

OBITUARIES

Irma Eileen Bower Nov. 14, 1920 - Dec. 30, 2008

Irma Eileen Bower, 88 died Dec. 30, 2008 in Bowie, Texas.

She was born in Jennings on Nov. 14, 1920 to Blevins Shaw and Mary (Farris) Brooks.

In 1954, while in Weisbaden, Germany, she developed a passion for collecting antiques which continued throughout her life.

She loved to host parties and was an avid shopper, especially for shoes.

She loved to read about Hollywood movie stars and col-

lected many autobiographies on them.

She was a member of PEO, West Point

W i v e s Club, Austin Women's Club, and Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Blevins Shaw and Mary (Farris) Brooks; sister Frances (Brooks) Foster;



Irma Eileen Bower

and granddaughter Meredith Bower Hatch.

Irma is survived by son James A. Bower Jr. and wife Elizabeth, of Bowie, Texas; granddaughter Susan Bower Barksdale and husband David, of Burleson, Texas; four great grandchildren Palton, Jacob, Jared, and Madison; and many cousins.

Memorial services are pending.

The White Family Funeral Home of Bowie, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel L. Dole Nov. 25, 1927 - Dec. 31, 2008

Mabel L. Dole, daughter of Eli and Marvel M. (Wilson) Dole, was born Nov. 25, 1927, in rural Almena, and died at the Norton County Hospital on Dec. 31, 2008, at the age of 81.

She grew up on the family farmstead in Norton County and attended rural grade school.

On July 30, 1950, she married Richard W. Dole.

They made their home on the family farm where she was a homemaker.

Her husband, Richard, passed away June 27, 1988.

She was a member of the First Church of God in Norton and the Farmingdale Country Club.

She had also served as a Cub Scout leader for many years.

Survivors include five children and their spouses, Ronald and Mary Dole, Hill City, Richard and Sandra Dole, Almena, Jeneen and Paul Lueschen, Norton, Jeniece and Doug Schemper, Long Island and Dan and Brenda Dole, Norton; 16 grandchildren, Rachel Dole, Taresa Capps and husband, Branden, Tisha Dole, Richard Dole and wife, Meredith, Casey, Matthew, and Staci Dole, Chastity Harman, Nicholas Harman and wife, Shannon, Christopher Schemper and wife, Heidi, Mandi Kennedy and husband, Dustin, Zachary, Austine, and Cassius Dole, Lisa Edgerton and husband, Donnie, Julie Douglas and husband, Pat; 12

great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother and his wife, Joe and Ester Delimont, Lebanon; one sister and her husband, Roma and Rexford Reilly, Minneapolis, Minn.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother.

Funeral services were Monday at the First Church of God in Norton.

Burial was in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Almena.

Memorials may be sent to the First Church of God and the Norton County Hospital.

Enfield Funeral Home in Norton was in charge of arrangements.

Retirees remember early apartments

As is the case in many retirement homes, there's a lot of television watching that goes on where I reside. Lunch is poorly attended when the Chiefs kick off at noon. It's futile to schedule any evening activities when "Dancing With the Stars" is in full swing. The Home and Garden shows get a lot of attention, too, but not for the reasons you might think.

When "House Hunters" comes on we roll on the floor laughing about the poor couples that have only \$500,000 to spend on their first house. What a pity, or should I say travesty? Tales of first apartments start rolling out, one horror story after another. The first liar doesn't even have a chance when we start to tell of our earliest dwelling places.

Most of us started married life in garrets or cellars with Early Giveaway décor. It was the day of the furnished apartment, a rare thing these days, and happily so. The landlord provided ratty castoff overstuffed chairs usually with one leg propped up with an encyclopedia, sprung duofold divans, and peeling veneer end tables. Everything was universally faded to puce, beige or once-blue-now-grey. Elderly appliances suffering from hinge and latch disease completed the ensemble. I personally recall an old Philco refrigerator that had to be tied shut with a length of clothesline looped around it. A friend topped that with her first oven that always gaped open and had to have a chair shoved up to hold it shut during baking sessions. We lived with faulty furnaces, musical plumbing pipes, ovens that gave forth

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



an occasional ominous rumble, freezers that didn't and heaters that wouldn't. Come to think of it, the open oven would have come in handy in the attic apartment where naked water pipes ran up the outside kitchen wall. On cold nights the door under the sink had to stand open with the oven running all night to keep the pipes from freezing.

Bathing facilities were a hoot, too. Three girls and I shared space in a rooming house where the bathroom was on the third floor and two of us were in the basement, which had the kitchen. Believe me, it's a lot easier to run down to cook than to run upstairs at midnight. There was a huge, wonderful bathtub but the landlord, a water conservationist before his time, had painted a ring around it about an inch and a half from the bottom and we were forbidden to use any more water than that for a bath. One weekend they went out of town and we had a bubble bath festival! Then there was the upstairs apartment with lovely yellow bath fixtures. The only way, however, to access the under-the-eaves tub was to crouch in, double up whilst scrubbing and creep out, all without lifting your head above three feet. What fun for my tall husband.

And the color wars! We were al-

ways out of sync with fashion by a season or two. The decorators are showing a lot of furniture painted and rubbed to look old. We knew that look well but out of necessity, not style. We were complaining about using classic 1920 Art Deco castoffs while aspiring to ugly orangey Early American maple, cowboy accessories, ruffled gingham lampshades and all. Then came modish orange and avocado, which morphed into today's country blue and burgundy, which is already giving way to the next trendy colors, just as southwestern peach and aqua replaced black leather and red plush Mediterranean, each turn of the color wheel living out its humiliating final days in furnished apartments and junk shops.

What was truly important to us was that we were together and working toward goals, no matter how puny those goals might seem to today's young couples. We might not have a perfect stainless steel and black granite kitchen, but we finally had a mattress that was all ours, never slept on by anyone else. The lovely wedding silver, china and linens eventually got a bridge table and chairs after months of saving pinocle prize pennies. Are you grumpy because your house isn't your own, or isn't perfect? Try to remember that perfection is not a requirement but the lifetime journey for a family.

MY MAMA SAID: The lack of something you would really like to have is an essential part of happiness. Anyone can have a house but it takes happy contentment to make it a home.

Area students receive scholarships

More than 6,500 students at the University of Kansas will receive an estimated \$29.6 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-09 academic year. This represents a \$1.9 million increase over the 2007-08 academic year, in which KU students received \$27.7 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards.

Scholarship recipients from this area include:

- Lenora:**
 - Annette M. Becker, daughter of John and Ann Becker, English BA, Sophomore, Howard Reed Sailors, Thelma Sophia Ally Sailors Scholarship, Bill and Alice Smiley Scholarship Fund, Dane G. Hansen Fund
 - Mathew James Lawrence Shepard, son of Paul Shepard, Economics BA, Sophomore, Edwin Emery Slosson Scholarship in Science, Dane G. Hansen Fund;
- Norton:**
 - Kayleigh Jo Brooks, daughter of Dennis Brooks and Debbie Graham, Pre-Pharmacy, Sophomore, Emily V. Berger Scholarship
 - Regan Charles Lofgreen, son of Dennie and Joyce Lofgreen, Pharmacy PD, Prof 1, George Guy Hall Memorial Scholarship in Pharmacy;
 - Maggie Lynn Nielsen, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Nielsen, Pre-Medicine, Sophomore, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship
 - Amie Leanne Richard, daugh-

ter of Floyd and Kathy Richard, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Sophomore, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

Virtually all scholarships, fellowships and awards at KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

So far, 8,555 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarships between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

This year's recipients represent 103 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 45 other states and Puerto Rico and 45 other countries. To see the list

of honored students, visit www.news.ku.edu/2008/december/19/scholarships.shtml.

"It's rewarding to look across KU and realize that thousands of our students are here because of scholarship support provided by donors," said Dale Seufferling, president of KU Endowment. "Endowed scholarships span the generations, enabling students to earn degrees at KU and move on to productive careers. For many of these students, these accomplishments would not have been possible without scholarship support provided by generations of KU alumni and friends."

In the past five years, KU Endowment has provided more than \$118 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards to KU students.

School menus

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Donuts, Hash browns, sausage link, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Vegetable beef soup, crackers, celery sticks, cheese sticks, cinnamon roll, and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Long john, fruit or juice, or cold cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, bread with margarine, fruit cup, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Scrambled eggs and ham, pears, orange juice, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, and milk — Lunch — Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, scrambled eggs, strawberries, cold cereal, and milk — Lunch — Shaved turkey on a bun, tater tots, buttered broccoli, fruit cup and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast

— Coffee cake, fruit or juice, or cold cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, carrots, hot roll with margarine, fruit or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Fruit crispitos, grape juice, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, and milk — Lunch — Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce, french bread and milk.

Friday, Jan. 9

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Waffles, syrup, sausage patty, apple slices, cold cereal and milk

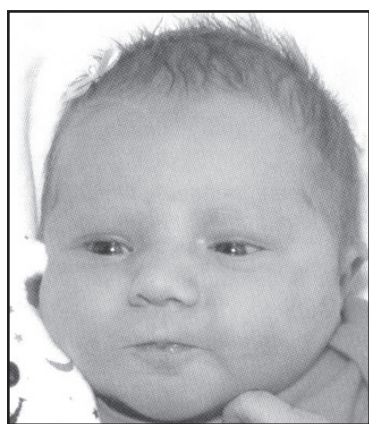
— Lunch — Pizza roll, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, lemon pie and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast bar, fruit or juice, or cold cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Taco, lettuce and chopped tomato, french bread with margarine, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Ice cold strawberries, bagel with cream cheese, apple juice, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, and milk — Lunch — Sloppy joe on a home made bun, corn, tater tots, banana spears and milk.

BIRTH

It's a girl!



Cassidy Skye McClain

Josh and Melissa McClain, Long Island, welcomed their daughter, Cassidy Skye McClain, into the world on Oct. 30, 2008 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are Keith and Charlene Ross, Long Island, and Jerry and Lorraine McClain, Republican City, Neb.

Happy 90th birthday!

Wilhelmina Ames

Wilhelmina Ames, formerly of Norton, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Monday, Jan. 12. She now resides in Phillipsburg.

Jan. 2-7

Showing at the

NORTON THEATRE

YES MAN

(PG-13) Premiere, 1 Hour, 56 Minutes

Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

BEDTIME STORIES

(PG) Premiere, 1 Hour, 51 Minutes - in Digital Surround Sound

Since both movies are premieres, only premiere passes accepted

BOTH MOVIES ARE THE PREMIERE PRICE OF \$7-\$6 (NO DISCOUNTS THIS SUNDAY)

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website: nortontheatre.com

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NOTICE OF 60TH

Annual Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2009

11:30 a.m.
to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall
104 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 14

\$1.00 PER PERSON

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