

# OBITUARIES

## Sidney Clyde Dillinger July 3, 1912 - Oct. 18, 2008

Sidney Clyde Dillinger, 96, Mankato, a retired Methodist Minister and brother of Troy Dillinger and Clarise Blakely of Colby, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at the Long Term Care Unit of the Jewell County Hospital.

He was born July 3, 1912, to Troy Clyde and Amanda (Thompson) Dillinger in a sod house in Sherman County, the middle child of nine.

He attended country schools and graduated from Brewster High School in 1931. He earned degrees from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1935 and from the Garrett Biblical Institute in 1938. His first appointment was to the Traer Methodist Episcopal Church in Decatur County.

Mr. Dillinger married Eva Tedrow on June 20, 1934. He served churches in Palco, Wells, Almena, Kensington, Selden, Dresden, Rexford, Jennings, Bird City, Sharon Springs, Cunningham, Gypsum, Gem, McCracken, Ba-

zine, Ionia, Esbon and Odessa. In 1966, for the bicentennial of the Methodist Church, he was one of 12 ministers chosen to dramatize how preachers dressed and traveled in conferences 200 years ago. He rode horseback from McCracken to Baltimore, preaching to 9,000 people along the way.

In 1976, after the death of his first wife, he transferred to the Missouri West Conference. He married Hilda Bird later that year. He served churches in Missouri until he retired in 1982, moving to Bolivar, Mo., where he was pastor of the Flemington-Weaubleau churches for 10 years.

He was a state officer of the Optimist Clubs in Missouri and a Mason for 60 years. He held several conference and district offices, and was the second in the Kansas West Conference to win the Rural Preacher of the Year Award. He used horses in youth ministry and helped at youth camps.

His second wife died in 1997. In 1998, he moved to Mankato. He married Vesta McCammon on June 19, 1999, and they spent winters in Phoenix.

He also leaves a son, the Rev. Rollin Dillinger, Wichita; two daughters, Coralyn Kaufman, and Rosalie (Jon) Menhusen, Mankato; a brother, Dwight Dillinger, Hays; a sister, Olga Schwartzkopf of WaKeeney; six grandchildren; and 28 step-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, at the Harmony United Methodist Church, Mankato, with Pastors Dan Dempsey and Rollin Dillinger officiating. Burial will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Wichita County Cemetery in Leoti.

The family suggests memorials to the Harmony Church, Kansas Wesleyan or Camp Lakeside, in care of the Melby Mortuary, Box 384, Mankato, Kan. 66956-0384.

## Bert F. Higgins April 9, 1910 - Oct. 19, 2008

Bert F. Higgins, son of Elmer and Sarah (McCormick) Higgins, was born April 9, 1910, in Norton County and passed away at the Tri County Hospital in Lexington, Neb., on Oct. 19, 2008, at the age of 98.

Bert married Lela Wonderlich on April 27, 1935, in Norton, and to this union three children were born. They made their home in the Clayton community of Norton County where they farmed. In 1980, they moved into Norton where they lived until Lela's death on Nov. 27, 1984. On April 15, 1986, Bert and

Dorothy Hoover were married in Norton. They lived in Norton until Dorothy passed away March 30, 2007.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Sharon and Bob Meyers, Kearney, Neb. and Charlotte and Walt Jinks, Lexington, Neb.; one son and his wife, Galen and Sandra Higgins, Joplin, Mo.; two step-children, LaCretrica and husband, Don Hazlett, Colby, and Lanny and wife, Judy Hoover, Westmoreland; one step-daughter-in-law, Cletha Hoover, St. Louis; five grandchildren, 10

step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Lela, his second wife, Dorothy, two brothers, three sisters, and one step-son, John Hoover.

Funeral services were held this morning at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton. Burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bert Higgins Memorial Fund. Arrangements are with Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

## Richard Hillebrand Dec. 4, 1941 - Oct. 16, 2008

Richard Hillebrand, Norton, passed away Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin at the age of 66.

He was born Dec. 4, 1941 in Clayton to Joe and Olene (Brooks) Hillebrand on a farm two miles north of Clayton. He was the third of seven children and was raised on the family farm. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School in New Almelo, Clayton High School and graduated from Norcatat High School in 1959.

He married Sue Gallentine on Feb. 19, 1977 in Thornton, Colo. They lived in Aurora, Colo. for nine years before moving to a farm three miles north of Reager

in Norton County. Mr. Hillebrand spent most of his life in the electrical field as a lineman then worked as an electrician and farmer. He was a member of IBEW, an electrical workers union. He retired in 2004. He loved to dance, play cards, play snooker, travel, hunt, water ski and camp.

He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife Sue of Norton; son Jeff Hillebrand and his wife Tammy of Edison, Neb.; brothers and wives Frank and Susan Hillebrand of Clayton, Raymond and Cecilia Hillebrand of Norton; and Gary and Susan Hillebrand of Norton; one sister

and her husband, Catherine and Richard Britton of Colby; grandson Destry Hillebrand; step grandsons Bryce and Dane Linden; nephews and nieces, and other relatives and friends.

His parents and two sisters, Beverly Hillbrand and Delores Gilgenbach, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with Reverend Ronald Williams officiating. Burial was in the Clayton Cemetery, Clayton.

Visitation was Sunday and Monday. Memorials may be sent to the Richard Hillebrand Memorial Fund.

## Norma L. Leidig July 8, 1932 - Oct. 18, 2008

Norma L. Leidig, Abilene, died Saturday, Oct. 18 at the age of 76 at the Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. She was born on July 8, 1932 in Ottawa, the daughter of Ivan L. and Florence H. (Colony) Schrader.

She spent her childhood in Lenora, attending the Lenora Schools and graduating from Lenora High School. She received her Registered Nurse degree from Dodge City Community College.

On Oct. 15, 1950 she was united in marriage with Louis Leidig in Lenora. They made their home there for 40 years, later moving to Lamed and Wichita before moving to Abilene in

2003. She worked at the Lamed State Hospital and also Via Christi Hospital in Wichita. She was a member of the Lenora Extension Homemakers Unit and the Women's Federated Study Club.

Surviving are her husband Louis of the home, three daughters, Susan Leidig, Yankton, S.D., Karen Wolford, Abilene and Janet Wehrle, Lawrence; a brother, Richard Shrader, Wichita; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son Roger Leidig.

Burial will be in the Lenora Cemetery on Friday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.

The family will greet friends at the Lenora Community Center at 3 p.m. The Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home in Abilene is in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Leidig's family suggests that friends may contribute to the Humane Society in her memory. Contributions may be sent to Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home, 414 NW 3rd Street, Abilene, Kan. Send condolences to [www.mbcfn.com](http://www.mbcfn.com).

# Public Record

### 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

Sept. 25 — Kurt Douglas, Norton, driving in violation of restrictions, amended to no driver's license on person. To perform community service by cleaning the ditch on the highway by the football field in lieu of fine, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Russell Brill, Norton, driving under the influence of alcohol, second offense, driving left of the center. Pled not guilty. Trial set.

Sept. 25 — Thomas Krasovec, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 44 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Tyler Burns, Norton, speeding 44 in a 35 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Chase Braun, Norton, speeding 37 in a 30 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$30.

Sept. 25 — Harold Shearer, Almena, failure to yield and no verification of insurance. Fine \$60, verification of insurance provided

at hearing, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Jacob Phillips, Burlington, failure to provide verification of insurance and loud stereo. Fine \$10, verification of insurance provided at hearing, court cost \$75.

### Criminal

Sept. 25 — Jeff Delimont, Norton, dog running at large. Dismissed with proof of all license and shots obtained. Court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Allen Kindall, Norton, battery. Pled not guilty and trial set.

### 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

Oct. 8 — Lloyd Boes, Garden City, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Matthew J. Campbell, Arapahoe, Neb., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$63, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Brian L. Gade, Norcatat, speeding 88 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$126, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Benjamin G. Gray Sr., Omaha, Neb., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$63, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Brent A. Jennings, Oberlin, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Mark W. Johnson, Dayton, Ky., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$93, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Marissa D. Kelley, Abilene, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Gregory R. Martinez, Leoti, speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$146, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Richard W. Meyers, Norton, no brake lights on trailer, fine \$39, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — William C. Ohlson, McCook, Neb., speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$81, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Thomas J. Prest, Ames, Iowa, speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$81, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Ross A. Spohn, Scott City, driving on left side of center, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Shawn L. Terrel, Whitehall, Mont., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Oct. 8 — Tyler P. Wozniak, Oberlin, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$66.

## Norton brothers awarded scholarships

Joshua VanSike was one of 51 4-H'ers selected to receive Kansas 4-H Scholarships for 2008. Joshua was the recipient of the Max Dickerson 4-H Scholarship. It is based on 4-H leadership, achievement and scholastic scholarship to a student attending Kansas State University. Joshua

is a junior at Kansas State University and is an Agronomy/Biotechnology major.

Luke VanSike also received a Kansas 4-H Scholarship. Luke was a recipient of the A. Lois Redman Leisure Studies 4-H Scholarship. It is a scholarship for a student who is a Kew Award

winner and is studying in the natural resource, outdoor education or recreation and parks field. Luke is a freshman at Kansas State University and is a wildlife and fisheries major.

Joshua and Luke are sons of Keith and Karen VanSike of Norton.

## Busy 4-H'ers, club leaders attend meetings

By MOLLY MADDY

*Busy Jayhawkers Historian*  
On October 13, six new 4-H leaders and two community leaders from Norton went to the 4-H officers training in Graham County.

Kolton Harting and Zach Esslinger of the Busy Beavers attended the President/Vice President meeting. Bailey Ambrosier, Busy Beavers, attended the Secretary meeting. Casey Ambrosier, Busy Beavers and Molly Maddy, Busy Jayhawkers, attended the Reporter/Historian session. Dustin Harting, Busy Beavers, was with the Recreation/Song Leader group.

Leaders Patsy Maddy of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club and Busy Beavers' leader Joy Johnson also attended the leadership training.

Those who attended enjoyed pizza and pop and learned how to be a good club officer.

## READERS

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Please join USD 211 in saying, "Thank You" and "Job Well Done" to our dedicated drivers.

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## USD 211 EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event there is a need to start school late or close schools due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the announcement will be made on the radio and television stations listed below: KQNK Radio of Norton (1530 AM or 106.7 FM) is the primary broadcast outlet for the Norton schools.

If inclement weather develops during the school day, parents should attempt to tune to one of the designated radio or television stations below. In the event there is an early dismissal students will be allowed to call their parents if instructions are needed.

If school is not called off, but parents believe the weather to be too hazardous to send their child(ren) to school they are to follow the normal procedures for reporting absences.

RADIO STATIONS		
KQNK	1530 AM	NORTON
	106.7 FM	NORTON
KRVN	880 AM	Lexington, NE
KFNF	101.1 FM	Oberlin
KKAN	1490 AM	Phillipsburg
KQMA	92.5 FM	Phillipsburg
TELEVISION STATIONS		
KSNK-TV	NBC	Channel 8
KBSH-TV	CBS	Channel 7
KAKE-TV	CBS	Channel 11
NTV	ABC	Channel 13

Also, district patrons are encouraged to sign up to receive text and email notifications of school closings via the "Text Caste." Signing up for this service is quick and easy. Go to [www.usd211.org](http://www.usd211.org) and click on "BLUEJAY ALERTS" and follow the instructions.