

OBITUARIES

John C. Horak

October 5, 1925 - December 22, 2010

John Charles Horak, son of Charles Frederick and Elsie (Nemec) Horak, was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Munden and died at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Dec. 22, at the age of 85.

John grew up in Munden, attended the Mt. Erie Rural Grade School, and graduated from the Munden High School. Following his graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for two-and-a-half years. On August 21, 1947, John married Juanita Murphy in Munden. They made their home in Munden for seven years before moving to Belleville. In 1956, they moved to Norton where John was a depot agent for the Rock Island Railroad and later the Kyle Railroad.

John was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Methodist Men in Norton, Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post #63, Norton Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and had served on the Norton Public Library board and the Norton school board.

Survivors include: his wife, Juanita, of their home in Norton; two daughters and their husbands, Lana and Patrick Hutchens, Eu-

dora; Shari and Greg Coleman, Wilber, Neb.; one son, Terry Horak, and friend, Shelley Saunders, Pawleys Island, S. C.; four sisters, Sylvia, and husband, Ray Weaver, Belleville; Marcie, and husband, Ben Holloway, Narka, Kansas; Ruby Eickmann, Ozawkie, Kansas; and Donna, and husband, Ed Stehno, Hays; four grandchildren, Johnathon Hutchens and friend, Jennifer Searcy, Jacqueline Hutchens, Jennifer Gibbs, and husband, Dave, Chelsey Young, and husband, Barry; three great-grandchildren, Christine and Andrew Gibbs, and Brock Young; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Judy Smith, and one brother-in-law, Glen "Pete" Eichmann.

Funeral services were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Burial was in Belleville Cemetery, Bellville. The family requests that memorials be made to the Ministries and Missions Fund at the First United Methodist Church and the Norton County Hospital.

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Norman E. Linton

February 15, 1929- December 22, 2010

Norman E. "Gene" Linton, 81, died Dec. 22, in Kansas City. He was born Feb. 15, 1929 in Beloit to George and Zelma (Sadler) Linton. A Holyrood resident since 1969, he was formerly of Lenora and Troy.

He was a retired teacher and administrator, most recently a superintendent for USD 328. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Holyrood, KNEA, NEA and was a past Holyrood city councilman and past president of ECCA.

On April 30, 1950, he married Martha Joan White in Beloit. He was a loving husband and father.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Susan Mehler and husband Jon of Ellsworth, and Shelley Rippen and husband Roger of Olathe; two sons, Monte and wife Angela of Great Bend and Mark of Holyrood; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Holyrood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holyrood Senior Center or the church in care of the Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439.

Arrangements were by Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

James W. Plotts

May 11, 1917 - December 27, 2010

James W. Plotts, a lifetime resident of Oberlin, died at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Dec. 27, at the age of 93. James was born on May 11, 1917, the son of Leroy C. and Mary E. (Dees) Plotts in rural Oberlin.

James was raised on the family farm northeast of Oberlin. He attended Decatur Community High School, graduating in 1939. James was a farmer. On July 27, 1941 he married Margie Bogart in Smith Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Waymond Plotts; two sisters, Olive Dean and Naomi Christensen; one grandson, Jeremy Plotts; three nephews, Clyde, William and Lowell Plotts; and one niece, Jackie Garver.

James is survived by two sons,

James (Carolyn) Plotts, Norcatour and Gene (Mary Lou) Plotts, of rural Oberlin; daughter, Mary (Roger) Bennett, McCook, Neb.; twelve grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with his son Jim Plotts officiating. A private family burial is planned. A memorial has been established, in lieu of flowers, to James W. Plotts Memorial Fund. Visitation will be Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. until service time.

Condolences may be sent to www.paulsfh.com.

Arrangements are by Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin.

New education standards

The Kansas Board of Regents at their regular monthly meeting in December made changes to the standards high school graduates must meet to be admitted to state universities.

Under the old standards, Kansas high school graduates had to meet any of three qualifications: Complete the college curriculum with at least a 2.0 grade point average; or finish in the top third of their class; or have a minimum 21 ACT score or 980 SAT score.

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In addition, graduates must either finish in the top third of their class or have a minimum 21 ACT score or 980 SAT score.

"The change is that instead of meeting any of three criteria, the graduates must meet the first criterion and either of the other two criteria," Dr. Edward Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University explained. "Also, there continues to be an additional path to admission. Under both the old standards and the new standards,

state universities have a 'window of opportunity' to admit 15 percent of freshman applicants who do not meet the standards."

The Regents also made a change in the state's college curriculum. To qualify, high school students must take a fourth year of math. However, a computer class is no longer required, so there is no change of the total of credit hours required.

"Board Chair Gary Sherrer led an Admission Task Force to better prepare students for college, and research showed that laying off math in the senior year had the effect of putting students behind when they enter college," President Hammond said. "Students who have sufficiently high ACT scores are not required to take the fourth year of math."

The new standards take effect in four years at the state universities, so they will affect high school freshmen beginning in fall 2011.

"Although not drastic, these are good changes that will make Kansas high school students better prepared for success in college," President Hammond said.

Bedford Fay Kline

October 26, 1916 - December 23, 2010

Bedford Fay Kline, the fourth son of Samuel Winfield and Elsie May (Scott) Kline, was born Oct. 26, 1916, in a three-room sod house on his parents' farm near Lucerne, in Graham County. He died at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Dec. 23, at the age of 94.

Fay attended country grade school at Goshen and graduated from the Lenora Rural High School in May, 1935. He enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, and football during his high school years and stayed in Lenora with old ladies and batched it while attending high school. Some weekends he would walk close to 13 miles to the farm to help his parents. Following graduation, he worked in the hay fields for farmers in Colorado. He picked corn in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado.

On March 6, 1939, Fay married Georgia Mae Allen, in Norton. They lived one-half mile north of his birthplace on the Chalmer Teel farm in a sod house. To this union two children were born: Carolyn Ruth and Samuel Allen. In March 1946, they moved to his family's farm. His loving wife, Georgia, died March 14, 1977, and he continued to live on the farm until May 2010, when illness and major surgery made it necessary for him to go to the nursing home.

Fay was a very energetic farmer and took pride in his work. He raised cattle and for several years sold his feedlot calves at St. Joseph, Missouri. He also raised hogs, milked cows, broke saddle horses and enjoyed making a good saddle horse. Fay played town team basketball and baseball until he was 40 years old and also umpired games for the K-18 league for many years. In the early 1960s, he took up the game of golf and spent many hours keeping the sand greens in shape on the golf course east of Lenora. Fay spent many, many joyous hours with nature and the outdoors. He

enjoyed sharing with others the fruits of his labors from his hunting quail and pheasant, fishing, and gardening. For extra income in the winter he trapped beaver, mink, muskrat, raccoon, and coyote. He would skin the animals, stretch the hide, and then find a buyer for the skins. His first deer hunt was in Colorado, in 1954. In more recent years he was known for trapping many gophers on his land and for friends.

Fay was a great fan of the New York Yankees and the Kansas State Wildcats. He followed them very closely on the radio, in the newspaper, and on television. During the last few years he spent many hours on the telephone replaying the games with his nephew, Dean Kline.

He was a member of the Church of God in Lenora, and was very dedicated in the upkeep of the building and parsonage.

Survivors include: his daughter, Ruth Curtis, of rural Smith Center; four grandchildren, Gaye, and husband, Dan Daniels, Jewell; Jennifer Curtis and Kevin Curtis, both of Lincoln, Neb.; and Alan Curtis, Denver, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, Micah, Hannah, and Noah Daniels, Jewell; many other relatives and friends.

Fay was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, Sammy, one son-in-law, Bob Curtis, and three brothers, Elmer, Gareld, and Wilbur Kline.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of God in Lenora. Burial will be in the Lenora South Cemetery. Memorials have been established to Hospice Services of Norton County and the Andbe Home.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, today from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Condolences may be left at www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

DEATH NOTICE

Geneva Berry

December 27, 2010

Former Lenora resident, Geneva Berry, of Norton died at the Norton County Hospital in Norton on Dec. 27.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. at the

United Parish Church in Lenora. Burial will be held in the Lenora South Cemetery. Arrangements are with Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

Dona M. Roberts

December 26, 2010

Dona Maxine (Wiltfong) Roberts, age 83, of Norton, died Dec. 26, in Lawrence.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m.

at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Burial will be held in the Norton Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

FYI

There were three tables for Duplicate Bridge on Dec. 22. First place went to Norman Walter and Jake Durham; second, Jerry Moritz and Myron Veh; third, Karla Lapimer and Jack Graham.

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will

be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, January 4, 2011. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

BIRTH

Jade Elizabeth Tuttle was born to Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle of El Dorado, at the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado on Dec. 10. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Jade Tuttle

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Norcatour and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter.

Great grandparents are Lila Rule, Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Ikenberry, Quinter and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuttle, Quinter.

Filling boxes full of life

Here we are again, nearing the end of another year in our lives. Where does time go? You often hear that phrase from young and old as they look back in amazement at the past months. In 2011, I invite you to join me in an experiment that just might help capture some of that flying time.

On January 1, you will be given twelve boxes, neither large nor small but flexible and stretchy. Each is labeled with the name of a month. Set these twelve imaginary boxes side by side in your heart, in your mind, in the very depths of your being. Into the appropriate box drop the birthdays and anniversaries of your family and dearest friends. Notice how the joys float to the top of the box! Add smiles, laughter, a hearty sense of goofiness and generous dollops of loving kindness sweetened with forgiveness. These will invariably bubble and ooze out of the boxes but that's okay, just slather them everywhere. Try to keep a hug in each box. They tend to multiply, creep out and run about loose but that's okay, too. Who ever had too many hugs?

Now into each box place a few small goals. Small, I said, small! If you want to lose weight, set a goal for three pounds in a month. If you want to stop smoking, delete three cigarettes each day. Just three pounds, three cigarettes. You can do that. Do you want to exercise more? Walk just three blocks each day. Only three. Should you be reading more? One book a month. You can do that. Tuck these goals in corners and check daily to watch them float to the top as they are accomplished. Remember, your boxes are stretchy so if you should happen to lose four pounds or walk six blocks, the goals will still fit in.

On the bottom of each box gently pat a thick layer of soft golden memories. Perhaps your wedding day, the day a loved one went home to our Maker, a delight from your childhood, or an unexpected gift that filled you with joy. These will provide a cozy blanket to keep each box warm. Valentines, May baskets, your first kiss and other such happy occasions fit into this

Pieces of life's puzzle
Liza Deines



layer in their appropriate months. Don't forget the rainbows you've seen. Add as many as you please for your box will stretch to hold them, have no fear.

In the May, July and November boxes place American flags and patriotic moments, respect for and remembrances of fallen soldiers. Gratitude for our American freedoms will not bulge the sides of any box no matter how much you cram in. In the same way November and December boxes may be stuffed to hold holiday joys from years and years ago.

Ah, but these magical boxes are not just for the past. Into every single box pack a huge heaping helping of hope enriched with faith. Did you notice there are no tops on your boxes? You can never fill them too full of dreams, ambitions, or random good deeds. You are welcome to try, however. Pour prayers over every box every day, without fail. There is plenty of room and no saturation point.

WARNING: Your boxes are not designed to retain worry, sadness, depression, anxiety, spite or any unworthy emotions. These may be indulged in on the 32nd of each month and discarded immediately. Tears will simply evaporate.

As each month of 2011 passes, move along to the next box with stronger, reinforced goals, additional hope and carefully selected new memories. I'll be checking with you to see how you are progressing. Submit monthly reports via email to <mailto:childofthe40s@gmail.com>childofthe40s@gmail.com or write to me at 1098 NE Independence Ave, Apt 230, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

NOTE: Spellchecker got me again, of course Chef John's mishap of a few issues back should have been entered in our infamous Hall of Flame, NOT Fame!

READERS

First State Bank and First Security Bank will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 31 for end of year processing.

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Glenda

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