

OBITUARIES

Grace Gebhard

July 17, 1934 - August 6, 2010

Grace Eileen Gebhard was born the last of five children to Albert James Godfrey and Alma Leora (Volgamore) Godfrey on July 17, 1934 on a farm east of Long Island. She died Aug. 6, at the Harlan County Health System Hospital in Alma, Neb.

She had suffered a heart attack while in her flower garden at their home 2 1/2 miles east of Woodruff on Highway 383. Her age was 76 years.

Eileen, attended grade school and high school at Long Island, receiving her G.E.D. in 1969.

On August 10, 1949, Eileen Godfrey was united in marriage to Charles W. Gebhard at the Phillips County Court House in Phillipsburg. To this union four children were born, Kathleen Leora, Craig Douglass, Camela Faye, and Ranelle Rae.

The family made their home in Woodruff moving to Grand Island, Neb. and in 1954 they moved to Alma. They later moved to a farm east of Long Island, moving to a farm east of Woodruff, in 1955. They moved to their present home in 1977.

Eileen had been employed at Clink's Restaurant in Alma in 1951; as a nurses aide at the Harlan County Hospital in Alma from 1961 until 1966; secretary at the Long Island School from 1967 until 1973 and the Commercial State Bank in Long Island from

1976 until 1996.

Eileen was a member of the United Methodist Church in Alma where she was baptized with her children by Pastor Dwight Ganzel in 1953.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Betty; brother-in-law Darrell Talbert; her brother, Robert; and her brother-in-law, Duane VanKooten.

Eileen is survived by her husband Charles of the family home; three daughters, Kathy Hogan and husband, Lee, Hastings, Neb.; Cam Thaden of Phillipsburg and Ranelle Hays and husband, Gale, rural Prairie View; one son, Craig Gebhard and wife, Nyla, rural Long Island; two sisters, Helen Townsend and her husband Duane, Council Bluffs, Iowa and Donna VanKooten, rural Long Island; a sister-in-law, Ila Godfrey George and husband Eldon, Lebanon; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Alma, Neb. on Monday, with Pastor Lorri Kentner officiating. Burial was in the Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Memorials may be directed to the Long Island Community Building.

Banta-Torrey Funeral Home of Alma, Neb. was in charge of the arrangements.

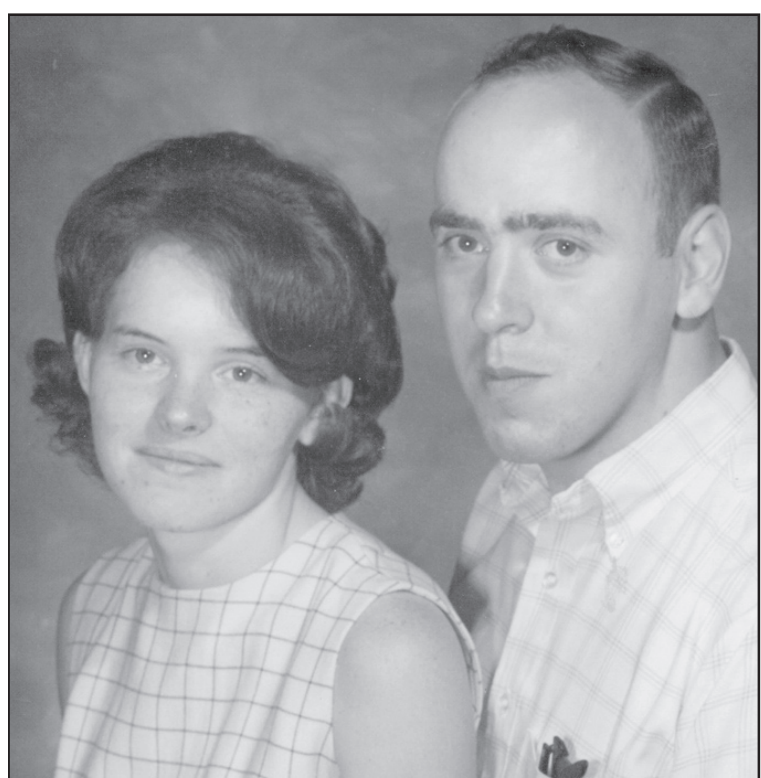
Rewarded for reading over the summer!



Yesterday, the four winning readers of the summer reading program at the Norton Public Library, picked up their new bikes. From left, Autumn Harvey, 2nd grade, read 20 books; Kyle Bell, 7th grade, read 10 books; Lauryn Schu-

maker, Kindergarten, 30 plus book, and Riley Bashford had 25 books read to him. Deb Jackson, not pictured, won a gift certificate to the Downtown Car Wash.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill



Alicia and Terry Worthington

40 years together

Alicia and Terry Worthington of Norton, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, on Aug. 15. They were married Aug. 15, 1970, at the Free Methodist Church in Knoxville, Iowa, and shortly thereafter began their ministry in Frankfort.

Since that time, they have made their home in Junction City, Bucklin, Emporia, Hugoton and Nor-

ton.

Children of the couple are Joy Thomas and husband, Aaron, Ellis and Karen Wright of Norton. They have four grandchildren, Ethan, Cameron, Christian and Jada.

Cards or notes of special memories can be sent to Alicia and Terry at 1009 Churchill Drive, Norton KS 6764.

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

July 15 - Jacqueline Ditsworth, Aurora, Colo., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$99, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Heather Kyrene Dyer, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Brandon Leigh Jordan, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.

July 15 - Jimmy L. Linner, Norton, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48.10, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Neil Matheson Jr., Gainesville, Ga., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Elaine A. Miller, Oberlin, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Lonnie L. Ruff, Hanston, speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Baltazar G. Ruiz, Gar-

den City, 14 hour rule violation, fine \$100, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Thomas Seeman, Alma, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.

July 15 - Herbert Dean Shearer, Alma, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.

July 15 - James J. Skidmore, Ladera Ranch, Calif., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Jon R. Stahl, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Kent C. Thomton, Copeland, failure to provide verification of insurance, fine \$206.50, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Brandon D. Towerly, Alma, failure to report property damage or to verify insurance, fine \$125, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Timothy D. Trent, Dodge City, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$93.50.

July 15 - Roger E. Vanover, Clayton, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.

July 15 - Elizabeth White, Centennial, Colo., speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$93.50.

Sebelius Reservoir glitters in the sunlight under a cloudless, hot blue Kansas sky. Speedboats towing water skiers skim across the surface like dragonflies, dipping and swerving, leaving foamy wakes and ripples that spread out across the lake. Their laughing voices carry clearly across the water, as do the mutters of frustrated fishermen in little jon boats. Fish prefer quiet waters.

Near one of the more secluded coves, a shabby blue Ford can be seen backing down an incline, creeping as close to the water as possible.

Alighting, Dad and a tall son stretch to unload a bright yellow canoe, which has been precariously secured on the top of the car by ropes and bungee cords. Three more family members appear, Mom with a picnic hamper and quilts, a pretty girl toting a pair of wooden paddles and a smaller son struggling with a pile of orange life jackets. A second load produces a hibachi from the trunk, a bag of charcoal and a cooler.

The canoe slips into the water

Child of the '40s Liza Deines



with one good push and bobs serenely in the spreading wake of a passing speed boat. Once launched, father and sons don life jackets and embark, paddling off across the lake.

Mother and daughter wade along the water's edge, searching for rocks and shells. Cat tails and reeds are gathered, destined to become a winter bouquet. Deeper and deeper into the water the pair venture until swimming level is reached, whereupon Mom turns back to sit on the bank, feet dangling in the water, while she reads a paperback book. The girl, however, is a born fish, gliding through the green water with smooth, sure strokes.

Peaceful morning hours slip away. When a flash of yellow on the west horizon announces the arrival of the canoe, Mom reluc-

tantly arises and starts to make lunch preparations. Charcoal in the hibachi was lit earlier and a pan of pork and beans set on the grill to heat, so a nice appetizing smell drifts out to the adventurers.

Hot dogs are next on the grill. Buns, chips, mustard and pickles complete the simple feast, which is consumed with great appetite and topped off with marshmallows toasted over the warm ashes.

An eagle's nest was sighted as the canoe made its way to the west end of the lake, so after lunch father and daughter set forth with binoculars to take a closer look. The brothers take their turn swimming and dunking each other in the formerly quiet cove.

It is mid afternoon when the wanderers return. The tail end of the day is spent floating in the cove, watching fish swimming in the shallows as the silent craft drifts far back beneath shady branches where lizards lounge on muddy banks and mysterious rustlings emanate from underbrush.

Deer? But no, it's only a foraging rabbit, nose twitching, as he senses humans in his haven. Ci-

cadaz buzz, warning of frost in six weeks, an occasional frog croaks, birds chirp softly while water bugs plish and plosch around the boat. The light canoe cannot carry five, so Dad takes one or two at a time to float slowly, watching the wildlife and reveling in the cool shadowy greenness.

Two of the children see a long-legged blue heron snatch and swallow a fish, eyes widening as they follow the bulge of this lunch progress down the waterfowl's long, slender throat.

Encroaching dusk signals departure time. Now the struggle begins to lift and lash a dripping canoe onto its precarious perch for the trip home.

The family gathers the swim and picnic gear, along with a bag of trash, leaving nothing behind but a faint aroma of hog dogs and wet sneakers, overlaid with the fading scents of sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

The little Ford rattles away, laden down with contentment.

MY MAMA SAID; Squeeze every bit of joy out of every day. They are numbered, you know.

FYI

Have you thought about joining our Norton County genealogy group?

When you inquired about it, you found out you could not attend due to working during the day? Well, times have changed!

We will now meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday night of the month in the Genealogy Room at the Norton Public Library.

Our next meeting is Sept. 7 at

7 p.m.

Please come and join us for genealogy fellowship.

New AA meeting. Puttin' Sober, Saturdays at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, Alma.

Aug. 12th special at the American Legion is Ribeye, and New York Strip. On the third Thursday, there is Prime Rib.

Send your club news to Harriett at hgill@nwkansas.com

Back-to-School
Spaghetti Supper
Thursday, August 19
 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
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