OBITUARIES

Robert J. 'Bob' Dole Jan. 11, 1926 - May 6, 2013

Robert J. "Bob" Dole, 87, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Logan Manor, Logan, Kan.

He was born Jan. 11, 1926 in Omaha, Neb., the son of William Joseph and Clara Belle (Ewers) Dole. On March 23, 1952, he married Lorraine Ida Larson in Oberlin, and to this union they had four children, Gary, Carl, Rita and Karen.

Bob attended schools in Omaha and Almena, graduating from Almena Rural High School in 1944. He served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Europe and the Philippines. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1950 with a degree in agronomy. Bob worked as an agronomist in Garden City

and Scott City, returning to the farm in Almena in 1959 where he farmed until his retirement.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the Congregational Church of Almena. His hobbies included recording local history, collecting old photographs and also photographs from the local area.

He is survived by two sons, Gary Dole and wife Darla of Norton, Carl Dole and wife Patty of Williamsburg, Ind.; two daughters, Rita Dole and husband Tom Harmon of Manhattan, Karen Vogt and husband John of Haven; a sister, Claribel Near of Hastings, Neb.; nine grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine on Oct. 16, 2011, his parents and a brother, Richard.

Per Bob's request, there will be a private family service at a later date at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

There will not be any visitation, cremation was chosen.

Memorials may be given to Hospice and/or Sunflower Pioneer Power of Almena and/or Almena Community Center in care of the funeral chapel.

All Faiths Funeral Chapel of Smith Center is in charge of arrangements.

For on-line condolences, please visit www.allfaithsfuneralchapel.com.

Pointing in the right direction



The annual Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs youth forum was held on May 2 at The Rock. The forum featured remarks from current and former patients of Valley Hope sharing their experiences with drug and alcohol addictions. For 5th and 6th grade students, the forum is intended to help warn youth of the dangers of drug and alcohol use and steer them away from poor choices. Pictured, Steve Horney of Valley Hope invites the youth to ask questions of the speakers.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Harry Thomas Hutchens July 16, 1929 - April 28, 2013

Harry Thomas Hutchens, age 83, of Hendley, Neb., passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at his home. He was born on July 16, 1929, the third child of five to Thomas S. and Dott Marie (Stucker) Hutchens southwest of Hendley, Neb.

He attended school at Middle Rockton Country School through the eighth grade. He helped his father on the farm and worked for many other farmers around the area helping with their crops. He joined Spring Green Church at an early age. When it closed in 1952 his membership was transferred to the Hendley Methodist Church on April 13, 1952.

On Sept. 1, 1951 he was united in marriage to Viva B. Ankenman at Boise, Idaho. On Oct. 15, 1951 he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps. and served two years active duty, one of which was in Korea. When he returned from Korea they moved to Oceanside, Ca-

lif., for two and a half months until he was released from active duty on Oct. 15, 1953. Upon their return to Nebraska, he took up farming again and continued to farm, which he loved. They were parents of two sons, Patrick Dean and Neil Thomas. He loved hunting, fishing, bowling, and roller skating. On March 16, 1995 he suffered an aneurysm which created a blood clot on his brain that left him paralyzed on his right side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert, sister Grace, mother and fatherin-law Neil and Thelma Ankenman, brothers-in-law Richard Kasson, Bill Henry, Dewey Alexander, Leslie Ankenman, Richard Ankenman, and Ralph Ankenman, sister-in-law Geraldine Hutchens and step-mother Wilva Hutchens.

He is survived by his wife Viva Hutchens of Hendley, Neb.; sons, Patrick and wife Lana Hutchens of Eudora; Neil

Hutchens of Wilsonville, Neb.; brothers, Lyle Hutchens of Hendley, Neb.; Jim Hutchens of Norton; two grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Lois (Charles) Payton, Violet Alexander, Goldie (Wendell) Wentling, brother-inlaw, Doyle (Linda) Alexander, step-brothers Terry (Dianne) Lamb and Tom Lamb.

Condolences or personal reflections can be left at wenburgfuneralhome.com.

Memorial services were Thursday, May 2, at the Baptist-Christian Church in Wilsonville, Neb., with Pastor Keith Theobald, officiating.

A private family inurnment was held at the Hendley Cemetery, Hendley, Neb. American Legion Post from Beaver City, Neb. presented military rites at the church.

Wenburg Funeral Home, of Beaver City, Neb. is in charge of the arrangements.

Agency offers emergency loans

"Farmers in Norton and Phillips Counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to snowstorms occurring Feb. 20- 23, 2013 may now apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans," Farm Loan Officer, Pat L. Bohl, said recently. Applications for assistance will be accepted until Dec. 26, 2013.

The current interest rate is 2.375 percent but is subject to monthly changes until the loan is approved.

The Agency's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, customer goals and our rural communities. The Agency's service extends beyond the typical loan, offering customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make your farm business thrive. At the Farm Service Agency, we want to be your lender of first opportunity to overcome these adverse weather conditions and rebuild your operation to get back on track. The Agency's loan staff can refer customers to other public and commercial financing sources that can serve as a blend with the Agency's farm loan programs.

Agency loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

Agency loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living

expenses," Bohl said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible should contact the Norton County Farm Service Agency Office or call 785-877-5156 for additional information and how to apply.

Contest winners

The First State Bank of Norton announced the winners of its coloring contest during the



Community Banking Week celebration from April 22-26. The winner in the preschool category:

(Left) Jack Carter, is the son of Justin and Karen Carter.

The winner in the kindergarten

ners," said Sabrina Richards, First State Bank Community Banking Week Coordinator.



Alexine Marie Paden May 2, 1931 - May 6, 2013

Alexine Marie Paden, 20 years. daughter of Amon and Averill (Loughry) Smith, was born May 2, 1931 in Norton County, and passed away on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Graham County Hospital in Hill City, having just celebrated her 82nd birthday.

She grew up and graduated from Densmore High School.

On June 7, 1952, Alexine was united in marriage to Ted Orr in Norton. This union was blessed with the birth of five children: Robert, Rebecca, Anita, Carl and Leland. Son, Carl, died in infancy and husband, Ted, passed away in April, 1969.

Alexine was a devoted wife and mother who finished raising her four children on her own after their father's death. She worked as a para-professional at Logan High School for over

She was a member of Eastern Star and the Logan United Methodist Church. In her spare time she loved doing all kinds of needlework: quilting, crocheting and embroidering. She cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, and enjoyed attending their school programs and sporting events. She also enjoyed traveling.

On July 2, 1994, Alexine married Don Paden in Logan. This union blessed her life further with step-children and stepgrandchildren. Don passed away on Dec. 7, 2003 and Alexine continued living in their home in Logan until her death.

Her parents, son and husbands preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons,

Robert and wife, Kimba, of Denver, Colo.; Leland and wife, Sherri, of Phillipsburg; her daughters, Rebecca and husband, Thomas Post, of Pratt; Anita and husband, Donald Lowry, of Plainville; her brother, Irving Smith and wife, Mary, of Logan; her sister, Carol Wyatt of Norton; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and several stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 8 at the United Methodist Church, Logan, with Rev. Dean Gilbert officiating.

Burial was in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Logan.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Graham County Hospital, sent c/o Logan Funeral Home, P.O. Box 563, Phillipsburg, KS 67661.

through third grade category

(Right) Kira Engelsman, is the daughter of Shawna Engelsman.

Both winners received Norton Theatre packs consisting of two movie passes and two certificates for the concession stand.

"It's always fun to see how creative the kids can be with their coloring. The judges had a hard time deciding on the win-

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.



Older Americans month is celebrated for 50th year

This May marks the 50th anniversary of Older Americans Month, a proud tradition of honoring the value that elders contribute to our communities. This year's Older Americans Month theme-"Unleash the Power of Age!"-highlights the significant contributions made by older Americans across our state and our nation.

"A true measure of our society is how we honor the wisdom and experience of the elderly. I am proud that the State of Kansas respects and supports older Kansans," Governor Sam Brownback said. "An old German proverb teaches us that, 'The oldest trees often bear the sweetest fruit.' This is something that we should all keep in mind when we consider the contributions that older people continue to make to our state and nation."

While the Kansas Department

on Aging and Disability Services provides services, support and resources to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month is a great opportunity to reach out to elders and show special appreciation for their presence in our communities and our lives.

Secretary Shawn Sullivan says, "The older population in our state has a lifetime of experience to share with us and have paved the road of opportunity for younger Kansans. It is our moral and ethical responsibility to make sure we take care of our elders through improved health care and access to resources."

To learn more about activities and events planned for Older Americans Month, or to find ideas about what you can do to unleash the power of age, visit the Older Americans Month website at www.olderamericansmonth.acl.gov.



