

OBITUARIES

Club learns facts about Kansas

Katherine 'Nan' Cook
Nov. 11, 1930 - Feb. 28, 2007

Katherine Ann "Nan" Cook, 76, Norton, died Wednesday in rural Norton County. Mrs. Cook was born Nov. 11, 1930, in Palisade, Neb., the daughter of Lloyd and Thelma (Sterns) Vance. She attended school in Phillipsburg and lived in many places throughout the United States before settling in Norcatour. She and Paul Cook were married in 1965. She was a homemaker and also worked as a waitress. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Cook; a son, Patrick Cook; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. Survivors include: five sons,

Mike and Ruby Cook, Topper and Nikki Cook, Clayton, Whitey and "Nit" Cook, Newalla, Okla. Brian and Tami Cook, Norcatour, and Terry Cook, Norton; two daughters, Lonnie and Carl Wentz, Boise, Idaho and Kathy and Steve Watson, Nokesville, Va.; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. There will not be a visitation. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin. Inurnment will be in the Norcatour Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Katherine "Nan" Cook Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

By MARIE WENDEL Discussion was held at the February meeting of the North Dividers Family and Community Education unit on the "Building Bridges Within Our Communities - The Face of Kansas". Members learned that Kansas' heritage can be traced back almost five centuries to the Indians who settled in the eastern, western and central area of Kansas. Other facts included: •Lindsborg, also known as "Little Sweden, U.S.A.", was settled in the 19th century and the Swedish language is still used today. •Before 1850, settlers were coming into Kansas along the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. Territorial status was granted in 1854, and immigrants came flooding into the state. •In the 1870s, Black Americans were drawn to Kansas as a safe haven from the Civil War. •Nicodemus, established in 1877, is the last surviving African-American pioneer town west of the Mississippi. It is surviving today with about 20 residents. Members also learned that "Building Bridges" is about helping others who are handicapped; assisting the elderly; and not showing prejudice against other people who are not as fortunate.

Jail Log

Feb. 26 — Matson Hatfield, Colby, holding for Department of Corrections for Thomas County, released Feb. 27. Feb. 28 — John L. Waitkus, Norcatour, bench warrant was issued.

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic Feb. 22 — James Sacco, McCook, Neb., violation of probation terms, bench warrant issued. Feb. 22 — Bailey Belt Jr., Norton, failure to provide proof of insurance. Verification provided at hearing. Feb. 22 — Anthony Roode, Bea-

ver City, Neb., speeding 57 in a 40 mph zone, fine \$72, court cost \$70. Feb. 22 — Boomer Hickman, Norton, minor in possession, amended to public consumption, fine \$200, court cost \$70.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic June 10 — April A. Pool, Phillipsburg, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first conviction, fine \$850, court cost \$66.

June 16 — April M. Kendall, McCook, Neb., operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, fine \$54, court cost \$66. Aug. 28 — Crystal L. Larsen, Norton, speeding 72 in a 55 mph zone and failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$82, court cost \$66. Sept. 6 — Matthew W. Galvan, Almena, failure to register vehicle, no tags, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and failure to provide proof of insurance, fine \$420, court cost \$66.

Animal Shelter

For Adoption Female Blue Heeler mix, 6 weeks. Female Labrador mix, 1 year. Male yellow Labrador, 2 to 4 years. (great with kids and animals). Male Airedale, 1 year. Male Border Collie mix, 1 year. Male Bassett Hound, 3 months.

Gustave 'Gus' Steffen
Oct. 22, 1920 - Feb. 27, 2007

Gustave "Gus" Frank Steffen, 86, Gering, Neb., formerly of Jennings, died Tuesday at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Neb. Mr. Steffen was born on Oct. 22, 1920, in rural Decatur County to Henry and Marie (Kolsky) Steffen. He graduated from Jennings High School before serving his country in the U.S. Army. On Sept. 8, 1942, he entered active duty in the Army, reaching the rank of Sergeant as an Airplane Armorer, receiving the Good Conduct Medal along with the Distinguished Unit Badge before his honorable discharge on Nov. 19, 1945. He returned to Kansas and married Janet Rhodes on July 29, 1948, in Dresden, while he worked on the family farm. Following their marriage he started his own business as owner/operator of an over-the-road trucking business. He retired from trucking in 1992 at age 72. He has been a member of the Gering community since 1968, when he moved from Kansas.



Gus Steffen

Mr. Steffen was an avid stock car fan, especially at the Gering, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Erie, Colo., stock car race tracks, and would often be the first customer when the gates would open. He was a past member of the Masons and collected bicentennial coins along with belt buckles. In recent years he enjoyed working in his yard and savoring his coffee breaks throughout each day. His parents, an infant sister, and wife Janet, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughter Patricia and Kevin Fox, Cheyenne; and six grandchildren. Visitation will be today until 7 p.m. at the Jolliffe Funeral Home in Scottsbluff, Neb., and one hour prior to the service Saturday morning at the Church of God in Scottsbluff. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor Guy Walton officiating. Burial will follow at the West Lawn Cemetery in Gering with military graveside rites by the Nebraska National Guard. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of Jolliffe Funeral Home, 2104 Broadway, Scottsbluff, Neb. 69361. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.jolliffefuneralhome.com.

NORCATOUR NEWS

By NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Norcatour recently lost a major contributor to our community and post office. Dorothy Breiner began working in the post office as Velda Ward's postmaster relief in 1981. Between 1981 and 1986 she served both as a postmaster relief in Norcatour and clerk carrier in Oberlin for then-Postmaster Gary Miller. On Aug. 13, 1986, she was appointed postmaster at Norcatour, where she served until her death on Feb. 8, 2007.

Jeslyn Gilcrest, daughter of Tom and Telia Gilcrest, is attending college in Ronda, Spain, a satellite of Kansas University, in the Total Spanish Immersion program. Jeslyn stays with a couple who speak no English; however, she has learned Spanish pretty quickly. School began in January, and continues until May. Her grandparents are Beth Sebaugh of Oberlin and the late Elton Sebaugh.

Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark, LaVerne Milner and Norma McCallister enjoyed the Christian music at Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 18. This was the 23rd annual music festival, with Betty Jo Banks directing. There were 125 members from 60 churches. The North Central Christian Choir presented an entertaining 2 1/2-hour program of old gospel music, called "Old Friends." There was a patriotic medley and presentation of the flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Whispering Pines of Norton held their third annual Valentine's party the afternoon of Feb. 14. They have had a ballot box for voters to find out who would be the reigning king and queen. Kenneth and Pansy Price were chosen, adorned with crown and tiara, and

given the royal treatment. They were presented with a musical balloon valentine, and Kenneth received a box of chocolates and Pansy a long-stemmed rose.

Randy Allen and Sherri Regal were Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price. The men cut some of the trees damaged by the storms.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Denise Bailey, Monty and Linda Hunt - Feb. 22; Gail and Denise Bailey - Feb. 23; Juanita Eckhart - Feb. 24; Christy Baker, Mike Helm - Feb. 25; David Hare, Robert Schoenrad - Feb. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller drove to Emporia on Thursday, Feb. 15. They got son Joel Miller packed up and moved to Hays on Friday and Saturday and got home in time for the music at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Wava Reames visited Frank and Velda Ward on Friday, Feb. 16.

Frank and Velda Ward were cruising Main Street in Norcatour Sunday afternoon on Feb. 18, taking advantage of the beautiful weather. This long spell of bad weather has prevented them from getting out as much as they would like.

Evelyn Zellmer and Wava Reames met at the Pizza Hut Saturday, Feb. 17, for lunch. They were roommates in college at Fort Hays State. Evelyn lives in Hays, but originally was from Almena.

Wava Reames helped out her sister-in-law, Lynn Ward, and Lynn's mother, Ruby Pflieger, at the Garden Gate Florals Etc. on Monday and Wednesday the week of Valentine's Day. This was the first Valentine's Day since they

opened. They did a booming business, and were exhausted by Wednesday night.

Jeff Magers of Cedar Bluffs visited his parents, Rea and Dee Magers, on Sunday, Feb. 18. They have been concerned about their patio roof, which was in danger of collapsing. Jeff brought some supplies over and they did a repair job on it, so it is ready for another snow job.

Sharee Dempewolf attended a certified nurse aide conference in Topeka on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The conference was held at the state Capitol. The Good Samaritan Center sends 2 people to this conference each year.

M.J. Dempewolf went to Vail, Colo., for a few days of snowboarding with friends. One of the people who went with her is on leave from Iraq.

Senior Citizens braved the weather conditions Friday afternoon, Feb. 16, for pitch competition, which didn't turn out so bad after all. It was a little inconvenient to get around, but rather balmy compared to what we have endured. With 14 present, winners were Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner from Norton. Following were runners-up Joyce Price, Wava Reames and Beth Johnson. The next meeting will be Friday, March 2, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Educational Building.

READERS

Nathan Pollock, a senior at Norton Community High School, was awarded Kansas State University's Putnam Scholarship during ceremonies Feb. 9 at K-State. Nathan is the son of Michael Pollock and Ann Pollock.



Nathan Pollock

Project kicks off in Atwood

The first sessions of the Ogallala Commons Cluster Project will be held March 29 and 30.

The sessions will include a workshop on March 29 in Bird City to develop a local food cooperative to supply buyers along the front range. A youth entrepreneur fair will be held in the morning on March 30 at the Rawlins County High School.

For more information, call Chris Sramek at (785) 626-3640.

DEATH NOTICE

Audrey Iness Hopkins
May 17, 1955 - Nov. 18, 2006

Audrey Iness Hopkins, 51, Hixson, Tenn., formerly of Norton, died Nov. 18. She was the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Andrew Gribble, Hixson. Maj. Gribble formerly

served as the advisor for the Norton National Guard Unit. Funeral services were held Nov. 21 in Hixson. Condolences may be sent to 8073 Lake Breeze Lane, Hixson, Tenn. 37343.

'Surprise' on agenda for quilters March meeting

By BEVERLY KINDLER The planning committee has promised a "Surprise" for the program at the March 5 meeting of Heritage Quilt club. Members will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Prairie Land Electric basement meeting room.

Members have tickets available for the "Opportunity Quilt". It is a red and white, queen-size quilt on display at The Sewing Box in downtown Norton. The quilt will be given away March 17. Hostesses for the March meeting will be Karen Glenn, Kathie Skrdlant, Trish Fischer, Janet Mathes and Marcia Shoemaker.

Dine and Dance to the Big Band sounds of the STEVE MILLER K.C. BAND SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007 Norton American Legion DINNER-6:30 p.m. DANCE-8:00 p.m. Dinner/Dance-\$25.00; Members-\$10.00; Dance Only-\$15 Call 785-877-2501 or Mail Check to NCAC, PO Box 225, Norton 67654 SPONSORED BY NORTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

MARKETS

At close of business Mar. 1 Wheat \$4.54 Milo \$3.83 Corn \$4.06 Soybeans \$6.65

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March 2-7 Showing at the NORTON THEATRE BECAUSE I SAID SO 1 Hour, 41 Minutes - (PG-13) \$6.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for Children 12 and Under Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m. Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m. EPIC MOVIE 1 Hour, 21 Minutes - (PG-13) ADMISSION: \$6.00 for Adults \$5.00 for Children 12 and Under

NOW OPEN Judy Stragey, Owner Ashley Stragey McKenzie Rietzke Debbie J. Graham Marilyn Donahey Grand Opening - Wed., March 7 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Refreshments will be Served Cuts 4 You 785-874-4611 104 N. State St. Norton, KS 67654 Nails Tanning Pedicures Hairstyling Hair Coloring Walk-Ins Welcome