

OBITUARIES

Wray Ustacia Petrie

Jan. 6, 1928 - Jan. 13, 2014

Wray Ustacia Petrie, a long-time area resident, passed away Jan. 13, 2014 at the Dawson Place Nursing Home in Hill City, at the age of 86.

The daughter of Andrew James and Cordelia Atwinna (VanDuvall) Alexander, Wray was born on Jan. 6, 1928 in rural Nicodemus, Kan.

She married Robert Petrie and was a homemaker; they later divorced.

Wray was preceded in death

by her parents, three sisters, two brothers and one son.

She is survived by her son, Terry Petrie, Norton; daughters, Kathleen Swanson, Salina, Jacqueline Bates, Hill City, and Denise Petrie, Houston, Texas; sisters, Elizabeth Gage, Santa Clara, Calif., Naomi Hurst, Denver, Colo., Joetta Nevins, Hill City and Novella Hare, Detroit, Mich.; 28 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 at 2 p.m., at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with Rev. David Helm and Pastor Terry Wolf officiating. Burial will follow at the Nicodemus Cemetery in Nicodemus, Kan.

Visitation will be on Friday, Jan. 17 from 2-8 p.m. at the Stinemetz Funeral Home, and then at the Church on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Archie W. Brooks

April 25, 1921 - Jan. 13, 2014

Archie W. Brooks, son of Harry R. and Cynthia L. (Moore) Brooks, was born April 25, 1921, in Clayton, Kan., and passed away at the Logan Manor in Logan, Kan., on Jan. 13, 2014, at the age of 92.

Archie moved with his family to Edmond, Kan., in 1933, where he attended the Sand Creek Country School and graduated from Edmond High School with the class of 1940.

On March 10, 1943, Archie and Frances Roberta "Bertie" Orr were united in marriage in Dodge City, Kan. They made their home in Dodge City until moving to Clayton, to farm the Ike Moore place in 1946. In 1949, they purchased the Sam

McKee place north of Densmore where he was a farmer and stockman all of his life. In 1991, they moved to Logan. Archie's wife, Bertie, passed away April 25, 1994.

Surviving to mourn his passing are his children: Bonnie (Riley) Leidig, Phillipsburg; Betty Morgan, Garden City; Bobby (Martin) Gassmann, Oakley; Bertha (Robert) Williams, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; and Bill (Sue) Brooks, Oakley; one daughter-in-law, Debra Brooks, Gypsum; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don (Betty) Brooks, Norton; and Todd Brooks, Edmond; one sister-in-law, DeLores Brooks, Scott City; one aunt, Augusta

Busey, Lexington, Ky.; a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, Burton, one son-in-law, Max Morgan, one brother, Calvin Brooks, one sister-in-law, Ruth Brooks, and one nephew, Terry Brooks.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 16 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Logan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Logan Manor and the Logan Fire Department.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Clifford L. Meireis

Jan. 7, 2014

Clifford L. Meireis passed away on Jan. 7, 2014 in Newton, Kan.

Mr. Meireis was hired as a County Club Agent in 1955 in Pratt County. In 1962, he became the County Club Agent in Sumner County. He moved to Norton County in 1967, and was the County Agricultural Agent where he remained until

his retirement as the County Extension Agricultural Agent and County Director in 1984.

Mr. Meireis is survived by his wife, Dortha of Newton; one daughter, Vicky Wallace and her husband, Rodney, of Larned; and five grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ or

the Kansas 4-H Foundation, and sent in care of Colonial Broadway Funeral Home, 120 E. Broadway, Newton, KS 67114.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 10 at the First Christian Church in Newton.

Communications to the family may be sent in care of Vicky and Rodney Wallace, 1001 W. 7th, Larned, KS 67550.

DEATH NOTICE

Brian E. Spear

Jan. 12, 2014

Brian E. Spear of Mannford, Okla., formerly of Norton, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at the age of 54.

Brian was the church administrator and associate pastor at Lakeview Christian Church in Mannford, Okla.

A graveside service was held in Norton on Friday, Jan. 17 at the Norton Cemetery.

Technology conference set for Jan. 23-24

The high-tech nature of agriculture takes center stage at the Kansas Agricultural Technology Conference, this year to be held Jan. 23-24 in Salina at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center (former Ramada Inn) at 1616 W. Crawford St.

The conference is co-sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Agricultural Research and Technology Association, whose members are producers, university researchers and industry professionals focused on learning about agricultural production and technological and informational changes on today's farms.

The Thursday, Jan. 23 session begins with registration and morning refreshments at 8 a.m., and the program starting at 8:45 a.m. The first day ends with the KARTA annual business meet-

ing at 4:45 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation and evening discussion among attendees on, "Big Data - Farm Data Participation and Privacy from the Farm Gate to Open Source." Terry Griffin of Griffin Consulting will give the presentation. Day two, Friday, Jan. 24 begins with morning refreshments at 8 a.m. and the program at 8:30 a.m.

Presentations by producers, researchers and industry professionals will include:

- Where Data Meets the Dirt: Implementing Precision Ag on a Diversified South Dakota Farm.
- Making the Most of Precision Ag: On-Farm Experiments.
- Machinery Costs and Efficiencies: What are the Driving Factors?
- Using Sensors to Detect Crop Stress from Aerial and Ground

Based Platforms.

·Boom Pressure and Flow: What's Really Happening with our Rate Controllers?

·Ag Drones: sUAS Dreams and Reality.

·Opportunities for On-Farm Research and Collaboration.

In addition, KARTA farmer-members will give presentations about research conducted on their farms.

Commercial exhibits of sponsoring vendors will be available to attendees throughout the conference.

More information, including online registration is available at www.KARTAonline.org. Information is also available by contacting K-State Research and Extension Northwest Area agronomy specialist Lucas Haag at 785-462-6281 or lhaag@ksu.edu.

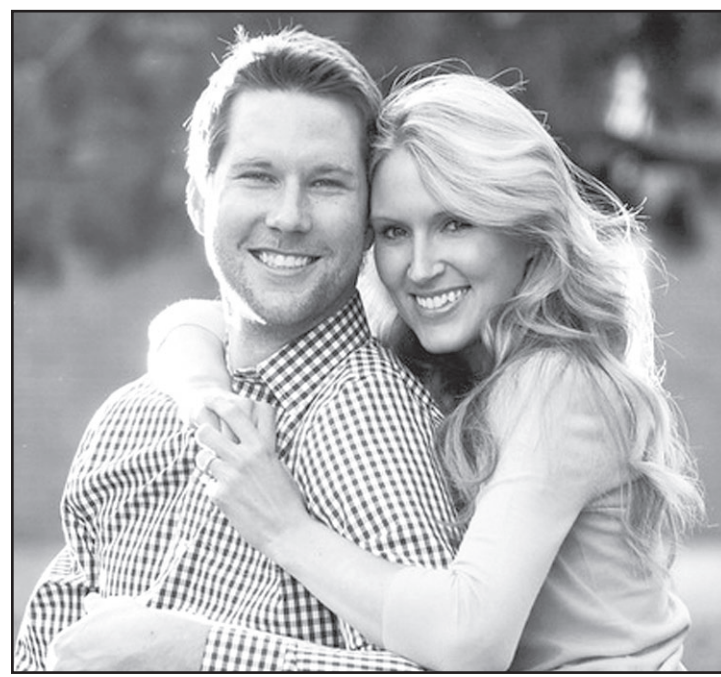
Hoeme-Sebelius Engagement

Mike and Kaye Lynne Hoeme of Topeka, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Brooke Hoeme, to John McCall Sebelius of Lawrence.

Allie is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies. She is currently the marketing specialist for The World Company in Lawrence.

Hoeme's mother is the owner and administrator of Brighton Place North, nursing facility for mental health in Topeka, and her father works for the state of Kansas. Allie is the granddaughter of Hardin Dean Norris of Hutchinson, and the late Helen Lucille Norris, and Max Hoeme and Wanda Hoeme of Pratt.

John is the son of former Kansas Governor and current U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, and K. Gary Sebelius, a federal Magistrate Judge for the District of Kan-



sas. John is the grandson of the late former Ohio Governor John Gilligan of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the late Mary Kathryn Gilligan, and the late U.S. Representative Keith George Sebelius and the late Bette Roberts Sebelius, who lived in Norton.

Sebelius is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, where he earned a

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration and a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Masters in Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting. John is owner of Gillius, Inc. in Lawrence, and continues to exhibit his documentary films and paintings across the U.S.

A May 2014 wedding in Lawrence is planned.

Not just greener, but better

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

Let's go to New York, where an excited consumer has just made a purchase. It is a cell phone case for an iPhone - and not just any cell phone case, but one that is made of bio-plastics. Where do you suppose those bio-plastics came from? Would you believe, rural Kansas? Today we'll meet a company which is specializing in the type of renewable, compostable, bio-based technology which is helping more businesses go green.

Mark Remmert is chief executive officer of Green Dot, a Kansas company which created these bio-plastics. Mark is well-suited to lead this company after a career in the plastics industry. After earning a degree in geology and geophysics from the University of Wyoming, Mark's career with Dow Chemical Company took him around the world. He then retired and moved back to a ranch which his family owned near Cottonwood Falls, Kan.

Mark was approached by some investors who were working on an idea for a bio-plastics company. They wanted Mark to lead this new business.

"I'll do it - as long as I can stay in Kansas," Mark said.

With that, the company known as Green Dot was born. It takes its name from the fact that compostable products in Europe are marked with a green dot. In 2011, the company opened its headquarters in Cottonwood Falls, not far from Mark Remmert's ranch.

Green Dot did product testing at the Kansas Polymer Research Center at Pittsburg State. The company acquired a production facility, product development laboratory, and bio-plastics product line from another Kansas company. Green Dot also received support from the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

Today, Green Dot produces bio-pellets that are used to make three types of items: Elastomers (which are essentially elastic

polymers), bio-degradables, and starch and wood-plastic composite products. Kevin Ireland works in corporate communications for Green Dot.

"We want to show the plastics industry that they can use this kind of biopolymers in their products, and they are often less expensive and perform better," Kevin said. The raw materials for some of these substances might be corncob materials, wood fibers, or other non-food products. "We're using products that wouldn't have been used otherwise," Kevin said.

These renewable bio-based resins produce a lighter carbon footprint and reduced carbon emissions. The ultimate goal is to improve the environment and build a more sustainable world.

What are examples of finished products using the Green Dot technology? They include durable goods such as toys or pet supplies, electronics accessories such as cell phone cases, or wood-related products in furniture.

"We work with manufacturers to make new products or to make their existing products more sustainable," Kevin said. Obviously, the sustainable and non-toxic nature of Green Dot's products makes them especially attractive.


One toy company named Begin Again uses Green Dot's products in their toy line, including a product called Scented Scoops which looks like ice cream cones complete with the aroma of strawberry, for example. The cornstarch base enables the products to carry the scent.

Today, Green Dot products are going all over the nation, but the company is based in Kansas. Company headquarters is in Cottonwood Falls, the lab is in Atchison, and the production plant is in the rural community of Onaga, population 697 people. Now, that's rural.

Kevin Ireland points out that Kansas is a leader in the growing biosciences industry. "Kansas is the fifth leading funder of biosciences among the states," he said. "I was at a meeting in Berlin last year where we were a finalist for the international bioplastics award. Europe has a reputation for being green, but I think we do the commercialization of green products best in the U.S. We have an advantage in cost, turnaround time, and quality."

For more information, see www.greendotpure.com.

It's time to leave New York, where an excited consumer has just bought a compostable, bio-degradable bio-case for her cell phone. We salute Mark Remmert, Kevin Ireland, and all those involved with Green Dot for making a difference by developing these sustainable materials. As the company says, their broad range of bio-based and compostable plastics aren't just greener, they're better.



We will be taking a break from computer classes through the rest of January

Classes will Resume on Tuesday, February 4 with the new start time of 5:00 p.m.
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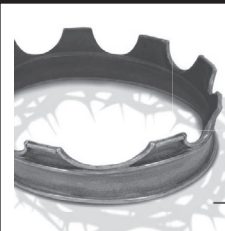
CORRECTION

Due to a proofreading error by the Telegram staff, the information contained in the birth announcement for Aariah Dawn Paxton that ran in the Jan. 14 issue, it incorrectly named Sue

Sharp and Lyle Hutchens as the paternal great-grandparents, when it should have stated that they are the maternal great-grandparents.

 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.

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