

# You are not a "justa!"

When a group of new residents get together to become acquainted, the first question after names, is always "Where were you from?" Next, invariably, someone inquires what did you do in "real life"? This is the way we refer to our former occupations; as if we now have no real life. Many here were teachers or nurses, some worked in government, we have a number of veterans and a preacher or two. There is, however, always one who says "I was just a housewife and mother."

## Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



The most important job in the world is a "justa"? Come to find out our housewife and mother helped run a huge dairy operation, raised half a dozen children, did all her own cooking, cleaning, sewed for her daughters, baked innumerable cookies, did a lot of canning and pickling from her garden and managed a large flock of laying hens so she could sell eggs for "pin money". This is not a "justa".

Every person put on this earth is a worthwhile child of God. Every individual is a valuable and unique addition to the human race. No one, including you, has the right to disparage what you do in life. Years ago my sister-in-law was working as a waitress to put her husband through college. She once said to me, "I may be just a waitress but I can be the best darned waitress in Hays, Kansas." How I admired her and her attitude.

I'm not quite where the "justa" line is drawn, who draws it or why. Did you ever hear someone say, "I'm just a brain surgeon" Or "just an architect or engineer or school superintendent"? When I worked at the library the board members referred to me as just the business manager. In my working life I've been just a typist, a secretary, a billing clerk and hard as I tried, being just a business manager was as far as I could go. But my books always balanced and on payroll day, I was important, if only until the checks were distributed!

Perhaps the line is drawn by education and the possession of certain papers to indicate that you

have that education. Still, you can now get those papers by taking a few internet courses and some of those certificates aren't worth the paper on which they are printed. Or could it have to do with how you, yourself, choose to categorize your occupation? There are jobs, there are professions, the difference being a salaried employee or a wage and hour employee. Both are needed to keep this world turning.

It was amusing when a nurse said disdainfully, "He's not God, you know, he's just a podiatrist". His education certainly made no difference in her opinion of his rudeness to his staff and patients. Apparently "justas" come at all levels of society. Behavior counts as much as diplomas in some cases.

Circumstances often contribute to defeat our aspirations. "I wanted to teach," a friend remarked, "but there was no money for college in the 1930's so I just worked at a day care center. But I loved it." Taking care of children is so unimportant as to be a "justa"? I don't think so! Children are our future and being lovingly trained in manners, socialization, courtesy and cleanliness creates a child ready to learn when the opportunity presents. A substantial pre-school foundation enables a teacher to build a successful, self-confident student.

May I never hear you refer to yourself or anyone else as a "justa". You, too, can be "the best darned salesman, mechanic, brain surgeon, postmaster, housewife, grill cook or stay-at-home mother". God puts you exactly where he wants you at the exact time He wants you there. Best we not presume to judge His plan!

MY MAMA SAID: Don't let the "justas" get you down! Be a marigold and bloom where you are planted.

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# Success draws like a magnet

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Magnets. They are a phenomenon of nature, and the power of their magnetic current can be used in various ways to generate electricity or to pull or repel metal. Today we'll learn about an innovative Kansas company that has found ways to harvest that magnetic power in a remarkable diversity of products which it is marketing around the world.

Bob Bunting is president and owner of Bunting Magnetics in Newton, Kansas. The company was founded by his father, Walter Bunting, in 1959. At that time, the use of magnets in the can handling industry was popular, so the senior Mr. Bunting began his company in Chicago where several can manufacturers were located. He grew the company through the years.

"During the company's first 20 years, we moved to four different locations (as we grew)," Bob Bunting said. "Then my dad said he wanted to find a location with enough land so that when he needed to expand, he wouldn't have to move again."

The company did an extensive search for a new location and in 1979 made its selection, choosing to relocate the company to Newton, Kansas. Newton was much smaller than Chicago, but was centrally located on the continent and was served by an interstate highway. The company owns a 101-acre industrial site so it has plenty of room. "Dad got his wish," Bob Bunting said.

Bob worked his way up through the business and became president of Bunting Magnetics in 1993. The company expanded and diversified over time.

Today the world headquarters of Bunting Magnetics is in Newton along with a manufacturing operation. The company also has facilities in Chicago, Pennsylvania, England, China, and Australia.

The company has a diverse product line, but its products all relate to one key element: Magnets. "My goal is to solve

the world's problems through the use of magnets," Bob said with a smile. While those magnets were originally used in can manufacturing plants in Chicago, Bunting Magnetics engineers developed and designed many new applications through the years.

Now the company's products can be grouped into seven categories of use: magnets themselves plus flexible dies, material handling, metal detection, printing, plastics, and magnetic separation.

In practice, Bunting products might be used on surgical drills for the medical industry, conveyor systems for material handling, pharmaceutical or foil package inspection, magnetic cylinders for printing, and many other ways. For example, Bunting is said to be the "the world leader in producing the best magnetic cylinders."

A growing application is in food safety. "All of our (nation's) food begins on a farm, but think about all it goes through to reach the consumer," Bob said. The raw food is harvested, trucked, stored, shipped and processed, probably with metal equipment.

"Our magnetic separator can remove ferrous contamination from the final food product," he said.

Bunting Magnetics products have literally been sold from coast to coast and around the world, from Europe to South America and the Pacific Rim. The company employs 185 people, most of them at Newton. Such employment is a significant benefit to Newton and surrounding rural communities such as Burns, population 274 people. Now, that's rural.

What are the keys to the company's success? "I believe we've been successful in understanding our market, where we belong," Bob said. "I'm proud of the workforce we've developed over time. We want to hire good people and keep them. We're committed to the community and we reinvest here."

Bunting Magnetics is a fam-

ily business. Bob's son Robert Bunting joined the company six years ago, making him the third generation in the company.

"People here like seeing the stability of that," Bob said. The company was recently named Wichita Trade Council Business of the Year and earned the Wichita Business Journal's award as Best in Business 2012. For more information, go to [www.buntingmagnetics.com](http://www.buntingmagnetics.com).

Magnets. They are a phenomenon of nature which can be used in many manufacturing applications. We salute Bob Bunting and all the people of Bunting Magnetics for making a difference with their innovative, world-class applications of these products. For me, such success draws me in like a magnet.

Happy 80th Birthday  
Walter "Red" LeBeau  
MONDAY, APRIL 1

Cards can be sent to:  
1108 N. Wabash  
Norton, Kansas 67654

# Let it ride!



The Norton Eagles Club #3288 held a Casino Night fund-raiser on Saturday for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetic Research Center at the University of Iowa. (Pictured from left to right) Marvin Matchett, Bruce Wegener, Andy Neilson, Dale Henry, Joe Durham and Tony Grysch play poker. There was fun and games for the whole family and an auction followed to spend the funny money winnings.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# The newest seed varieties

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For many years now, either in the paper or on the radio, I have sought out, listed, and described each year's All America winning vegetables and flowers, so that you might know which varieties have been determined to be superior to the more than 300 other cultivars that are offered each year. And I'm going to do it again, right now.

While I know who the winners are, I have yet to find a single winner listed in the seed catalogs that I have received this winter. And so in most instances, we will wait until next year to buy the seed of this year's award winners. But, for what it's worth, here are the 2013 All America winning vegetables and flowers. If you see packets of seed with the following names on them, buy 'em, and be assured (reasonably) that you will have a successful crop.

Three new vegetables have been named as winners by the All America selection committee. One of them is a cherry tomato named Jasper. Obviously, there are dozens of cherry and grape tomatoes available these days, and here comes another

one. Jasper was bred by the folks at Johnny's Selected Seeds located in Albion, Maine and just might be the most productive cherry tomato ever developed.

And then here comes another seedless watermelon, this one named Harvest Moon. It grows to 10 or 15 pounds and looks like a smaller model of the old heirloom, Moon and Stars, and it even has little yellow specks on it. Looks like a winner to me.

Finally, there is a winning melon, a honeydew type, given the name of Mellomon. It is said that the flavor is a bit tangy, but absolutely delicious. It is ripe when the green rind turns chartreuse.

There are also three All America winning flowers this year, and all their descriptions sound wonderful. One is called...take a deep breath...Pinto Premium White to Rose Geranium. That

might be the longest flower name in history. It bears dense balls of white florets that age to pink and rose.

Or, how about a new award winning canna, called South Pacific, a beautiful scarlet flowering plant that grows to 4 or 5 feet, and loves to be planted in patio pots where it will grow to a height of about 2 feet.

And finally, you'll be anxious to try the new Cheyenne Spirit echinacea, that produces an abundance of purple, pink, red, and orange-to-cream blooms, around white cones! And they are very fragrant, unusual for an echinacea.

You can buy no better than All America winning varieties! Since 1933, they have been tested and grown in every climate zone before they are offered to you. As noted earlier, seeds may be difficult to find this first year.

## In Loving Memory

Vivian V. Hill

MARCH 25, 2012 - MARCH 25, 2013

It has been one year since God called you home. We knew you were tired, but because we love you so much, we tried to keep you here with us. I know you hung on as long as you could, probably longer than you wanted to, because of me and my brothers and our family that loves you so much.

There is never a day goes by that I don't think of you, miss you, and long for just one more day... I want to thank you; I have become a much better person for having had you as my Mother. Your life was a hard life, yet you were always thankful for everything you had. I learned appreciation from you. This past year has been so painful, getting through the "first year" of every holiday, every birthday, Mother's Day; I struggled through them, sad as they were. I've shed a million tears. I can still see your smile; hear your laughter, your pattering around the house at night looking for a snack for us to share. I treasure those memories and take comfort in the time I had with you, and also in the knowledge that death is temporary. One day, we will be together again, no sickness or worries. The Bible promises this to those who believe.

Until that day, rest peacefully my little Mamma.

You are forever loved...

Allie and family.



TUESDAY, APRIL 2

VOTE  
DAVID CORNS  
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ANNUAL  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 30  
Norton County Courthouse

1:00 p.m. - Pictures with the Easter Bunny  
1:00 p.m. - Scavenger Hunt  
Fourth through Sixth Grade - Prizes to Top 3 Teams  
2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
(4) Age Divisions: Infant through Third Grade

This event is sponsored by Norton Child Study Club  
Donations from Norton County businesses and individuals help make this experience possible. If you would like to donate contact Cheri Brooks at 1-785-871-0862. Thanks for your support!

March 22-  
March 27

Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**The Croods-3D**  
1 Hour, 49 Minutes (PG)  
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.  
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PREMIERING IN NORTON, MARCH 29  
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FREE MOVIE AFTER EASTER EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30-3:00 P.M.

COMING SOON

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# State employee recognized

Arlin Phelps, Engineering Technician Senior, was recently recognized for having 20 years of state service with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Phelps works in Norton's District Three headquarters as the district's only Computer-

Aided Drafting/Design (CAD) operator.

Call Mike with all your social news.  
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