

OBITUARY

Wayne 'Bus' Bennett

Feb. 13, 1916 - Jan. 10, 2006

Wayne "Bus" Bennett, 89, formerly of Norton, died Jan. 10 in Las Vegas, Nev.



W. Bennett

Mr. Bennett was born on Feb. 13, 1916, in Smith Center the youngest of four sons of Jason J. Bennett, a Norton attorney, and his wife, Clara M. Bennett.

He attended Norton schools and the University of Kansas. He was a World War II Air Force veteran and served in the Pacific Theater. He was an appraiser/adjuster in

Norton and in California in the insurance field for many years.

Mr. Bennett loved animals and playing golf.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his sisters-in-law, Jeanne Bennett of San Marcos, Calif., and Florence Bennett of Norton; his nephew, Bob Bennett of Omaha, Neb., and his niece, Kathryn Robbins of Carlsbad, Calif.

Mr. Bennett's body was cremated and his ashes will be scattered according to his wishes.

In lieu of flowers, he requested donations be made to The Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654, in memory of Jay and Clara Bennett.

Scholars have good season

Norton's Scholar's Bowl team placed second at Regional Scholar's Bowl in Cimmaron, earning a spot at State Scholar's Bowl in Rossville.

Heath Vincent, serving as team captain for the second year, led the scholars' bowl team consisting of Annette Becker, Mathew Shepard, Maggie Nielsen and Nathan Pollock.

Although the team did an outstanding job, they did not make it to the final rounds due to a few extremely close rounds.

In addition the scholars who competed at Regional and State, the following Norton high school students contributed to the team's success: Seniors, Dane Krizek, Jordan Herman, Shine Fischer, Gabe Vittitow; Sophomores, Tim Becker, Tanner Griffith, Preston Herman, Kylie Morel; and freshmen, Kyle Mindrup and Emily Scott.

Coach Nancy Sebelius appreciated the effort of all the students who contributed to the successful season.

Nov. 7, at Hill City's Scholars' Bowl, Norton placed second to Colby; Nov. 8, at Oberlin's Scholars' Bowl, Norton placed third to Colby and Atwood; Nov. 10 the Norton team won the Stockton Scholars' Bowl; Dec. 5, the team placed second in Colby; Jan. 7, the team placed first in both the varsity and junior varsity meet at Logan; Jan. 23, Norton hosted an invitation tournament, which they won; Feb. 2 was the regional meet in Cimmaron where Norton was the runner-up; and Feb. 11, the team did not place at the state competition.

Coach Sebelius said, "The team worked very hard. They were focused and a great group of students."

Pool/park to benefit from games

The Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project will be hosting the 7th annual youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, April 1 at Rawlins County High School in Atwood.

Entries are \$27 per team and are to be postmarked by March 24. Entry forms may be downloaded at: atwoodpoolprojecttirod.com or e-mail Rhonda Argabright at argafive@ruraltel.net.

Session 1, beginning 8 a.m. will be 5-6 grade boys and 5-6 grade girls; session 2 will be 1-2 grade boys, 1-2 grade girls, 3-4 grade boys and 3-4 grade girls; session 3 will be 7-8 grade boys and 7-8 grade girls.

As one session moves into championship play, the next session will begin so all courts are full at all times.

All teams are guaranteed three games. Winners in each division will receive a championship t-shirt and gold medals. Second place winners in each division receive silver medals. Concessions will be available throughout the day. Admission of \$1 will be charged to everyone except those under 5 years old, the players and one driver.

Be proud to be the best

Norton, Kansas, is a great place to live no matter what your age. Our schools are excellent, well-run and produce championship kids in all areas. Graduates from our schools have a strong work ethic and whether they choose to stay here or move on, the majority become solid, successful citizens that never forget their roots in wheat and cattle country. Then, too, especially at prom time, they sure are good-lookin', aren't they?

If you're young and career-minded, take a look around Norton. Good day-care is available for working families. There are employment opportunities in fields varying from law enforcement to nursing, accounting to engineering, computer technology to auto repair. Quality housing at reasonable cost is readily available. Perhaps salaries here aren't as competitive as in larger cities but cost-of-living is much more manageable and the quality of life is priceless. The joy of working where people smile and wave, know your name and ask about your kids is a perk no KC employer can offer.

Our local medical practitioners and facilities are outstanding. We are blessed with a progressive, modern hospital, good doctors plus visiting specialists, dentists, an optometrist, chiropractors, and a well-staffed county health department. If you need emergency care, our ambulance crew is fast, efficient and pleasant in a crisis.

Given all that, when I recently reached the "top of the hill" and started down that lovely, shady slope on the other side of 65, I also

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learned that this is a wonderful town in which to live as a senior citizen.

No senior in Norton need ever be bored, lonely or hungry. Norton Senior Center is a happy pool of activities geared to those of us with a few extra miles on our odometers. Hot lunches are offered five days a week at a nominal cost. A warm, well-balanced lunch served at decorated tables in the company of friends amid cheerful conversation is a bright spot in my day. Menus are planned at the state level to assure balanced nutrition, preparation is done locally by a quality kitchen crew. Take a tip from a veteran chow hound, and come join us.

Vita-band exercise classes are taught two afternoons a week at the Center by county health employees. Sing-along sessions, card games, puzzles, pool, bingo, potluck parties and craft fairs are all coordinated by a clever and creative director. Government commodities and Shares programs are administered through the Senior Center office. The seniors also help themselves as well as the community by serving food at local auctions to raise money for projects at the Center. Last year auction proceeds helped repave the parking lot. At the moment, we're working toward funds to

remodel the kitchen.

Can't drive? Call the Center for the general transportation bus to take you down to lunch, to the doctor, the dentist, the beauty shop, even to pick up groceries or stop by the bank. Need transportation to an out of town medical appointment? Another service handled through the Senior Center office is Norton Cares, which is a volunteer organization that assists with long-distance transportation.

If you are tired of yard work, snow shoveling, household insurance, taxes and maintenance, Norton has a number of senior housing options just waiting for you. You can go from a self-sufficient apartment to assisted living to full fledged nursing home care right here in town. Never worry about struggling to put your trash can out on a snowy day again!

Do I sound like a Pollyanna? Well, I am when it comes to Norton. Yes, there are a few things we could improve. A major issue is the need for new young members in the local service clubs and organizations to replace an aging group of faithful volunteers. Participation in community activities at all levels could be better. Another rough spot (literally) is the inaccessible double curbing on the west side of Kansas Avenue. How about a welcoming smile and a nonjudgmental attitude toward newcomers in our town?

First and foremost, however, every Nortonite needs to keep a positive attitude about the challenges and the benefits of living "Where the Best Begins".

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 3/7**

Norton Community High School senior, Heath Vincent, son of Mike and Wanda Vincent, Norton, has been awarded Kansas State University's \$5,300 renewable Putnam Scholarship.

— **Adventures will be closed one day only, Monday, March 13. 3/7**

Marcus Herman, an eighth grader at Norton Junior High, has qualified for the state Geographic Bee. To qualify, he had to correctly answer more geographic questions than his classmates and take a qualifying quiz. Only 150 Kansas students qualify each year. The state competition will be held March 31 in Abilene.

Chance Harman, Norcatur, re-

cently competed in the Professional Rough Stock Bull and Bronc Rodeo held in McCook. He won the Saddle Bronc division with a score of 83.

Nathan Hardy, Norton, a first year electrical technology student at Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, was listed on the semester honor roll.

Rachel Gonzalez began working as the Receptionist and Clerical Assistant for Rural Telephone in Lenora on Jan. 23. Mrs. Gonzalez performs various clerical and administrative duties. She attended Fort Hays State University and has relocated to Norton with her husband, Mauro.



R. Gonzalez

HANSEN MUSEUM

The 29th Annual High School Art Exhibit was a success with almost 300 pieces of art on display from 11 schools in Northwest Kansas. It was our privilege to have this exhibit of such fine local talent in the museum.

Nine quilts proclaiming the American Spirit will be on exhibit from March 20 through April 9. The traveling exhibit of the American Spirit Quilt Project made in response to Sept. 11, has been touring since the fall of 2002. The quilts are created by individual artists from Virginia, New Hampshire, Missouri, New Jersey, Wisconsin, New York, California, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Dr. Maxwell Berry's Wildflower Photography will show in

conjunction with the American Spirit Quilt Project. Dr. Berry donated his collection of Kansas wildflowers to the museum in the mid seventies. His photographic collection of Kansas wildflowers has shown periodically in the past and we are pleased once again to share this rare collection with the public. The "Artist of the Month" corner is filled with the leather crafts of Tom and Mary Ewing of Oberlin.

Barbara Schaffner's Oil Painting Workshop will be held March 8, 9, 10 and 11.

On Thursday, March 9, the Egyptian Animal Wildlife Encounter will be held in the Logan High School Gymnasium.

Robber bingo highlight of night at Norton Senior Citizen Center

By CARYL CULLEN

Norton Senior Citizens know how to have fun. Twenty-two got together Feb. 27 to play Robber Bingo.

This is a fun night the center has on the last Monday of every month. Everyone who comes to play Bingo brings a "white elephant" prize, then everyone goes home with a prize. But, not necessarily the prize they brought.

The group has a lot of fun each time someone wins and "robs" a

prize from someone else. Sometimes the person "robbed" is not happy to lose their prize.

Volunteer hostesses provide snacks during the evening.

All senior citizens are invited and welcome to come to the center on Main Street in Norton. Bingo is played from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call the center at 877-5352 and ask for Ramona or Phyllis.

The next fun night is March 27.

BIRTH

Anna Lee Hartley

Jason and Amanda (Sidman) Hartley, Mazon, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Anna Lee, born Feb. 12 weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. She has a sister, Lydia Kristine. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs.



Anna Hartley

Roy Hartley and Eric and Beverly Sidman all of Norton. Ernest F. Sauer of Norton is the baby's great-grandfather.

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Choking can be prevented

According to the American Red Cross, more than 3,000 people die from choking every year. The cause of many of these tragic events is food. In children under age one, it is the most common cause of unintentional injury-related deaths. When an airway is blocked for more than four minutes, brain damage or death can be the tragic result.

While any small object can obstruct an airway, food is of great concern. According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, the majority of childhood choking instances are due to food. Small, round pieces of food such as hot dogs, popcorn, candy, nuts, carrots and grapes are most common. In 2002, 42 percent of the 168 children under age 14 died from chok-

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



ing on food. So what can be done to help prevent these tragic deaths? Education is important. Every ounce of prevention expended can save a life. Here are some important tips:

- Have small children sit in high chairs while eating to reduce activity.
- Help the child slow down while eating.
- Feed infants soft foods that are easy to chew or don't need to be

chewed.

• Cut foods like hot dogs and carrots into small pieces.

• Always supervise children while eating.

The best thing a parent or caregiver can do is learn CPR and first aid for treating choking and other medical emergencies. You may want to contact your local Red Cross or your local County Health Department to find possible classes in the area.

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Teachers group will award scholarship to Norton student

The Norton Teacher's Association will be giving a \$250 scholarship to a Norton Community High School graduate who is a college junior, senior or graduate student in the field of education.

Applications are available from Pam Managh at Eisenhower Elementary, 877-3672 or 877-5113. Applications must be returned by May 15 to Mrs. Menagh, 902 W. Holme, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

MARKETS

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We have you in our hearts.

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