

OBITUARIES

Claude E. Archer

Oct. 5, 1909 - Feb. 17, 2006

Claude Elmer Archer, 96, died Friday at the Andbe Home, just four days after the death of his wife of 75 years, Ellen Archer. Mr. Archer, the son of Novel and Artensia Iuka (Atkinson) Archer, was born Oct. 5, 1909, in the Cactus Community of Norton County. He attended Cactus Rural Grade School. On May 14, 1931, he and Ellen Matilda Withington, were married at the Methodist Church in Stockton. Mr. Archer was a farmer and they made their home on a farm north of Densmore, before moving to a farm in the Cactus community. In 1953, they moved to a farm north of Alma, and upon their retirement, they moved into Alma. He loved farming and playing cards. Mr. and Mrs. Archer had celebrated 75 years of marriage. His wife, Ellen, died Feb. 13.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, two step-brothers and two grandsons, Mertain Conard and Corky Conard, Jr. Survivors include: one son, Wayne and Shari Archer, Alma; one daughter, Wava and Corky Conard, Norton; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two half-brothers; and two half-sisters. Funeral services for both Mr. and Mrs. Archer were held Saturday at the Alma United Methodist Church with Kathy Aeillo officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Alma Senior Center and the Alma Methodist Church. Contributions may be made in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Burton Griffey

Aug. 10, 1931 - Feb. 19, 2006

Burton Griffey, 74, brother of Carol Griffey, Norton, died Sunday at Hays Medical Center. Mr. Griffey was born Aug. 10, 1931, at rural Edmond, the son of Bert and Inza (Huffman) Griffey. He had been a farmer/stockman in Norton and Graham counties. On June 10, 1952, he married Artha Joyce Billips in Edmond. She died Dec. 6, 2005. Mr. Griffey had been a member of the Eagles Lodge in Hill City. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Orpha, and a son-in-law, Dr. Rick Bauer. Survivors include: a son, Randall Griffey, Kansas City, Mo.; three daughters, Cindy Bauer, Hays, Gwen Buscher,

Overland Park and Carolyn Long, Hill City; two brothers, Carol Griffey, Norton and Raymond Griffey, Ellinwood; a sister, Corene Day, WaKeeney; and six grandchildren. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hill City. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. at the church with David Williams and Don McCarthy officiating. Burial will be in Memorial lawn Cemetery, Hill City. Memorials are suggested to the Graham County Ministerial Alliance. Contributions may be made in care of Stinemetz Funeral Home, 522 N. Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan. 67642.

Meredith J. Huff

April 5, 1920 - Feb. 17, 2006

Meredith Joy Huff, 85, Denver, Colo., brother of Jean Spires, Norton, died Feb. 17 at Porter Hospice, Centennial, Colo.. Mr. Huff was born April 5, 1920, the son of Jesse M. and Eunice N. (Barnett) Huff in Decatur County. He graduated from Jennings High School in 1938, and served with the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He married Hilaria Hickert on July 7, 1943, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Alamo. During his life he lived in Decatur County, Goodland, Casper, Wyo., and Denver. Mr. Huff worked for the U.S. Postal Service and enjoyed repairing cars, square dancing, bowling, golf, model trains, travel and his grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Barnett Jack

Huff and a sister, Maxine Glee Cargil. He is survived by a daughter, Arlene M. (Huff) and Roy Hohn, Centennial; a sister, Carol Jean and Sandy Spires, Norton; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Visitation will be today from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, New Alamo, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Vincent Thu Laing and Deacon Stan Chapin officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the American Liver Foundation or the charity of their choice. Contributions may be made in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Robert L. Snyder

June 28, 1940 - Feb. 20, 2006

Robert Lee Snyder, 65, died Monday at the Norton County Hospital. Mr. Snyder, the son of John and Margaret (Teaford) Snyder, was born June 28, 1940, in Norton. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1958. He made his home in Norton County where he was a farmer and raised cattle. He moved into Norton in 1985. On July 21, 1991, he and Stella Irene Stahl were married in Grand Island, Neb. They made their home in Norton where they owned and operated the Motel 36. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Norton. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include: his wife, Stella, of Norton; two step-sons, Floyd and Tweed Stahl, Amarillo, Texas and Chris and Lori Stahl, Ravenna, Neb.; several step-grandchildren; and six step-great-

grandchildren. Friends may call today from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, Norton. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Norton County Hospital, 102 E. Holme, Norton, Kan. 67654.

MARKETS

At close of business Feb. 17

Wheat	\$3.96
Milo	\$1.77
Corn	\$1.97
Soybeans	\$5.24

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Planting 'taters springtime ritual

Spring fever hit at our house when the first seed catalog showed up in the January mail. Dad and Mom leafed and dreamed, planning the year's crops with the precision of generals plotting a military campaign. The surest sign spring was right around the corner, however, was when Dad brought home a bag of seed potatoes and he and Mama spent all evening cutting them and setting them to soak. Garden debris had been spaded under in the fall so the soil could mellow with the winter snows and would now be primed for potato planting.

Mama was very proud of having some Irish heritage and she never failed to plant a potato patch. We ate potatoes at almost every meal in my childhood, partly for economy reasons but mostly because everyone liked them. No one knew a thing about carbs and calories then. The thought of fried potatoes and onions browned to a "T" in a cast iron skillet makes my mouth water right now. So here we are in the garden bright and chilly on March 17. Mama always planted potatoes on St. Patrick's Day, come what may

Child of the 40s

Liza Deines



weather wise. She is sitting on a child's wooden chair because her knees don't work too well at her advanced age of 48. The bucket of seed potatoes is beside her and her favorite old green trowel is being utilized to dig a hole "just so" for each sprouting spud chunk. I scoot along behind her, covering over and patting down the soil. Dan says he once observed to his father that potato planting "looked like fun". LeRoy, who was in the midst of putting the potatoes in, had Dan equipped with his own bucket and trowel within moments and they spent the afternoon having "fun" together. As we work Mama tells me about her Irish ancestors who practically lived on potatoes, or "prathies", during the winters and how many starved to death the year of the big potato famine. We sing "Danny Boy" and "You Take

the High Road and I'll Take the Low" and other Irish melodies. The garden map designates a large square toward the far side of the plot for potatoes so it takes the morning and part of the afternoon to get them all in and settled. Last thing we get a bucket of water and two dippers and give each freshly planted hill a good drink to grow on.

Seldom did we buy potatoes, for our crop would usually carry us through the winter. They were stored in burlap bags in a chilly root cellar to prevent spoilage and it was my job to run fetch a bowl full every day or so.

How did we cook all those potatoes? Let me count the ways. Roger loved creamed peas with tiny red potatoes in the spring. Dad's favorite were big Idaho Russets, browned with a pot roast. Ann and Mama chose crispy skin Irish Cobblers that had been rubbed down with bacon grease and salt before baking. My choice? Mashed or boiled, buttered or fried — If it was a potato, I liked it. Mama and I often sliced leftover cold potatoes with lots of pepper, salt and sour cream for lunch. She

and my kids ate more raw chunks than made it into the pot when she was peeling a batch to boil and mash. Our favorite breakfast, crisped potato chunks scrambled up with eggs, onions, cheese and tiny bits of diced ham, is on menus at the fanciest restaurants now under the name "frittata". We called it "Grandma Scramblers" at our house. No one but the cook ever realized it was designed to stretch a little dab of ham and a few eggs to feed a lot of people. My husband teased Mama that she hardly let her potatoes get their roots down before she'd be out there with a fork poking around the edges to harvest a few of the early pink jewels. When they were cooked and served, however, we teased him, for he never hesitated to eat his share, tiny though they might be. Plant a potato patch this year. They grow easy and they go down easy as well. MYMAMASAIID: A cellar full of "taters is better than money in the bank".

Pitchers praised by study club

Members of the Mid-Century Federated Club learned about pitchers at their Feb. 9 meeting as Karen Cox presented the program, "In Praise of Pitchers".

Members learned the humble kitchen dweller is collected for its printed or painted decoration, for the shapeliness of its spout and the delicacy of its handle. Members shared some of their favorite pitchers and told the story behind them.

Meeting in the Community Room of the Norton Public Library, Beverly Kindler conducted the meeting. Norma Rumford and Judy Carlyle were guests.

Members decided to make the Kansas Soldiers Home in Dodge City the veterans project for the year. A monetary gift will be sent for the purchase of toiletries for the veterans. It was agreed that "Kind News", a newspaper for young readers, will be sent to a class at Eisenhower Elementary School. A gift will be sent to the Post Prom committee to be used for scholarships.

Rosetta McFarland told members that Naomi Streck and Mathew Shepard would compete in the District Music Auditions in Hays, March 4. The year book committee was congratulated on the blue ribbon the yearbook received.

It was learned that club members volunteered 4,212 hours to various Norton organizations in 2005.

Eunice Neiltopp and Geraldine Packer, co-hostesses for the evening, served refreshments from a table decorated with a Valentine theme. The next meeting will be Feb. 23 at the Library, in the Community Room.

Toothbrush hooking taught to quilt club

By BEVERLY KINDLER

Rhonda Mudloff, Colby, demonstrated the techniques of toothbrush hooking for members of the Heritage Quilt Club. Kits were provided for members to try. They worked a flag motif in this primitive folk art form.

Forty members met at Prairie Land Electric basement Feb. 6. Mary Ann Hadley was welcomed as a new member. Kathy Skrdlant told the membership that 16 baby quilts and six lap robes, had been delivered to the Norton County Hospital. The group voted to again sponsor special awards for the quilt department at each of the Phillips and Norton County fairs.

Fifteen quilters participated in workshops conducted by Pam Copper and Connie Miller. Cheryl Roberts will conduct a workshop on making a bargello flag on March 4.

At Show and Tell members

displayed their blocks of the month, baby quilts, valentine wall hangings, a log cabin Christmas wreath and stained glass wall hangings. Some highlights were a bright and bold "Turning Twenty" quilt made by Ms. Roberts; a "Row Quilt" by Marcia Shoemaker; "Hearts of the Past" by Kathy Skrdlant and a "Halloween Bargello" by Regina Stark.

Hostesses were Jerris McMullen, Pam Cuthbertson, Lois Myers and Lydia Denning. The hostesses gave decorated Valentine plates of candies for door prizes. Winners were Lavon McCormack, Judy Carlyle, Audrey Wiltfong, Sandy Preuss, Marcia Shoemaker, Vadis Madden, Kay Strevey, Vickie Brungardt and Beverly Kindler.

The next meeting will be March 6 at the Long Island Community Building.

READERS

Three students from Logan participated in the 36th Annual Youth for Music Band and Choir Concert held Jan. 29 at the Brown Grand Theatre in Corcordia. The event was sponsored by Cloud County Community College and Tom's Music House. The students were Kevin Pinkerton, Tiffany Ruff and Danen Rundle.

—Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 2/21

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ORGANIC FUTURE BRIGHT, STUDIES SHOW Greenfield, MA — The organic industry is set to enjoy good growth over the next 20 years, according to a new study by the Organic Trade Association (OTA), located here. The OTA stated that by 2005 organic products will be considered "commonplace." The findings, published early in December, are based on predictions by the industry research organizations, including the Natural Marketing Institute (NMI), Nutrition Business Journal (NBJ), and Packaged Facts, as well as leading organic producers Organic Valley, Smucker Quality Beverages and Stonyfield farm. In other news, NBJ reported, "The number of Americans who have tried organic food jumped to 65% in 2005 from 54% in 2003 and 2004, according to the 2005 Whole Foods Market Organic Trend Tracker. The annual survey also found a quarter of 1,000 survey respondents said they are consuming organic food more than they did a year ago, and 10% said they consume organic food several times per week, up from 7% the previous year. The top three reasons for buying organic food are pesticide avoidance (70.3%), freshness (68.3%) and nutrition (67.1%). More than half (55%) buy organic to avoid genetically modified foods. More than half of all respondents agreed that organic foods and beverages are "better for my health" (52.8%) and better for the environment (52.4%). HAVE YOU TRIED ORGANIC LATELY? PURE PRAIRIE NATURAL FOODS 108 E. Washington, Norton • (785) 877-3610 • Orders 1-800-545-7232