

# OBITUARIES

## Joel S. Miller

Sept. 17, 1980 - July 8, 2007

Joel S. Miller, 26, Hays, formerly of Norcat, died at his home, July 8.

Mr. Miller was born Sept. 17, 1980, in Oberlin, the son of Stan and Carol (Rule) Miller.

He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1999 and attended Manhattan Technical College.

He had lived in Manhattan and Emporia before moving to Hays in January.

He had attended the Norcat United Methodist Church.

His hobbies included video games, working on the computer, collecting coins and sports.

He played drums in band and had the opportunity to travel to London, England with the Lions Club Band.

While he attended technical college in Manhattan, Mr. Miller was diagnosed with a mental illness. He returned home to his parents' farm in rural Norcat for a brief time then moved to Emporia, where he participated in an outpatient program. In January he moved to an apartment in Hays where he could be closer to his family.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Jane

(Thornton) Miller; his aunt, Barb Miller; and great-grandparents Hazel and Orval Thornton, Esther and Weldon Miller, Blanche Wilmot and Blakey Rule.

He is survived by his parents Stan and Carol Miller, Norcat; two sisters, Melissa and Curt DeDonder, Topeka and Justine and Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; grandparents, Gary and Annette Miller, Oberlin and John and Lila Rule, Clayton.

Funeral services were held today at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, with the Reverends Bruce Ferguson and Ray Gilstrap officiating.

Recorded musical selections were "Tears From Heaven" by Eric Clapton and "Go Rest High on That Mountain" by Vince Gill.

Casket bearers were Casey Morris, Chad Applebury, Doug Rule, Jason Rule, Steve Miller and Mike Miller.

Burial was in the Norcat Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established in his honor. Contributions to the Joel Miller Memorial Fund may be made in care of Pauls Funeral, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

## Norton woman celebrates 90 years



Dorothy (Roeder) Bernard as a young woman, circa 1940.

Dorothy (Roeder) Bernard was born July 13, 1917 in Grant Township, Norton County, to Fred and Lottie (Pratt) Roeder. Her siblings were Wilda (Roeder) Van Patten, Orville Roeder, Mildred "Milly" (Roeder) Scott Chartier, Cecil Roeder and two brothers who died in infancy.

Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Belle Plaine township where they lived until about 1940. The family lived on a farm and Dorothy helped with chores. She milked cows, worked in the garden, fed hogs, helped her mother can produce from the garden and brought in corn cobs and wood for the cast iron stove her mother cooked on. A big job for farm women back then was cooking for the harvest crews. She said they began cooking first thing in the morning, even making their own noodles.

It wasn't all work. Dorothy said there would be dances held in neighbor's barns or in a school house. She said she loved to dance and learned how to polka and waltz.

Dorothy attended the Belle Plaine country school through eighth grade, and Almena High School for two years. She said

she wanted to go to high school in Norton, but her parents wouldn't allow it, so she quit school.

She married Eldred "Frecks" Vance on Sept. 17, 1939. Two children were born to this union: Ernest Vance, Sacramento, Calif., and Charlotte (Vance) Keiswetter, Great Bend.

When their son, Ernest, was only two years old, he contracted polio. Dorothy said she had to do everything for him, but he weathered the illness, even though he had to wear special shoes for years. Her eyes filled with tears as she told of the surgery he had to endure, at age 12, to lengthen one of his legs.

Her husband died Jan. 7, 1947 as the result of injuries sustained in a farming accident. A tractor he was driving upset with him.

To support her children following her husband's death, Dorothy and her children lived with her sister, Wilda and family in Boise, Idaho, while she



Mrs. Bernard enjoying her prized possessions — pictures of her large and extended family. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

attended beauty school. After obtaining her Kansas cosmetology license, she opened Dorothy's Beauty Shop in WaKeeney.

Soon a man began calling on her, and on May 19, 1951, in WaKeeney, she married Homer Bernard. Dorothy sold her beauty shop and moved with him to Densmore where she lived for 52 years. They became the parents of three children: Ardie (Bernard) Grimes, Baldwin City; Beth (Bernard) Metcalf, Liberal; and Ed Bernard, Wellington. Homer died May 28, 1996.

While in Densmore, besides being a wife, homemaker, mother and seamstress, Dorothy pumped gas and kept the books for Densmore Garage. She was involved in 4-H, Parent-Teacher Association, Boy Scouts, American Legion Auxiliary and Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary.

Dorothy had a stroke several years ago, but tries not to let it slow her down. She works crossword puzzles and enjoys watching birds that gather at the feeders outside her window.

In November 2003, Dorothy moved to Whispering Pines Retirement Center. She keeps busy baking cookies and sewing, including making turbans for cancer patients. She also enjoys traveling to see her family and having them visit her. She said her family is her greatest joy and proudly showed pictures of her children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her children are hosting a come-and-go reception to celebrate her birthday from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, July 14, at Whispering Pines. Your presence at her reception or a card sent to 110 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan. 67654 is the best possible gift.

## Wanda F. Pool

Sept. 4, 1924 - May 7, 2007

Wanda F. Pool, 82, Kinsley, sister of Margaret Richards, Norton, died May 7 at Edwards County Hospital, Kinsley.

Mrs. Pool was born Sept. 4, 1924 at Dellvale, the daughter of Wesley W. and Lola E. (Goodman) Lyon.

On July 19, 1943, she married Ralph J. Pool in Norton.

Mrs. Pool was a homemaker and a sales clerk.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Bridge Club and the American Legion Auxiliary, all of Kinsley.

She is survived by her husband,

Ralph Pool; two sons, Gene Pool, Lafayette, La. and Robert Pool, Humble, Texas; two daughters, LeeAnn Campbell, Eureka and Kathy Balk, River Forest, Ill.; a brother, Dale Lyon, Hill City; a sister, Margaret Richards, Norton; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held today at the Norcat Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Kinsley United Methodist Church or to the Kinsley Library. Contributions may be sent in care of McKillip Funeral Home, P.O. Box 304, Kinsley, Kan. 67547.

## Couple to wed Saturday



Dustin Herrs and Jessa Stein

Jessa Stein, Eudora, and Dustin Herrs, Salina, will be married tomorrow at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Lawrence.

The couple met at Fort Hays State University and dated for five years before their engagement on Feb. 24.

The bride graduated in 1999 from Eudora High School and went on to graduate from FHSU in 2003 with a degree in elementary education and Spanish. She received her master's degree from Emporia State University in 2006. She taught in the Olathe School District as a fourth grade teacher from 2003 to 2007 and the past school year as an eighth grade science teacher with the Salina School District.

She is the daughter of Tom and Tempest Stein, Eudora.

Her grandparents are Geraldine Stein and the late Rev. Alfred Stein and Pat Brewster and the late

Walter Brewster, both of Ohio.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Norton Community High School. He graduated from FHSU in 2003 with a degree in geography. Mr. Herrs went on to earn a master's degree in city planning from Kansas State University.

He has worked for the City of Salina as an Assistant City Planner since April of 2006

His parents are Steve and Eunice Herrs, Norton.

He is the grandson of the late Marvin and Clara Herrs, Linn, and the late Verlin and Arlene Wiechmann, Barnes.

After the wedding, a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents.

Following their honeymoon, the newlyweds will make their home in Salina.

## Card shower requested for 96th birthday



Nina Melroy

Nina Melroy, Norton, will celebrate her 96th birthday July 19.

Her family requests a card shower in her honor. Birthday greetings will reach Mrs. Melroy at 508 W. Woodsfield, Norton, Kan. 67654.

She was born July 19, 1911, in Norton. On Nov. 29, 1934, she married Bernard L. Melroy at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The Melroys had two children, Thomas O. Melroy, Norton and Janice (Melroy) Henson, North Pole, Alaska.

There are four grandchildren, Nina M. (Henson) Barr, Lamont, Pa., LeeAnn (Melroy) Nelson, Springfield, Ill., James W. Anderson, Longmont, Colo. and Roger L. Anderson, Sterling, Colo.

Mrs. Melroy has 14 great-grandchildren: Kristina Barr, Silas Barr, Carolyn Barr, Nathaniel Barr, Donald Nelson, Leslie Nelson, Benjamin Nelson, Steven Anderson, Jamie Anderson, Kelly Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Michael Hanna, Steven Hanna and Daniel Derry.

She is the great-great-grandmother of Rylee Brielle Nelson and Reese Alexandra Nelson.

# READERS

The Duplicate Bridge Club met June 28 at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session. Winners were first, Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges; and second the team of Myron Veh and Alberta Slaby.

The club met Wednesday, July 11 at the Manor with three tables present. Winners were Sam and Bonnie Manning; and second Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton.

Polly Bales has been a resident of Logan for 66 years. She re-

cently moved to Lawrence to be closer to family.

A farewell reception was held in her honor Friday, June 22 at the Hansen Plaza Community Room. Two guests attending were Bob Blaeuer and Rex Lowe of the Coronado Area Council Boy Scouts. They presented Mrs. Bales with a Camp Hansen T-shirt.

Mrs. Bales' new address is Brandon Woods, 1501 Inverness Drive, Apt. No. 123, Lawrence, Kan. 66047.

# PUBLIC RECORD

## Municipal Court

There were no transactions reported from the Municipal Court this week.

## 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

Feb. 11 — Brock W. Erdman, Downs, expired registration, failure to provide insurance and driving while suspended, first conviction, dismissed, fine \$360, court cost \$66.

May 3 — Christopher Charles Paul Deuch, Franklin, Neb., failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$10, court cost \$66.

May 25 — Thomas R. Belsky, North Platte, Neb., no safety chain on trailer, fine \$30, court cost \$66.

May 26 — Eric S. Van Der Wege, Glade, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$66.

June 2 — Heather A. Adams, Thornton, Colo., speeding 89 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$126, court cost \$66.

June 12 — Tonya R. Denieu, Denver, Colo., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$66.

June 17 — Louis Strovas Jr., Lakewood, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$66.

June 23 — Brady S. Linner, Norton, failure to yield or stop at stop sign and failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$70, court cost \$66.

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July 11-18

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**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX**  
2 Hours, 28 Minutes — (PG-13) (PREMIERE)  
Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:35 p.m.  
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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\$7.00 for adults  
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COMING SOON:  
Evan Almighty (PG) — Friday, July 20

The First United Methodist Church of Norton Invites Children to Come to Vacation Bible School

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**First United Methodist Church**  
805 W. Wilberforce, Norton, Kansas  
**MONDAY, JULY 16-FRIDAY, JULY 20**  
6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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