

OBITUARIES

William DeBoer

May 6, 1915 - Sept. 13, 2006

William (Bill) DeBoer, 91, formerly of the Prairie View community, died Sept. 13 in the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. DeBoer was born May 6, 1915, to Ren and Tonia (Van Loenen) DeBoer near Prairie View.

In 1937, he and Martha Meyer were married. She died in 1952.

On Aug. 12, 1953, he married Velma (Staley) Yenne in Prairie View. She died Jan. 21, 1996.

Mr. DeBoer lived in the Prairie View community where he farmed until retiring in 1982. He moved to Phillipsburg. He was a life-time member of the Prairie View Reformed Church.

Those preceding him in death were his parents, his two wives, a brother, John and one grandson, Kenny Yenne.

He is survived by his children, Myrna Campbell, Great Bend, Carolene Stutterheim, Phillipsburg, Elnor and John (Dick) Van Der Wege, Lindsborg, Robert Yenne, Arvada, Colo., Shirley and Rodger Stutterheim, Almena, Lorraine and Rodger Wells, Phillipsburg and Helen Rae

DeBoer, Phillipsburg; a brother, Robert DeBoer, Prairie View; a sister, Wilma and Orlin Hogan, Long Island; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Prairie View Reformed Church with the Reverend Jeff Van Der Weele officiating.

Hazel Jansonius accompanied the congregation as they sang, "Amazing Grace" and vocalist, Fred R. Henrichs, as he sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Softly and Tenderly".

Casket bearers were Scott Wells, Rex Stutterheim, John Sheets, Roy Stutterheim, Bob Yenne, Jr., and Larry Van Der Wege.

Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services, Inc., 424 8th St., Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661 or to Prairie View Reformed Church, 410 Holland, Prairie View, Kan. 67664.

Fred Kingham

April 26, 1938 - Sept. 11, 2006

Fred Kingham, 68, died at his rural Norton County home, Sept. 11.

Mr. Kingham was born April 26, 1938, to Orson O. and Katherine Fern (Scott) Kingham.

He attended rural schools, and in 1956 he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Courtney DE 1021 for four years.

In 1958 he and Carolyn Kay Wentz were married. He was a former contractor, trucker, and a free spirit who loved life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Orine Kingham and Abby Sauer, and three brothers, Albert Kingham and two infants.

Survivors include: his wife Carolyn of the home; two sons, Fredrick Kingham, Ingalls, and Jason Kingham, Norton; three

daughters, Wanda Nuzum, Norton, Teresa Austin, Hugoton, and Twila Kingham Parsons; two brothers, John Kingham of Norton, and Orson Kingham, Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Vera John, Las Vegas, Clara Linza, Salida, Colo., Rena Sinclair, Loveland, Colo., and Katherine Donaldson, Clifton, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren. A private, family inurnment will be held at the Maple Grove Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name. Contributions to the Fred Kingham Memorial Fund may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Norton County quilters finish up summer projects

By BEVERLY KINDLER

There is more room now! From the bottom of drawers and back of shelves, embers of the Heritage Quilt Club gathered UFOs (Unfinished Projects) and completed them during the past summer. The challenges were to finish UFOs and/or to use scraps to create quilted items. The "Show and Tell" at the meeting on Sept. 11, was evidence that the challenges. Many, many, many quilted projects were displayed.

Awards were presented to Judy Luft, for most completed UFOs; to Audrey Wiltfong, for oldest UFO completed; to Lois Myers, for oldest UFO completed; to Margaret Breatheuser, for most fabric scraps used; to Irma Lee Gebhard for most quilted items created from scraps; to Jo Pakkebie, for creative use of scraps.

Regina Stark, president, welcomed members to start a new year and introduced Alice Goscha as a new member. Dur-

ing the business meeting, plans for completing quilts from the Trash to Treasure blocks were made. Ilene Ankenman and Jaclyn Rutherford volunteered to complete the quilts. Janice Beale announced plans for making blocks for a drawing quilt. Lois Myers and Judi Carlyle have made plans for the "Block of the Month" project. The Kansas Star block is the first of the series.

The program feature was presented by Mrs. Stark. She listed and explained uses for numerous things around the house that could be used for making quilting easier — painter's tape, freezer paper, sandpaper, spray starch, hair scrunchies, washers, portable ironing boards and rolling carts. You can create your design wall by using a flannel backed table cloth.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jaclyn Rutherford, Janice Beal, Lavon McCormack, Jan Volgamore and Beverly Kindler.

Norton graduates from Class of '56 hold informal reunion in Colorado

The Norton Community High School Class of 1956 met in Estes Park, Colo., June 23 and 24. Reunion activities included an informal gathering at the home of Duaine and Rose Garrison on Friday and dinner at the 451 Steakhouse.

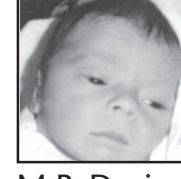
Attending were Jerald Archer, Patricia (Brault) Carroll, Darlene (McClelland) Paynter, Jerry Underwood, Mary (Pollard)

Schoonover, Vicky (Skiles) Wiegel, Janice (Klotz) Hansen, Winnie (Small) Phillips, Clifford Eastin, Jerry Kintigh, Beverly (Hixon) Morgan, Don Ryan, Diana (Cart) New, Carole (Hall) Ewy, Joyce (Reusink) Edmundson, Duane Garrison, Wally Frank, Karen (Sanderson) Hughes and Melvin Bremenkamp.

BIRTHS

Mercedes Rae Davis

Mercedes Rae Davis was born Aug. 27 at Norton County Hospital weighing 5 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 inches long.



M.R. Davis

Her parents are Jarrod and

Rachelle Davis. Mercedes has a sister, Kyara, 3.

Grandparents are Patty Fisher, Mike Davis, and Margaret and Richard Wyatt, Norton, and Ricci and Sally Gutzman, Bennington.

Great-grandparents are Jan and Gene Gutzman, Almena, and Lila Fisher and Beth Tier, Norton.

Trinity Jade Ruthstrom

Jonathan and Randa Ruthstrom, Haviland, are the parents of a daughter, Trinity Jade, born Sept. 7 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 4.1 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Brenda Tarbet, Haviland and the late

Randall Tarbet, Mark Ruthstrom, Mankato and Sondra Sanborn, Menlo.

Great-grandparents are Todd and Ruth Brooks, Edmond, Charles and Texetta Tarbet, Shamrock, Texas and Calvin and Bonnie Bigler, Clay Center.

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 9/19**

Dorothy Breiner has been moved from the hospital in Kearney to Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook, Neb. She would enjoy seeing and hearing from her friends. Her new address is: Hillcrest Nursing Home, 309 W. 7th St., Room 122A, McCook, Neb. 69001.

Charisse Powell, daughter of Janet Walter, Norton, has been hired to serve on the Kansas Supreme Court's Central Staff as an

Attorney II. She began work on July 31. Ms. Powell has worked for the Kansas Court of Appeals, in the chambers of the late Judge Robert J. Lewis, Jr., and subsequently in Judge Tom Malone's chambers. She is a graduate of the Washburn University School of Law and Kansas State University.

MARKETS

At close of business Sept. 18

Wheat \$4.14
Milo \$2.13
Corn \$2.18
Soybeans \$4.68

Being new girl in town is hard

Here I stand in a long, crowded hallway vainly attempting to work the combination lock on an ugly metal locker. Surrounding me are my fellow seventh grade students all laughing and calling to each other about how their summers have gone. No one speaks to me. As if it isn't bad enough to be twelve and pudgy, I have been transplanted from a very small grade school to a large, intimidating junior-senior high school in a huge building filled with a pool of strangers. I am convinced my clothes aren't right, my hair isn't right, I know no one and never, ever will. I am just about to cry right in front of everybody. What's worse is that no one will even notice.

After a tornado destroyed our family home in WaKeeney, my parents had been offered a rent-free apartment in Hays until we could get back on our feet. Needless to say, we moved and here I am in this miserable situation. My sketchy wardrobe came out of a Red Cross barrel. My parents are laden down with financial concerns, insurance claims, and general shock. Even such a self-centered pre-teen as I am realizes I shouldn't whine to them. Our small apartment has only a few scraps of salvaged furniture at this point so I haven't been able to invite anyone over even if I knew anyone to ask. From first grade through sixth grade I have been in the same "in group" of close friends; today I am getting a very bitter taste of how it feels to be the outsider.

One last futile twist of the knob and I give up on the locker and

Rock 'n Roll Kid
Liza Deines



scurry through a maze of hallways to find my home class room. Little brass plates with numbers finally lead me to the last door in the universe and I walk in late. My name is long, odd and hard to pronounce. The teacher is cranky because I am late. There is no desk for me and I have to wait while the janitor rounds one up. People stare; tears loom.

Finally seated, given a schedule, a map of the building and a student handbook I feel a little bit better. Then Mrs. Harris hands out a math assignment due tomorrow. Math is my hardest subject and I skim it in dismay. Looks hard. The bell rings. A girl leans across the aisle and says "Hi, I'm Eleanor and this is Gloria. Wanta go for a Coke after school?"

Suddenly the sun is shining and people talk to me. A boy helps me open my locker and I find my way to Art class just down the hall. Life may be bearable here after all.

At the end of a long, confusing day I arrive home and predictably, Mama says "How was the first day?"

"Fine," I say. "I have homework." And off to the cubbyhole that is my bedroom to write in my diary.

One lesson was learned today that I won't tell Mama about right away. I will never be snobbish or snotty to a "new kid on the block" ever, ever again.

Norton banker completes three-year bank program

Douglas J. Ray, Assistant Vice President, First Security Bank and Trust, Norton, recently received a diploma from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Doug Ray

Mr. Ray completed the three

year program which included coursework, bank management courses, exams, and a bank management simulation course. He was one of 421 students to attend the 56th annual school session.

Mr. Ray and his wife, Kerri, live in Norton. They have two children, Travis, 17 and Amanda, 14. For the last seven years he has also been the assistant high school wrestling coach.

4-H NEWS

By PHILLIP BECKER

On Aug. 20 at 4 p.m., the monthly meeting of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club was held. Roll Call was to name an important fact or date.

Kenzie Esslinger gave a talk about her market steer. Bryce Lofgreen gave a talk about his performing arts project.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m., Sept. 24 at the 4-H Building.

Strayer family holds reunion in Norton over Labor Day

On Labor Day weekend, the Strayer Family Reunion was held in the community room of the Norton Municipal Building. This was the tenth reunion for the descendants of Norman and Laura (Ward) Strayer.

Hosts were Joyce Hicks, Janice Strayer and Carla Chvatal. On Saturday evening, everyone gathered for a fried chicken dinner, catered by Town and Country Kitchen. After dinner, there was a time of entertainment by Al Leiker and others.

Janice Strayer made up a Family History Test. Many learned things of their family history they hadn't known before.

On Sunday, a lasagna luncheon was held. Tentative plans were made for the reunion in 2008.

Those attending the reunion from out-of-town were: Jerry and Liz

Benoit, Eddie and Sarah Benoit and Parker, Melanie Benoit and Jessalyn and Scott DeLaney, all of Salina; Donald and Carol Glenn, Northglenn, Colo.; Shirley Cole and Celia Smith, Dallas, Texas; Larry Taylor and Karen Wendli, Derby; Joyce Hicks and Janice Strayer, Denver, Colo.; Carla Chvatal, San Diego, Calif.; Ralph and Evelyn Strayer, Atwood; Colleen Hardiek, Lexi and Gage, Hill City.

Attending from Norton were: Norman and Paula Strayer, Norcat; Ruby Strayer, Doug and Sherry Strayer, Liberty Stephens, Pat and Mary Ann Taylor, Durant and Virginia Harvey, Christy Harvey and Autumn, Troy and Kelly Leiker and Ashlyn and Al Leiker.

Showing at the **NORTON THEATRE**

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13) 87 Minutes
Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.

Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1:03 Minutes DHL
Adult-\$6.00; Child-\$5.00 (12 and Under)
Premier Tickets 12 and Under-\$6.00 Adult-\$7.00

POP MY

Let's go to the Movie

Ribbon Cutting
Wednesday, September 20
Open House 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be Served

Fit to Go
10:30 a.m. at 411 E. Holme
Norton - Phone 874-4306
Everyone Welcome

Preschool screenings will be held throughout the school year for all North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative member school districts. These screenings are free and encouraged if you have questions concerning your child's development from birth through age 5. Age: Birth through 2 Yrs; 3 Yrs. through 5 Yrs.

If you need screening information or want to register your child for a screening, call: **Kid-Link (785-425-6766)** or your local elementary school

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