

## Reflections on a dead tree



Life flourishes, even in a desolate scene such as the tangle of dead trees at the west end of the Keith Sebelius Reservoir. The dead woods provide habitat for fish and a multitude of bugs. A turtle (right, in middle of rings) attempted to navigate through the tangle of branches rotting in the water.

-Telegram photos by Evan Barnum



## Relay for Life scheduled for June 26 at park

By RITA SPEER

*Special to the Telegram*  
Norton County's Relay for Life will be held June 26 at 7 p.m. until June 27 at 7 a.m. at Elmwood Park. This is to honor both survivors and those who have died from the disease. A survivor is defined as any person who has ever had a

diagnosis of cancer throughout his or her life. Anyone who is a cancer survivor as well as anyone who has cared about someone who has had cancer is invited to attend some or all of the free activities.

A reception for survivors and their families will be held Thurs-

day at 7:00 p.m. in the auxiliary room at the Eagles. Survivors may pick up their T-shirts either then or the night of the relay. If anyone in the county who is a survivor has not been contacted, please call Melba Witt at 877-3660.

Survivors are invited to be present at 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 26th to share in pizza. The relay will officially begin at 7:00 p.m. Jeremy Wetter will play the Star Spangled Banner on the trumpet. The survivors will complete a lap, followed by caregivers walking a lap. Then the teams will begin the 12 hours of walking. Anyone can come and join in the walking at anytime during the night, even if he or she hasn't signed up for a team. There is no charge for any of the activities occurring in the 12 hours.

Larry Henderson and LeeAnn Shearer will be singing throughout the event. During breaks there will be speakers. Lee Russell, Bob Speer and Rita Speer will talk about their personal experiences with cancer. Balloons will be released at the beginning of the evening. A new activity, the "Fight Back Ceremony", will allow people to share their plans to help friends and family in cancer

prevention during the upcoming year.

Activities for all ages are being planned during the evening. Games are being planned for kids of any age in the gazebo area. These include a frozen T-shirt game, water balloon toss, ping pong ball toss and possibly a tug-of-war. Board games will be available. Badminton and volleyball will be played. There will be a walk of remembrance where anyone can write a name or memory with sidewalk chalk. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with the games or to donate prizes, please contact Rhonda Browning at 871-2332.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the whole evening occurs when it is dark. The luminaria are lighted and the names of each person being honored or remembered is read during a solemn ceremony. It isn't too late to purchase a luminary bag to honor and remember someone special; there is a \$10 fee and the purchaser may decorate the bag in any way he or she chooses. It is a powerful experience to walk around the path early and read the names on the luminaria. To purchase a luminary bag, contact Dana Hanlon at 877-5613.

## Relay Schedule

### June 26

- 7:00 p.m. - Survivors lap, followed by the caregivers walk
- 8:00 p.m. - Spirit stick. This is to be passed from person to person throughout the night.
- 8:30 p.m. - Meet a new friend
- 9:00 p.m. - Change for the cure. People are encouraged to drop change in Halloween bags placed around the track. Anyone is encouraged to participate.
- 9:30 p.m. - Swat away cancer. Walkers will try to keep balloons in the air with fly swatters.
- 10:00 p.m. - Luminaria ceremony
- 11:00 p.m. - Walk with a stuffed animal
- 11:30 p.m. - Limbo lap
- 12:00 Midnight - Watermelon

## VanLoenen family reunion held in Prairie View

The descendants of Willem and Geertje (Polinder) VanLoenen met at noon on June 7, 2009 at the Prairie View, Kansas Senior Center for a family reunion.

The children and spouses of Marjorie (VanLoenen) and Harold Nonhof; Hilda and Billie Stapel, Harlan and Darlene Nonhof, Mary and Layton Walters, Martin and Rose Nonhof, and Denzel Nonhof with assistance from Geneva (VanLoenen) Gingles and Edna VanLoenen prepared and served a pork tenderloin meal with the attendees bringing salads and desserts to complete the meal.

Willem and Geertje raised 10 children to adulthood.

Descendants of Gerrit and Anna (Van Zook) VanLoenen attending were: Geneva and Armand Gingles of Logan; Larry and Sharlene, Shayla Book, Kaden Book-Weber, and family friend E.P. Nel of Oxford; Dale and Connie Book of Salina; Nancy Lawler, Tyler Fross and Hayley

Fross of Hays; Tony, Julia, Justin, Michaela, Isabel, Brandon, Brandalin Book of Shawnee; Hilda and Billie Stapel of Phillipsburg; Jason and Becky, Clint, and Megan Stapel of Phillipsburg; Harlan and Darlene Nonhof of Phillipsburg; Sherry and Jerol Robinson of Phillipsburg; Peggy Ward and Paige Bergmeier of Wichita; Mary and Layton Walters of Kirwin; Karla and Brad, Thomas, Nicholas Klinetobe of Loveland, Colo.; Martin and Rose Nonhof of Spring, Texas; Denzel Nonhof of Sturgis, S.D.; Ben and Stacy, Derrick of Grand Island, Neb.; Edna Van Loenen of Logan.

There were no descendants of Gertie (Van Loenen) and Andrew VanLoenen attending.

Descendants of Jake (Teunis) and Bertha (Batje Lockhorst) Van Loenen attending were: James Van Loenen of Madison, Wis.; James (Jay) Van Loenen of Broomfield, Colo.; June Van Loenen of Prairie View; Anna Van

Loenen of Prairie View; Rodger and Shirley, Shaley VanLoenen of Prairie View; family friend Megan Dirks of Hutchinson. Beau VanLoenen of Wichita; Lee VanLoenen of Manhattan; family friend Jenny Kacharo of Wichita; Bette and Clarence Tien of Prairie View; Bev and Kenneth Schemper of Prairie View; Anissa, Mara Kats of Prairie View; family friend Laura Long of Prescott, AZ

Descendants of Tonia (Tonija VanLoenen) and Ren (Rendit) De Boer attending were: Wilma and Orlin, Gene Hogan of Long Island; Carolene Stutterheim of Phillipsburg; Lorraine and Rodger Wells of Phillipsburg; Shirley and Rodger Stutterheim of Almena; Elnor and Dick VanDerWege of Lindsborg.

Descendant of Charlie (Kryn) and Myrtle (Weems) VanLoenen were: Ed and Jeanne VanLoenen of Beatrice, Neb.

John and Ethel VanLoenen have no descendants.

## Moffet Drug welcomes their new pharmacist

By ERICA BRADLEY

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Moffet Drug Store welcomed their new pharmacist on Wednesday with an open house that gave the community the opportunity to meet Chase Rice, get some coffee and have some donuts.

Mr. Rice and his wife Abby moved to Norton at the beginning of May. He said he started working soon afterwards.

"I like the small town atmosphere, and I think Norton is a great place to raise a family," he said.

Although they have no children, they are planning on a family soon, he said.

"We really like it here. Everyone has been really welcoming," Mrs. Rice said.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice are from Smith Center. After graduating from high school they moved to Hutchinson where Mr. Rice attended Hutchinson Community College for pre-pharmacy. They then moved to Lawrence where they both attended Kansas University.

Mr. Rice received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy and Mrs. Rice



Chase Rice

received her bachelor's degree in finance.

Mr. Rice said he began calling pharmacies in the area after he graduated. Moffet's had an opening and he began the application process.

He said he typically spends his day filling prescriptions, saying he fills an average of 200 a day.

"I love the people here, and I enjoy being able to work with them to get their problems sorted out," he said.

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