

# OBITUARIES

## Forrest Jackson

April 23, 1919 - December 18, 2010

Forrest Duane Jackson, third child of Arthur and Viola (Wertemberger) Jackson, was born April 23, 1919, in Rockwell Township of Norton County and died at his farm home on Dec. 18, at the age of 91 years.

When he was four years old, the family moved to a dairy farm on the northeast edge of Norcatgur. He graduated from Norcatgur Rural High School in 1939.

After serving four years as a conscientious objector in Arkansas, Oregon, and Michigan, he returned to Norcatgur.

On March 19, 1948, Forrest and Inez Ervin were united in marriage at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren parsonage. They lived their 62 years of married life in the house built by Forrest's Grandpa and Grandma Wertemberger on the farm one and a half miles northeast of Norcatgur.

Forrest was a lifelong member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, where he was actively involved and served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. Forrest greatly enjoyed this family, woodworking, and farming. This was the first year that he did not run the tractor or combine.

Preceding Forrest in death were

his parents and three siblings, Marvin, Ruth, and Esther.

Survivors are his wife Inez; three children and their spouses, Iris and Mac Bergen, of Sutton, Neb, and Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, and Debra and Troy Marshall, all of Norcatgur; nine grandchildren, Carisa, Nathaniel, and Victoria Bergen; Joshua Jackson, Kelsey and husband Jesse Janssen, and Destry Jackson; Andrea and husband Adam Spanier, Anthony, and Amanda Marshall; and two great-grandchildren, Evelyn Spanier and Jeremy Janssen; sister-in-law, Doris Fae Jackson; brother-in-law, John Ervin; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, rural Norton County, with Rev. Leon Neher, officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and from 12 p.m. until service at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be in the Norcatgur Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to Maple Grove Church of the Brethren.

Arrangements are by Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin & Selden.

# Many Christmas traditions

## Cook's Corner

Liza Deines



The phrase "different strokes for different folks" certainly holds true when it comes to the Christmas Eve meals families serve at this festive time of year. Curious, I went around to several tables at supper the other night, asking about traditional Christmas Eve suppers. You will be surprised at some of the answers I got!

My own memory turns back to my childhood when our family always had oyster stew for Christmas Eve supper.

In the 1940's oysters were not readily available except during the coldest months of the year so we truly looked forward to our once-a-year feast. It was a shock to me when our children came along and were not overly enthusiastic about oysters. Two would eat oyster stew reluctantly but one of them (no name given to protect the guilty) absolutely despised it. I've only had oyster stew once since my relocation. David made it especially for me complete with real butter, fresh oysters and cream. It was superb!

An Italian resident from California told me his family would never think of celebrating Christmas Eve without a huge pan of lasagna. Usually it was eaten after they returned from midnight mass

along with lots of red wine, finished off with cinnamon cannoli and a special fruit gelato made only by his grandmother.

As a retired restaurateur he earned my admiration and respect when he told me his restaurants were always closed on Christmas because it was church and family time, not a time to make money.

The big pan of lasagna brought to my mind the Goscha family in Norton. Their after midnight mass treat was spinach quiche at Grandma and Grandma Goscha's house right across the street from the church. Teresa once showed me the enormous pan she used and I sure hope someone in the family inherited the pan and maintains that tradition.

Many Hispanic families maintain the tradition of tamales at Christmas time.

LeRoy and I were close friends with the Salazar family when he taught Spanish in Norton many

years ago. Naomi told me her grandmother in Mexico taught her to maketamalesandastheyworked told her they were wrapped in cornhusks just the way Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes. Sopa pillas filled with homemade blackberry jam were served after church at their home.

Surprising to me were the number of families who ate their festive dinner on Christmas Eve, opened gifts, and all slept late on Christmas Day.

One family served a gloriously extravagant brunch late on Christmas morning to which they invited all the neighbors after their gift openings. Because I grew up celebrating around church services at Christmas it never occurred to me that some folks do not attend church either Christmas Eve or Day.

A southern lady of my acquaintance tells me her family decorated their Christmas tree on Christmas Eve while eating spiced boiled shrimp along with red beans 'n rice.

After all the children were tucked into bed they broke out the Kentucky bourbon pecan cake to munch with eggnog as they assembled bikes and trains and such, ready for Christmas morning.

Lots of people remembered popcorn balls, candy canes, oranges and apples in their church goodie bags or Christmas stockings. Brazil nuts, pecans, almonds, and walnuts in the shell, fudge, divinity, peanut brittle and hard ribbon candy also figured largely in every Christmas Eve memory.

Soups seemed to be very common, mostly so the family could get to church on time.

Chili was mentioned by many of the people I talked with; potato soup and cheese soups were also popular.

One year a Norton friend shared her favorite holiday tradition of purchasing a gold soup spoon for each grandchild as they came along. On Christmas Eve the entire flock came to eat chili from their very own special spoon. How elegant is that? Another tradition I hope has endured.

Whatever your particular tradition may be, may you enjoy it in good health and great happiness, surrounded by loving family and dear friends.

I wish all of you a Blessed and Very Merry Christmas and ask you from the bottom of my heart to remember always why we celebrate CHRISTmas.

## Committee is elected

Why is your Norton County Committee member important?

Each County Committee member is elected by the eligible farmers and ranchers in their area.

Committee members are responsible for administering several Farm Service Agency programs at the county level and determining eligibility for many of them, including the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Crop Disaster, Livestock Disaster, Conservation Programs and Commodity & Farm Loans.

The Norton County Committee Election for Local Administrative Area One was held on Dec. 8th.

Election Candidates for Local Administrative Area One were Donald Lowry, Harvey Pakkeber, and Debra Hogan.

Congratulations to Donald

Lowry, who was re-elected to serve a three year term. Harvey Pakkeber will be the 1st Alternate and Debra Hogan will be the 2nd Alternate for Local Administrative Area One.

The Norton County Farm Service Agency Committee and Norton County Farm Service Agency Office Staff appreciate all eligible voter participation.

The Norton County Committee will hold their Regular, Executive, and Organizational Meeting on Jan. 5th, 2011.

During the Organizational Meeting, the Norton County Committee Members will elect a County Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Voting Member. These positions will be held by each County Committee Member for calendar year 2011.

## FYI

The Norton Doctors Clinic will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25 and also closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. The clinic staff wishes you and your family a safe and healthy holiday season.

Almena State Bank will close at noon Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

The Almena City Office and Library will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 27. Trash will be picked up on Dec. 27 for the holidays.

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 27th annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. This dinner is for anyone who cannot be with loved ones on Christmas Day. A full holiday

menu of turkey with dressing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complete the feast. There is no charge for the dinner, however, donations will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to help with the meal preparation, serving and clean up. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office, at 785-977-2501.

The Norton Public Library Holiday Hours: Closed Dec. 24. Open Dec. 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Christmas. The library will be closed on Dec. 31. The library will be open, Jan 3rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Hospice Tree is located at the Norton Public Library. Donations can be made at the Library.

## Police Log

### Monday, Dec. 13

1:31 a.m. Report that 16 year old isn't home yet  
2:35 a.m. Report of individual looking in windows  
10:00 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
10:20 a.m. Funeral escort  
11:19 a.m. Report of small child outside without coat  
11:24 a.m. Funeral escort  
12:02 p.m. Report of missing dog  
4:33 p.m. KHP assist

### Tuesday Dec. 14

12:48 a.m. Report of vandalism to report  
8:55 a.m. Request for extra patrol  
12:04 p.m. Report of missing money  
12:21 p.m. Report of two vehicle accident  
2:31 p.m. Report of smoke coming out of building, corn stove  
4:04 p.m. Report of erratic driver  
6:31 p.m. Report of trailer dragging hose

### Wednesday Dec. 15

11:32 a.m. Report of dog running loose  
12:04 p.m. Report of dog running loose  
12:11 p.m. Report of vehicle traveling in wrong lane  
12:37 p.m. Traffic control  
12:47 p.m. Semi parked in no parking zone  
1:43 p.m. One vehicle accident  
4:13 p.m. Parking complaint  
5:43 p.m. Report of break-in  
5:45 p.m. Motorist assist  
7:25 p.m. EMS assist  
10:40 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter

### Thursday Dec. 16

1:08 p.m. Report of identity

theft  
4:57 p.m. Report of two vehicle accident  
6:04 p.m. Report of individual trying to purchase prescription meds  
7:30 p.m. Child exchange issues

### Friday Dec. 17

8:37 a.m. Report of dog running loose  
8:47 a.m. Report of vehicle tire in roadway, N. State  
7:30 p.m. Officer requested for Civil Standby  
Saturday Dec. 18  
2:00 a.m. Phillips Co. S.O. assist, courtesy accident report  
4:32 a.m. Report of suspicious activity  
1:40 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
1:50 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter  
3:57 p.m. Report of debris in roadway  
5:55 p.m. Officer requested for Civil Standby  
7:25 p.m. Report of dog running loose  
8:30 p.m. Officer requested for Civil Standby

### Sunday Dec. 19

12:39 a.m. Report of two vehicle accident  
9:25 a.m. Report of deceased animal in roadway  
9:28 a.m. Report of dog running loose  
10:25 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
4:38 p.m. Request for welfare check  
5:19 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
5:25 p.m. DUI investigation

Norton Police reported 12 vehicle stops from Dec. 13 through Dec. 19

## Correction

A story about the Norton County Commission in the Dec. 10 edition of *The Norton Telegram* incorrectly reported that Commissioner John Miller had said that two-thirds of a pile of millings at a site near Reager had been taken by the landowners. The millings are two-thirds gone but not because the landowners took them, Miller said. The mistake was a reporter's error.

A story from the Dec. 17 paper erroneously reported that the commissioners would pay half the

cost of removal of the old Almena Community Building. The commissioners said they would pay one-half the landfill costs, not the cost of removal. This also was a reporter's error.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

## NOTICE

The City of Norton will have a Retirement Reception for Vance Poage, who will be retiring after 24 1/2 years of service to the City. The reception will be held on Thursday, December 23rd from 2-4 p.m., in the Council Room of City Hall

**American Legion Auxiliary Welcomes Everyone to dine with us for our Sunday Buffet 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open Sunday, December 26**

**THURSDAY NIGHTS: 5:00 TO 9:00 P.M. Members and Guests Welcome**

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## •PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

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### BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: JOHN O. FARMER, INC. - Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of salt water into the Mulder "A" #2, located in Norton County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whosoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that John O. Farmer, Inc. has filed an application to commence the disposal of saltwater into the Cedar Hills formation at the Mulder "A" #2, located 1860' from the south line and 2970' from the east line of Sec. 12-T4S-R21W, Norton County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of the publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

John O. Farmer III - John O. Farmer, Inc. P.O. Box 352 - Russell, KS 67665 Telephone (785) 483-3144



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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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