

OBITUARY

Douglas E. Otter

Sept. 27, 1964 - Jan. 11, 2004

Douglas E. Otter, 39, New Almelo, died Jan. 11, 2004, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.

Mr. Otter was born Sept. 27, 1964, in Norton, the son of Marion and Marilyn (Hickert) Otter. He attended school in New Almelo, Lenora and Goodland Vocational Technical School.

On Aug. 18, 1990, he and Bridgett Jones were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo. During their marriage they lived in Lakin and New Almelo.

Mr. Otter had been an electrician for Iowa Beef in Holcomb. He returned to New Almelo to work with Otter Manufacturing now, Otter, Incorporated. He enjoyed bicycling and took part in three Bike Across Kansas and other bicycling tours.

He was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo and remained an active member all his life.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; uncles, Jim Hickert, Bill Hickert, Bob Hickert and Vernon Kotchwar; aunts, Carolyn Hickert and Bertilla Conroy; and mother-in-law, Beulah Jones.

He is survived by his wife,

Bridgett Otter, New Almelo; his son, Zachary Otter of the home; his daughter, Joni Otter and her fiancé, Dustin Shellito; his parents, Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; three brothers, Frank and Lavonne Otter, Clayton; Greg and Tammy Otter, New Almelo; Steve Otter, Wichita, Wichita; a sister, Emily and Gary Kessler, Lakin; his grandparents, Vern and Fern Jones, Norton; his father-in-law, George Jones, Sr., Norton; brother-in-law, George Jones, Jr., Altus; and one granddaughter.

Services were held yesterday (Thursday) at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo with Father Vincent Thu Laing and Deacon Stan Chapin officiating. Casket bearers were Leo Casper, Tim Otter, Scott Dalton, Don Born, Randy Gassmann and Wesley James. Organist was Shelley McKenna and song leader was Joni Winkel. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the Douglas Otter Memorial Fund in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.



Mindrup and McMillin Pair plans August wedding

Crystal Mindrup and Scott McMillin, both of Boca Raton, Fla., are engaged to be married.

Their parents are Doak and Jo Ann Brooks of Lenora and Michael and Molly McMillin of Wichita.

Miss Mindrup is a graduate of Lenora High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Newman University, Wichita, and a master of business administration degree from Wichita State University. She is a certified public accountant and senior associate with Grant Thornton.

Mr. McMillin is a graduate of Bishop Carroll High School, Wichita. He received a bachelor of science degree in marketing and a master of business administration degree from the University of Buffalo, New York. He is the head men's basketball coach at Lynn University.

The couple is planning to be married on Aug. 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Wichita, with a reception at the Wichita Boathouse. They plan to live in Boca Raton.

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.

Criminal
Dec. 11 — State of Kansas ver-

sus Justin Wilhite, four counts burglary of a motor vehicle, one count of felony criminal damages to property, 2 counts of felony theft, one count misdemeanor theft. First appearance before district magistrate court on Jan. 6. Preliminary hearing Jan. 16.

READERS

Clair Smith, a resident of the Andbe Home, will be 102 years old on Jan. 19. Her friends request a card shower to celebrate the day. Greetings will reach her at the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, 3-S, Norton, Kan., 67654.

— The annual meeting for Norton County Home-owned Carnival will be held Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room. 1/16

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Claudia Bridges and Norman Walter; second, Sam and Bonnie Manning.

— Buffet dinner Saturday, Jan. 17, 6-9 p.m. Norton American Legion. Open to Legion members and guests. 1/16

Eric Pfannenstiel began his position as a Combination Technician with Nex-Tech in Great Bend on Dec. 15. Mr. Pfannenstiel networks service orders from the central office to the customer premises. He also assists with troubleshooting Nex-Tech services such as DSL, wireless Internet, special circuits and business system projects. Mr. Pfannenstiel earned a degree in communications technology from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He and his wife, Carol, live in

CORRECTION

In the Tuesday, Jan. 13, edition of *The Norton Telegram*, a picture on Page 10 was incorrectly identified as Curtis Black wrestling Tyler Baker at the J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament. The Norton wrestler was Jon Harding and his opponent was Cale Farber from Hoxie in the 119 weight class. This was a reporting error. ☆☆☆☆☆

Great Bend.

— *The Norton Telegram* needs to contact Sylvia Estes, the little girl who drew the winning ticket for the Christmas On Us promotion. If you can help, call The Telegram at 785-877-3361. 1/16

Mid-Century Club met Jan. 8 at the home of Darlene McEwen. Margaret Wetter gave the program on "Slides of Kansas". Members shared a fact about Kansas for the Roll Call.

Stacie (Edgett) Minson, daughter of Elvin and Pam Edgett and the niece of David Corns of Norton, has been named the watershed specialist for a four-county area in northwest and northcentral Kansas. She is the former Trego County Extension Director. Ms. Minson's office is located at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Service Center in Hays.

Sarah Hawk will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 31. Friends may visit or send greetings to Logan Manor, 108 South Adams, Logan, Kan., 67646.

Norton Girl Scouts begin their annual cookie sales on Jan. 23 and continue through Feb. 6. Delivery dates are set for Feb. 24-March 12. To learn more about buying Girl Scout Cookies, contact Lois Rostek at 877-3493.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.



Van Der Weele and Mizell Couple has Christmas engagement

Aaron Matthew Mizell, Norton, and Priscilla Ruth Van Der Weele, Prairie View, became engaged to be married over the Christmas holidays. They have not yet set a wedding date.

Parents of the couple are Rev. Jeff and Linda Van Der Weele, Prairie View, and Ray and Ruth Mizell, Norton. Mr. Mizell is the grandson of Doris Mizell, Norton.

Both Mr. Mizell and Miss VanDer Weele are graduates of Norton Community High School. She is a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and he attends Nebraska Christian College in Norfolk, Neb.

The Norton Telegram... News you need!

SENIOR HIGH:
Monday — Girls basketball vs. Trego at WaKeeney, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer; Boys basketball vs Stockton, here, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — SAC; Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday — FCCLA story hour, 10 a.m.; Kays; Jay Singers, 7 p.m.; MCL basketball consolation finals
Friday — Jazz; JV/Varsity wrestling at Atwood, 6:30 p.m.; MCL basketball tournament finals at Hays
Saturday — MCL basketball tournament finals at Hays
Sunday — Winter band concert, memorial gym, 2:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:
Stuco dance, JH gym, 7-9 p.m.
EISENHOWER:
Monday — Site council, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — Star meeting, conference room, 3:40 p.m.
Wednesday — First grade

CBM's, a.m.; Fifth grade Knowledge Master Open, 3 p.m.; Team meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday — Grade 5 and 6 level meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Friday — Lyceum "Tom Sawyer", auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
ALL SCHOOLS:
Monday — NO SCHOOL, INSERVICE DAY
Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:
Tuesday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagels and cream cheese; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, carrots, fruit cocktail, just made cookie
Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancake/sausage on a stick; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, pears, celery stick, roll
Thursday — Breakfast: Shipwreck casserole, orange juice; Lunch: Burrito, cheesy broccoli, applesauce, brownie
Friday — Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, juice; Lunch:

Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches, cheese roll

High School and Junior High Menus:
Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast round, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Roast beef sandwich, peas, carnival salad, applesauce or chef salad, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Granola snack bar, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, roll, carrots and celery, pumpkin custard, or chef salad, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Enchilada, roll, pineapple chunks, or chef salad, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, potato puffs, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, green beans, coleslaw, roll, pears, or chef salad, milk

WILSONVILLE NEWS

By VELMA HOLTZE
Baptist Christian Women's Fellowship held their regular meeting Jan. 8. President Avis Wolfe opened with prayer and a Christmas card message. It was announced that Women's Retreat at McCook would be the last weekend in January. Registration has to be in by Jan. 23. Articles for "Child Saving Institute" — with green stamps were announced. Margaret Brown said that cancelled stamps can be used by DAR. Stamps may be brought to her at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 5. The hostess will be Ginger Rice and the leader Velma Holtze. Roll call will be Valentine and Box Tops for Education. Alice Kasson served lunch and members worked on White Cross supplies.

A belated Christmas dinner was held on Friday at the home of Darrel, June and Tim Palmer. Other guests were Joel and Kaye Coburn, Tyler and Casey of Atkinson and Doug Palmer, Ashley, Brett and Dallas. Doug's wife, Mary, was in Lincoln with her family because of her father's illness.

Carla Holtze drove Velma Holtze to Hastings on Wednesday evening where they stayed at the "Home Away From Home" Wednesday and Thursday nights. Velma had cataract surgery on Thursday morning. Carla's daughter, Kendra and family, brought supper both evenings so they could visit as they ate. Carla and Velma returned home on Friday morning. Like last time one always runs into someone to visit with. This time Carla visited with a Mrs. Witte, her daughter and husband from the Hastings/Blue Hill area while Velma was in surgery. Mrs. Witte, a sister-in-law of Jerry Witte and the late Herb and Roy Wine, also had surgery that morning. They visited about all the former area boys who have taught school at Blue Hill including, Brad Wolfe, Brad Ballou, Don Hosick and Greg Macy, as well as the Holtze relatives, the Mohlman families.

Sue Bethel left for Denver Saturday morning to assist her mother in getting ready to move into a retirement home. Mrs. Bethel's mother has sold her home and will be moving soon.

Bob and Deanna Propes of McCook brought birthday cake to the home of her parents, Dean and Margaret Brown Friday evening to remind her father of another birthday. Also coming to the Brown home that evening were the Brown's son, Gary and Karen Brown.

Everyone knew that winter was really here when temperatures dropped to several degrees below zero the first of the week. However it has warmed up again by the weekend.

New Years Baby
The first baby born in the McCook Gazette area has Wilsonville ties. Nathan Michael Renner weighing in at 7 pounds 4.4 ounces was born Friday, Jan. 2. His parents are Steve and Sarah Renner of McCook. After spending a few days with grandparents, Tim and Sharon Tillotson in Wilsonville, two year old Timothy James (T.J.) was anxious to return home to help care for his baby brother. Other grandparents are Jim and Fern Renner of Cheyenne Wells, Colo. The great grandmothers are Edna Ummel of Cheyenne Wells and Maxine Tillotson of Poquoson, Va. Another Wilsonville resident related to this new baby is great-uncle Chester Francis and wife, Kathy.

It is quite unique that in 1957, Wilsonville could have had a New Years baby winner, which was also related to Sharon. Born at Norton, to Sharon's brother Bob and Dorothy Vise was a baby girl, Barbara, now Barbara Stewart of Holdrege. Even though Barbara was born Jan. 1st she was the second baby to arrive that day. Does anyone recall any New Years winners from this area?
Royal Neighbors of America
Royal Neighbors of America met Jan. 5 at the home of Esther Zuehisdorf in Hendley for their regular meeting. Six members answered roll call during the business meeting, which Oracle

Myrna Harper presided over. Chancellor Marilyn Wolzen gave the divine blessing. An invitation was read from the Norcatur Camp to their Camp activity on Jan. 28 for their noon luncheon. The charter was draped for Helena Stansbie.

Myrna Harper installed the 2004 officers. Every member received a handmade felt RNA emblem, which can be used to wear her RNA pins. The chancellor closed with prayer. Ms. Zuehisdorf served dessert with coffee and mixed nuts.

Death
After a month of hospitalization Leon O'Brien of Cambridge died at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln Saturday, January 10th. O'Brien was raised in the Cambridge area where he spent his life except for a few years at Wilsonville. Leon farmed and in later years he was employed by Cambridge Coop as a tank driver. After retirement he worked some at the Cambridge golf course and helped his wife at the Cambridge Senior Center. He was married to Carolyn Michals and they became the parents of four daughters, Kathy Schulte of Grand Island, Colleen Ballou and Mary Palmer both of Wilsonville and Cindy of Sheldon. Besides these daughters and their husbands he leaves eleven grandchildren, three sisters and a brother and their families.

Visitors
This past week visitors to the Delbert and Laurie Laws home were their daughter Shelly Anderson with her husband Rick and son Austin. On Sunday Delbert's brother Kipp Laws, also came to visit and had Sunday dinner with Laurie and Delbert. Kipp is staying in McCook and working locally for a few weeks.

Jim, Becky Holtze and Janene, Kenneth and Carla Holtze, and Margene Holtze ate dinner with their mother, Velma Holtze on Sunday.

Clarence and Mary Lynn Courtright of Los Alamos, N.M., visited Adeline Ballou Sunday afternoon.

Charles and Nadeane Haag hosted the United Methodist Fellowship dinner at the Wilsonville Church on Sunday.



THE NORTON TELEGRAM and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce welcome PACE Family Fitness to the business community. The new business is owned by Kelly and April Karnopp and is located at 126 S. State, Norton. For enrollment information and hours call 785-871-0604 or 785-874-4940

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