

OBITUARIES

Betty Jane Reid July 1, 1918 - May 3, 2013

Betty Jane Reid, daughter of John and Cecil (Logan) Hix, was born July 1, 1918, in Norcat, and passed away at her home at Whispering Pines in Norton, on May 3, 2013, at the age of 94.

Betty grew up in the Clayton/Norcat communities and attended the local schools. On Aug. 15, 1937, Betty and John Walter Reid were united in marriage in Kirwin. They made their home in the Lyle/Norcat area until John's death on Dec. 18, 1997. Betty later moved to Whispering Pines in Norton.

Survivors include: one daughter and her husband, Wanda Jean and Minh Nguyen, Lone Tree,

Colo.; other relatives and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Norcat. Burial will follow at Norcat Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norcat Cemetery Association.

Friends may call Enfield Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 8 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Spring snowstorm anniversary

The day did not dawn clear and bright as a day in late April should, so we set forth in light rain under cloudy skies. Mama, in her best dress, balanced a fancy new salad in her prettiest glass bowl on her lap and weather fussed all the way. Dad, exasperated, finally exclaimed, "Oh for goodness sake, Edith, if the creek is up, we'll just take the high road." We were on our way to the annual anniversary dinner at Henry and Amelia's country home in rural Graham County.

Mama and Amelia had been neighbors as girls, friends through high school and normal school and the two, with their beaux, had even planned to be married in a double wedding ceremony. A late Kansas blizzard intervened and while they were married on the same day, they were in separate locations. They made a point of celebrating the anniversary together for years afterward, although occasionally a storm again foiled their plans.

As we topped the hill we could see the little yellow stone house nestled in a wooded hollow and, sure enough, the creek was up. Henry waited on the opposite side pointing up to the storm road, which was a rough, narrow path hung precipitously on the edge of a limestone outcropping to the south. Like a fly on the wall, we navigated this interesting route and arrived above the bubbling spring where poison ivy grew rampant. With great caution for shoes, salad bowl, and poison ivy we made our way down the step-

Child of the '40s Liza Deines



ping stones to the house below.

At last into Amelia's kitchen we came, a room full of cream and dreams. I have seen the house in later years and that little kitchen is not nearly as large as I remembered it. It was always the center of activities, full of tantalizing aromas of the dinner being readied to be served on the round oak table. Windows framed in crisp blue and white curtains housed potted begonias in the deep window sills. A hand crank telephone hung on the wall with the one-page cardboard directory suspended from it by a ribbon. Amelia had a wonderful gas range right next to one of the first Servel gas refrigerators in the neighborhood. A china hutch held Blue Willow dishes and Iris and Herringbone goblets, which Mama and I both coveted.

The menu changed from year to year, but was invariably delicious, prepared with lots of country cream and butter back in the days before cholesterol consciousness. Dessert, however, was always homemade ice cream. Henry and Dad took turns cranking the wooden freezer in the backyard while discussing the political news of the day. Dad was an avid Republican and Henry a vehement Democrat so their discussions

were often quite a treat to a listening child. Beans, the dog was around to play with, too, and usually a litter of kittens.

On alternate years, when it was Mama's turn to host the dinner I remember cleaning house for days and giving serious consideration to the perfect menu. There must always be either a dessert or salad that could be served on the treasured pansy pie plates that had been Henry and Amelia's wedding gift to the folks. If angel food cake was chosen it was an anxious time until it was determined if the seven-minute frosting would set up properly, go sticky, or develop a distressing concrete consistency. The best tablecloth was ironed, silver polished, flowers arranged, but we were never quite ready when the car rolled up the driveway. Mama would be changing to her crocheted apron as she headed for the front door with a big smile, anticipating her favorite day of the whole year.

April, with its changeable weather, never comes around that I don't fondly remember the anniversary adventure. I am convinced the four of them, together at last in their final rest, still celebrate on April 21 each year and where they are the frosting never fails.

MY MAMA SAID: In April the Lord butters the earth's bread with daffodils.

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Norton celebrates Travel & Tourism Week

The first full week of May is annually recognized as National Travel & Tourism Week (NTTW), a tradition first celebrated in 1984. May 5-11, Norton joins the annual salute to travel and tourism.

In concert with NTTW, Norton has joined the Kansas Power of Travel Coalition launched by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) www.travelks.com/industry/ks-power-of-travel as the centerpiece of Kansas Travel & Tourism Week initiatives. The newly shaped coalition is organized as a grassroots effort to showcase the power of travel in Kansas. New partnerships and effective communication through Kansas Power of Travel will collectively demonstrate the positive impact of travel.

Awareness programs such as National Travel & Tourism Week lend themselves perfectly to recognizing the leaders of the industry, as well as underlining the importance of day-to-day employees that make visitors' experiences positively memorable.

The 2011 IHS Consulting Study, recently released by KDWP, reports that 32 million visitors generated tourism expenditures of \$8 billion in 2011.

"Recognizing the economic strength of the travel industry is key to the continued growth of Norton," said Tara Vance, Director, Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud to pro-actively support the Kansas tourism industry as a member of the new coalition Kansas Power of Travel."

On a statewide basis, the IHS Study reports:

- The average visitor to Kansas spent \$236
- In terms of jobs, tourism was the third largest industry in the state employing 148,228 Kansans (direct & indirect)
- Only 217 visitors are required to create a new job in Kansas
- Tourism was responsible for 4.4 percent of the total Kansas Gross State Product; yet, tourism activity provided 14.4 percent of all state and local tax receipts.

• Tourism provided \$917 in tax relief to each Kansas Householder.

• Kansas state and local tax receipts equaled \$32 per visitor

All businesses and employees who recognize the value of the travel and tourism industry are encouraged to support the Kansas Power of Travel Coalition. No membership fees or costs are associated with joining the coalition. Coalition members will have access to the latest research and trends; marketing partnership opportunities; industry news; educational opportunities and special promotions and events.



In Loving Memory Of "Homer" Jeremy J. Simmons

February 27, 1980 - May 9, 2008

Jeremy it's been 5 years since you left this race.
We still miss you and that smile on your face.

In your time here, you were so much to so many in those years,
A son, a brother, an uncle and a friend all who hold your memory dear.

Here is hoping you're running the gas from up above,
And knowing there's a crowd down here who you love.

We are going on with growing up (Collin) and living life each day,
But wanted to take this lap to show we miss you more than we can say.

We know you put on the brakes and watch over us every now and then,
We feel your presence and miss what might have been.

Rest in peace Jeremy - we love and miss you

Written by Aunt Julie for Amber and Diane Simmons

50th Anniversary



Bob and Rita Speer will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 12, 2013, with an Open House at White Fields Cafe in Norton. They were married June 9, 1963 at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral in Hastings, Neb.

They lived in Glenwood, Iowa the summer after they were married, moving to Chicago in the fall, where Bob attended Chicago Theological Seminary. He graduated with

a Master of Divinity degree on June 9, 1966. Following his graduation, he served churches in Gering, Neb.; Lenora, and Hudson, Kansas. In 1973 he went to work at Norton Valley Hope as the facility's first full-time chaplain. He continued working for Valley Hope until his retirement in January, 2011.

Although both are retired, they keep busy. Bob serves the United Parish of Lenora on a part-time basis and enjoys photography. Rita volunteers at Eisenhower Grade School and spends free time quilting,

scrap-booking and knitting. Bob and Rita have three children and five grandchildren: Becca and Lance Arterburn, Christian, Kaleb and Mady, of Brady, Neb.; Allison Speer of Adairsville, Ga.; and Matt and Michelle Speer, Annabella and Lillyanne, of Lawrence.

Friends are invited to drop in between 2 and 4 p.m. In lieu of gifts, the Speers ask that friends bring a non-perishable item for God's Pantry. The Open House is being hosted by their children and grandchildren.



Aging expo helps caregivers and elderly

Full Circle...An Aging Expo was held recently at Oakley for a large audience of professional care givers and those interested in topics which have an impact on life as we age.

Discussion topics included this year were as follows: intimacy and the aging process, the differences between guardianships and conservatorships, fall prevention, mental health and aging, being prepared financially following a disaster, how to handle farm succession from generation to generation, generational differences, and buckets lists and looking back at what was worth all the work and effort during your lifetime.

Full Circle...An Aging Expo was held this year in conjunction with the Logan County Health Fair. Sponsors of the combined event included K-State Research and Extension in Northwest Kansas, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University, The Kansas Humanities Council and the Logan County Health Fair Committee co-ordinated by the Logan County Health Department and Golden Prairie Extension District - Oakley Office.

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



One couple in attendance reported that they really appreciated the opportunity to attend educational sessions which really impacted their lives. They felt it was beneficial that they could choose different sessions when they had different interests. Even when they attended the same session, they reported

that each of them picked up different pieces of information that the other spouse had missed.

Local K-State Research and Extension Offices would be glad to pass on any concerns about aging you may have to the Full Circle planning committee. Plans are already underway for Full Circle...An Aging Expo for April 25, 2014. The committee may pick the topics reported to local offices for educational sessions for the 2014 Full Circle...An Aging Expo.

If you have any questions about the Aging Expo or aging related questions, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may contact Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist - Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety for Golden Prairie and Twin Creeks Extension Districts at twwatts@ksu.edu.

Concealed carry permits continue to rise

More than 3,000 Kansans applied for concealed carry permits during the month of April, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said recently.

Schmidt said his office received 3,462 applications for concealed carry permits during April. While this number is down slightly from the record month in March, it is still the third-highest month since the concealed carry licensing program began in 2007. It represents a 140 percent increase from the 1,442 permit applications that were received in April 2012.

Schmidt said his office is working diligently to process the applications in a timely manner while ensuring complete and accurate review of each application as required by law. Currently, applications are

being processed in 89 days or less except for those that are pending the receipt of additional information. Since last fall, additional staff have been hired or temporarily reassigned to assist in processing the sharp increase in applications, more than doubling the number of people assigned to the processing of concealed carry permit applications compared with this time last year. Investigators who conduct applicants' backgrounds checks

are working overtime. The Legislature is still considering the attorney general's request for authority to hire up to three additional licensing personnel in order to reduce processing time.

In the first four months of 2013, Schmidt's office received 14,274 new concealed carry applications. There are currently 55,988 active concealed carry licensees in Kansas.

The Norton County Road Department will be going to a summer work schedule beginning Monday, May 6. We will keep these hours through August 29. Our hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Should you have a request for road work after hours, please leave a message by calling 785-877-5740. Please leave your name and telephone number so we can contact you regarding your request. In the event of an emergency please call 785-877-5780, 785-874-8444 or 785-871-1840.

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CORRECTION

A story in the April 30 edition of The Norton Telegram incorrectly gave total collected instead of year-to-date figures for the county sales tax totals.

As of the end of April, the county had brought in \$208,720, not \$2,963,070, which is total collected figure over a multi-year period. In 2012, the county brought in 201,024 in the same period last year, \$183,699 in 2011 and \$172,356 in 2010.

The mistake is a reporting error.

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