

OBITUARIES

Alfred Benien

August 2, 1918 - December 3, 2010

Alfred Arthur Benien, Norton, died Dec. 3, at the Andbe Home at the age of 92.

Alfred Arthur Benien was born on August 2, 1918 in Lincoln, the son of Fred D. Benien and Clara (Hilgendorf) Benien.

In 1925, he moved with his family from Lincoln to a farm northwest of Norton. He attended the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parochial School northwest of Norton and later the Norton Community schools. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1936.

After graduation from high school, he worked the summer harvest in Norton, then went west to Colorado and Washington picking fruit, returning to Norton in December, 1936. After his return, he worked for various service stations, drove the Bickel Bus to Kearney, Neb. and helped with family farming until going to work for the Gamble Stores in Norton from 1939 until 1942.

He was inducted into the United States Army Air Force in May, 1942. He served as a mechanic, crew chief and inspector ending up with a B-29 outfit stationed in Oklahoma, Texas, and California and flying missions to the Caribbean Theatre of Operations, including Puerto Rico and the Philippines. He was among the first soldiers trained to service and maintain the B-29 bombers being built by Boeing in Seattle, Wash., graduating from its Flying Fortress Training in July, 1944. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and received his Honorable Discharge from the Army Air Force in December, 1945. He was a member of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserves of the Army of the United States from 1945 until 1948.

After his discharge, he returned to Norton and worked at various jobs until 1947 or 1948 when, in addition to farming, he entered into employment as a Soil Conservation Contractor with the U. S. Soil Conservation program. For the next ten years, he and his partner, Bernard Braun, also of Norton, terraced much of the land in Norton County. In 1949, they constructed 417 miles of terraces, more than one fourth of the terraces constructed in Norton County in that year alone. During this time period, he also was involved with work for rural electrification wiring farm homes throughout the county.

He was among the earliest, if not founding, members of the Norton County Cooperative Association and the United Coop Federal Credit Union, serving on one of its earliest Board of Directors from 1950-1952. He was elected to serve as Clerk and to other Township Board positions for Garfield Township in which he resided while living on the farm.

On August 17, 1952, he was united in marriage to Genevieve Irene Kirk in Clayton.

In 1956, he and his wife Genevieve purchased a farm northwest of Norton where they resided until 1982 when they moved to Norton. He continued to farm, at least on

a part time basis, until the late 1990's. He resided at the home in Norton until May 1, 2009 when he suffered a stroke which required him to move to the Andbe Home.

During the mid-sixties and continuing throughout the seventies, he was actively involved in farm organizations and causes seeking to publicize the plight of the family farmer and obtain "parity" for farmers for the wheat they produced. He was a long standing member of the National Farmers Union and the Wheat Growers Association and, at a later time, the National Farmers Organization.

In 1967 and 1968, he served as President of the Norton County Farmers Union and was appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Norton Chamber of Commerce. In 1970, he served on the Legislative Steering Committee and the Wheat Committee for the National Farmers Union organization. He was a representative to the national conventions for the National Farmers Union in 1970, 1971, 1973 and part of the Flying Farmers group that traveled to Washington, D.C. in the early 1970's.

In the late 1970's, he also was an ardent supporter and member of one of three speaking teams for the American Agricultural Movement traveling across Kansas trying to organize farmers and participating in and promoting tractor drives across the state, including to Hays and Topeka.

In 1975, he and his wife Genevieve were presented the Norton County Conservation District's Annual Bankers Award for outstanding conservation practices. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 63 of Norton.

Survivors include: two daughters, Reva L. Benien, Norton, and Ruth M. Benien, Kansas City; special friend, Verla Chambers, Norton; a sister, Frances Simpson, Atkinson, N. C.; a brother-in-law and his wife, William M. and Stephanie Kirk, Topeka; five nephews, Robert Simpson and his wife, Sheila Simpson, Currie, N. C.; Frayser Simpson, Charlotte, N.C.; William N. Kirk and his wife, Katherine Kirk, Vero Beach, Fla.; Philip M. Kirk and Shelly Jones, Oak Grove, Mo.; and Alan Benien, Denver, Colo., other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Clara Benien; his wife, Genevieve; a brother, Melvin Benien; and a sister, Ruth Wheaton.

Graveside military funeral services for Mr. Benien, a World War II Veteran, will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Norton Cemetery. Inurnment will follow.

Memorials may be made to the Andbe Home, Norton.

Friends may sign the Memorial Book from 4 to 7 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, is in charge of arrangements.



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Love was in every stitch

Child of the '40s Liza Deines



to live with me when I was four, dressed as Heidi in a brown velvet jumper and little Swiss cap all embroidered with edelweiss. The very next year Daddy built me a doll trunk out of a wooden apple box. He painted it red and put brass hinges on the lid just like a real trunk. Ann and Mama filled it with a wonderful wardrobe. Ann sewed a fancy pink taffeta evening gown with a black velvet cape tied with pink ribbons, a ruffled velvet hat. She even sewed beads on a tiny purse and put a dime in it. "mad money", she said. There was a lovely soft blue flannel nightie and a pinafore apron for cooking. One year the wardrobe gift was a red plaid hooded rain cape, a little umbrella that really opened and

closed and red rubber boots with fur at the top. Last year Ann made an entire bridal outfit from ecru silk crepe. Mama crocheted lace all around the ruffles and the long veil and she even made her some little crocheted shoes that fastened with the tiniest little buttons I ever saw. Ann made a bride's bouquet of little bitty flowers with ribbon streamers. Every year I look forward to Marjorie Jean's presents.

Most of our gifts are hand made. Dad makes his out in his workshop. Mama makes lots of her gifts in the kitchen or on her sewing machine. Out of all the hand made presents I know Mama's most precious is a charcoal sketch of an old Indian chief that Roger drew for her. It's on copper colored paper, framed in gold, and it hangs in the very best place in our living room. My brother can draw anything, just the way Ann can sew. In Sunday School they say God gave us all talents but so far mine haven't turned up. I will be glad when I can make something to give.

I'll bet you want to know what

Mama made this year so I will skip ahead to Christmas morning and tell you. I unfold it from tissue paper and find an intricately quilted white coverlet. In the center is an appliquéd shepherdess. Beneath her laced black slippers is my full name and birthday embroidered in Mama's handwriting. The square doll size quilt is edged in pink that matches those small pink flowered scraps, which are not potholders at all, but panels of Little Bo Peep's full skirt and her stylish pink flowered bonnet with flying embroidered ribbons. She carries a tall crook, also adorned with embroidered ribbons. Little birds fly around her.

If I could make something for Christmas I would make every little girl a family just like mine.

EPILOGUE: Yes, I still have that dear little quilt. Marjorie Jean is gone but somehow her quilt survived the tornado and several moves, even the one to Lee's Summit. It is almost sixty years old yet I still feel Mama's love in every stitch.

Police Log

Monday Nov. 29

7:48 a.m. Report of stalled vehicle, Hwy. 36 & 2nd
1:30 p.m. Civil standby
5:30 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case
7:45 p.m. Received information concerning burglary

Tuesday Nov. 30

1:09 p.m. Report of found dog
2:53 p.m. Report of stolen trash can
3:17 p.m. Report of intoxicated individual causing problems
3:50 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
3:51 p.m. EMS assist
4:00 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
4:23 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
6:28 p.m. Received information concerning burglary
6:59 p.m. Request to remove individual from property
7:05 p.m. Received information concerning burglary
7:06 p.m. Received information concerning on-going case

Wednesday Dec. 1

12:04 a.m. Report of missing dog
1:10 a.m. Individual reported vehicle broken down
8:16 a.m. Report of school bus pulling out in front of individual
8:26 a.m. Request for information concerning on-going case
9:14 a.m. Report of phone harassment
9:17 a.m. Report of phone harassment
9:27 a.m. Report of dog running loose
12:13 p.m. Search warrant executed
3:36 p.m. Report of missing dog
4:35 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
5:28 p.m. Report of fight
6:18 p.m. Report of phone harassment
7:00 p.m. Vehicle search
11:27 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter

Thursday Dec. 2

3:10 a.m. Hotel checks
4:30 a.m. Report of sick dog running loose
9:52 a.m. Individual reporting rumors

1:22 p.m. Welfare check
4:30 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning individual
5:37 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning criminal trespass
5:36 p.m. Report of intoxicated individual driving around
8:29 p.m. Report of missing dog

Friday Dec. 3

2:37 a.m. Vehicle stop, DUI arrest
8:21 a.m. Report of two stray cats hanging around residence
12:33 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
12:52 p.m. Report of kids running around outside in diapers
2:35 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls
3:01 p.m. Report of individual throwing food across room
3:03 p.m. Report of dead cat under carport
4:30 p.m. Information on active warrant
7:59 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning theft
11:30 p.m. Report of domestic situation, one in custody

Saturday Dec. 4

9:44 a.m. Report of individual being threatened
9:48 a.m. Report of individual losing three watches
11:34 a.m. Report of dog running loose
12:50 p.m. Report of vehicle following individual around
9:00 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls

Sunday Dec. 5

12:45 a.m. Report of individual disturbing the peace
4:18 a.m. Report of intoxicated individual trying to drive
8:01 a.m. Report of dog running loose
9:43 a.m. Report of individual taking credit cards and check-book
11:05 a.m. Report of dog running loose
2:29 p.m. Report of lost dog
2:44 p.m. Report that dog was found
4:00 p.m. Motorist assist
5:30 p.m. Traffic control
7:00 p.m. Two vehicle accident
Norton Police Department reported 10 vehicle stops during the week of Nov. 29 through Dec. 5.

Student News

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the University Honors Program at the University of Kansas recently honored students in the Dean's Scholars Program with a reception on campus.

Ann Becker, a Norton Community High School graduate and daughter of Ann and John Becker, was one of the students honored. Ann is a senior in history of Art and English.

The Dean's Scholars Program is part of the University Honors Program and is geared for academically talented students in the liberal arts and sciences who are interested in pursuing graduate

study and who represent groups traditionally underrepresented in graduate education. Dean's Scholars receive annual \$1,000 scholarships, are matched with distinguished faculty mentors and are required to complete special seminars designed to build skills necessary for graduate study. Students are selected as sophomores and must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

Patricia A. Bartell directs the Dean's Scholars Program. She is an Honors Faculty Fellow and practicum coordinator for the counseling psychology program in the School of Education.

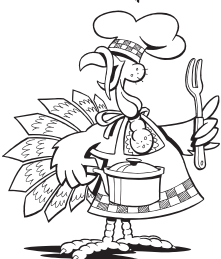
The Norton County Commission is currently seeking names of individuals that would be interested in serving on the Norton County Hospital Board of Directors. Names must be submitted to the Norton County Clerk's office no later than December 30, 2010

Names can be submitted in writing to:
Norton County Clerk's Office, PO Box 70, Norton, Kansas 67654
Or: By calling 785-877-5710 and submitting your name for consideration

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DEATH NOTICE

Donald Mann December 6, 2010

Donald Mann, Norton, died on Monday, Dec. 6 at Downs Golden Living Center, Downs.

Funeral services are planned for Saturday, at 10 a.m. at Trinity

Episcopal Church in Norton.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg.

BIRTH

Myrah Nicole Farr was born Nov. 24 at the Norton County Hospital to Jerry and Nicole Farr, Clayton.

Myrah weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Myrah was welcomed home

by brother, Tanner and sisters, Dakotah and Breanna.

Maternal grandparents are Glenda Horacek of Burlington and Frank Horacek of Wyoming. Paternal grandparents are the late Kenneth and Gwen Farr of Oberlin.

Dec. 3- Dec. 8
Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-
PART 1 (PREMIERE MOVIE)
2 Hours, 36 Minutes (PG-13) Presented in Digital Sound
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
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1 Hour, 50 Minutes (Premiere) (PG)
Only premiere passes accepted for Tangled and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
Tangled is the Premiere Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00-No Sunday Discount
Harry Potter is the Premiere Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00-No Sunday Discount
Fri., Dec. 10: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the DawnTreader (PG)
Fri., Dec. 17: Yogi Bear (PG)

COMING SOON

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