

OBITUARIES

Wesley Eugene "Gene" Gutzman

Feb. 15, 1925 - Dec. 30, 2013

Almena resident, Wesley Eugene "Gene" Gutzman, passed away Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 at the Andbe Home in Norton at the age of 88.

Gene was born Feb. 15, 1925 in Almena, the son of Ernest A. and Edith E. (Cox) Gutzman.

He was united in marriage to

Janice K. Standish on June 8, 1952 in Almena. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include a son, Ricci Gutzman of Almena; a daughter, Linda Hockenberry and husband, Dean of Roanoke, Texas; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Cole Gutzman.

Cremation was planned. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

Archie Brooks

Jan. 13, 2014

Archie Brooks, age 92, of Logan, passed away Jan. 13, 2014, at the Logan Manor in Logan, Kansas. Services are pending with the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

Rosetta Ruth McFarland

Jan. 8, 2014

Longtime Norton resident, Rosetta Ruth McFarland, passed away at her home in Plainfield, Ind., on Jan. 8, 2014, at the age of 84.

Funeral services will be held

on Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Burial will be held in the Norton Cemetery.

A visitation will be held at

Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

A debut to remember for Kansas music

By Ron Wilson
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It's a debut. Not exactly with red carpet, spotlights, and paparazzi, but it is a debut. In this case, it is a debut of a CD featuring western artists from across Kansas and beyond. This is a new project of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association.

Jeff Davidson is president of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association or WMA. Jeff is a long-time extension agent with K-State Research and Extension, who is now a watershed specialist in southeast Kansas. He is also a talented singer and guitar player who is an expert on Kansas and western history.

In January 2011, Jeff agreed to serve as president of the Kansas Chapter of WMA. The WMA is an organization of performers and fans of western music and cowboy poetry. The Kansas chapter was meeting to discuss various ways to promote this particular genre of musical performance. One of the ideas that surfaced was for the Kansas chapter to produce a CD which would include a compilation of samples of work, primarily songs, produced by its members.

"It seemed like a good idea, but I wasn't sure just how we would get it done," Jeff said. "Then when (WMA member) Jim Farrell volunteered to do it, that's what made it work."

Jim Farrell is a long-time performer and producer in the western music industry. He is a member of the award-winning

group, the Diamond W Wranglers. Jim also operates his own recording studio in the rural community of Towanda, Kan.

So the Kansas WMA invited each of its members to submit the best of their western songs or cowboy poems for use on the CD. Jim recorded and produced it. WMA member, western musician and radio personality Orin Friesen added brief narrative tracks among the music and poetry to give a little history or background information about the music and the performers.

The result is a "double barreled CD set" called Kansas Cowboy. It includes 29 tracks with 20 artists or groups performing music and poetry, most of which was penned by the artists themselves. Several of the tracks have never before been recorded.

The 20 performers are all members of the Kansas chapter of the Western Music Association. For purposes of full disclosure: Those members include me.

"Featured performers are from all corners of the state, from Dodge City to Kansas City and from Medicine Lodge to Manhattan, representing ages from early 20s to mid 80s," said Roger Ringer, Kansas WMA vice president. "While all of the songs are of the western genre, there is as much diversity found in the music as you will find in the varied landscape of Kansas. This is just the thing to get 2014 started off with a song in your heart."

Performers come from as far away as Colorado, Louisiana,

and Arizona, but mostly from Kansas in both urban and rural communities. These include Topeka, Kansas City and Wichita, plus rural communities such as Eureka, population 2,940; Medicine Lodge, population 2,126; Humboldt, population 1,964; Benton, population 821; Alma, population 785, and Elmdale, population 55 people. Now, that's rural.

"It's a good project," Jeff said. "This is a way to strengthen our membership and bring us together." Participating artists are donating their work, and proceeds from the sale of the CD go to the chapter.

The release of the CD is being celebrated with a debut event on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Emma Chase Music Hall in Cottonwood Falls. The public is invited to attend at no charge, although RSVPs are requested at 620-273-6020. The debut will include live performances, refreshments, and opportunities to visit with the entertainers featured on the CD. For more information or to order the CD, go to www.kansas-wma.com.

It's a debut. No, not with red carpet and Hollywood paparazzi, this is a debut of a CD of Kansas western entertainment produced right here in Kansas. We commend Jeff Davidson, Jim Farrell, Roger Ringer and all those involved for making a difference by sharing this western entertainment. For Kansas western music, this should be a debut to remember.

BIRTH

Aariah Dawn Paxton was born to Wiyanna Kirstie Paxton and Richie Lee Kersch on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 7:49 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Aariah's grandparents are Dana Paxton of Norton and Jim Paxton of Beaver City, Neb., Joanna and Gayle Alvin Martin of Almena. The paternal great-grandparents are Sue Sharp of Ranch Viejo, Texas and Lyle Hutchens of Hendley, Neb. The paternal great grand-parents are Kenneth Berry and Cheryl Ann Hansmann, both of Norton. Aariah is the first born to Wiyanna and Richie and they reside in Norton.



Brrrraving the snow and ice

The recent winter weather has reminded me that we need to be thinking again about winter driving safety. The term joy ride does not apply when it's snowing and then wind is gusting. The best strategy for driving in bad weather is to avoid it. But if going out is necessary or you get caught in bad conditions once you're already on the road, follow these safe driving tips:

- Make sure your headlights are on. Many states require drivers to keep their headlights on if the windshield wipers are on. It's a good idea regardless.
- Increase your following distance. If you're going slowly because of bad weather, is there really a point to being only 2 feet behind the car in front of you?

- Slow down. Braking takes longer on slippery roads. The slower you go, the easier it will be for you to maintain control and stop your vehicle.
- Make sure your car is prepared for the conditions (check your battery, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, windshield wipers, headlights, tires).
- Use caution near intersections. Never assume that because you have the green light or the right of way that the intersection will be clear. Always scan ahead to spot potential hazards.

- Stay in one lane as much as possible and avoid unnecessary lane changes (don't go zipping in and out of traffic, passing people, etc.)
- Keep two hands on the wheel and two eyes on the road at all times.

Driving a car is never easy, but this is especially true in wintry weather. To hone your skills, ask someone with winter driving experience to take you to a vacant parking lot where you can practice driving, turning, and stopping in the snow.

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in snow)

- emergency warning flares or triangles
- blankets
- gloves or mittens
- a flashlight and batteries
- a first-aid kit
- booster cables
- nonperishable snack foods
- a candle and matches
- a cup in case you need to melt snow for water

If you get stranded, stay with your vehicle and call for assistance. Run the heater occasionally to keep warm, but avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by making sure your tailpipe isn't stuffed or blocked with snow or other debris.

If you have 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 at twatts@ksu.edu or phone 785-443-3663.

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CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the January dinner and meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Jan. 21 by calling Joy Johnson (874-4706).

"UNWINDING THE CLOCK" is the theme for the evening. The special music for the evening will be presented by

Jennifer McMann, an Ogallala, Neb. vocalist, brimming with talent.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Jennifer McMann, Ogallala, Neb. In "TAKE A BREATH," Ms. McMann

shares her journey from a bad relationship to a joy-filled life.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.

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