keys locked in vehicle

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Keys locked in vehicle

#### Feb. 5

Report of criminal activity

EMS assist

Keys locked in vehicle

(2) Two requests to speak to officer concerning civil matter

Report of someone playing music and ringing door bell

## STUDENT NEWS

Laura Delimont of Norton has recently graduated with honors from Wichita State University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and graduated after the fall 2011 semester with cum laude honors. To graduate cum laude, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.54.

To be included in this year’s Rural Health issue call 877-3361

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FYI

Be our guest Feb. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at El Dos de Oros, 1950 S. Range, Colby for our monthly lunch meeting to learn more about Western Kansas Human Resource Management Association. Ron Alexander, with the Colby Police Department will speak on Drugs in the Workplace. The meeting will conclude at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to jim@mitteninc.com or call 785-672-3062 x 22 by noon Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Call Mike with all your social news.  
877-3361

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### McMullen & Wyatt Auctions Farm Consignment Auction

McMullen & Wyatt Auctions is now accepting consignments for our Annual Spring Auction. Any farm related items, livestock equipment, tools, machinery, tractors, or trucks accepted for the March auction. To consign or for more information, please contact Donald or Robert

**785-877-3299 OFFICE**  
**785-877-2731 ROBERT**  
**785-877-2028 DONALD**

## Norton County Health Promotion Blood Screening

At the Norton County Health Department

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012**  
Time: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

Provided by a joint effort of the Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital

Need to be fasting (no food or drink after midnight) before testing

**Health Profile and CBC #1 - \$40.00**  
Screens electrolytes, kidney function, alkaline phosphate, glucose, cholesterol (HDL, LDL, VLDL and triglycerides) and CBC

**PSA - #2 - \$20.00**  
Evaluates prostate condition

**TSH - #3 - \$15.00**  
Evaluates thyroid levels and function

**HbA1C - #4 - \$35.00**  
Measure average blood sugar levels - (diabetics only)

**LOCATION: Norton County Health Department**  
801 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas

Questions? Call the Norton County Health Department at 785-877-5745

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

ACCEPT CASH AND CHECK ONLY! INSURANCE BILLING NOT AVAILABLE!