

OBITUARIES

Wilma G. Hogan

June 27, 1925 - May 10, 2014

Wilma G. Hogan, daughter of Ren and Tonia (Van Loenen) DeBoer, was born in Dayton Township, Phillips County, on June 27, 1925 and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on May 10, 2014, at the age of 88.

She grew up on a farm near Prairie View, attending school there and graduating with the high school class of 1941. After high school, Wilma attended Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Wilma moved to California for a while, living with her Aunt Grace Wilken and working in the first bank of several in her career. When she moved back to this area, Wilma worked at a bank in Norton, the bank in

Stuttgart, and also the bank in Long Island.

On April 16, 1953, Wilma married Orlin Gene Hogan in Prairie View. This union was blessed with two children, Gene and Nancy.

Orlin and Wilma made their home on a farm near Long Island, where Wilma enjoyed being a wife, mother and homemaker. She enjoyed farm life, especially planting and tending her garden. Orlin passed away in December 2009, and Wilma stayed at their home until February 2010, when she moved to the Logan Manor.

In her spare time she enjoyed listening to Christian music, doing word search puzzles, and playing the accordion and piano.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Orlin, and three brothers: Robert, Bill, and John DeBoer.

She is survived by her son, Gene, of Long Island; daughter, Nancy, of Phillipsburg; brother-in-law, Raymond Hogan of Denver, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Alice Hogan of Denver, Colo. and Wava Lee Hogan of Norton; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Luctor Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday, with Rev. Harlan Nonhof officiating. Burial followed at Luctor Cemetery in Phillips County.

Arrangements by Olliff-Boeve Chapel.

Signie Carol Johnson Darling

Dec. 5, 1938 - April 21, 2014

Signie Darling died on April 21 at the age of 75. Signie was the daughter of Kenneth B. Johnson and Alice Pease; stepdaughter of Dorothy M. Johnson. Her siblings were Judith Nelson, Rebecah Wade, Linda McGlenn, Geri Oxspring, Helen Comer, Art Trujillo, Michael Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Daniel Johnson, and Matthew Johnson.

Signie graduated from Norton Community High School in 1956, then went to Kansas State Teacher's College and earned a BSE in Home Economics in 1961. She moved to Castle Rock, Colo., and worked with extension agencies, eventually earning her master's degree in adult education. She was named Christian Woman of the Year in Colorado for her work with adults and elderly, and outreach through her church.

Signie married Franklin



Moore in Castle Rock, Colo., they had two children, Marla Marie Moore and Carl Moore. There are three grandchildren, Heather Theisen, Desiree Marie Moore, and Andrew Seth Moore. There is one great-grandchild, Brandon Theison. Signie later married Ben Darling of Norton, and they traveled extensively until his death. She is preceded in death by husband Ben Darling, sister Rebeca

Wade and sister Linda McGlenn.

For the past several years she lived in Denver, Colo. She enjoyed making new friends in the apartment complex, as well as maintaining old friendships, especially with Linda Lesh, a long time friend from Norton.

Signie remained an independent woman all her life, overcoming physical challenges in the past few years, to be able to move about visiting with people, and making trips to the local stores, fearlessly navigating her Rascal Scooter through busy areas and not letting a little "weather" slow her down!

Signie was a fulfilled Christian woman, giving generously of her gifts and talents to helping those around her. She had many loving friends who will miss her laughter and generous spirit, her silly jokes, and marathon card games. She always had time to listen to others, and delighted

Fairways and greens!



The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce held its 12th annual golf tournament on May 9, at Prairie Dog Golf Course. The annual fundraiser was comprised of 24 teams and 72 players. (Pictured) Kristine Knapp gets her putt close to the hole on the ninth green, as husband, Craig, looks on. Event organizer, Tara Vance said, "We are very pleased with the participation from the Chamber businesses."

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

4-H club extends benefits

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

"Prometo: Mi cabeza para pensar claramente, mi corazon para mayor lealtad, mis manos para mejor servicio..." No, I don't speak Spanish, but I have learned that those are the opening words of the 4-H pledge in Spanish. Today we'll meet an innovative 4-H club which is helping extend the benefits of 4-H to a new dimension of Spanish-speaking families.

This is the last profile in our three-part series about Steve Irsik, an agricultural entrepreneur in southwest Kansas. We have previously learned about how his family developed their farming operation, including the creation of Royal Farms Dairy east of Garden City. Kyle Averhoff was brought in as manager. A key element to the success of such large, modern dairies is the workforce — many of whom are Hispanic.

In October 2012, Steve Irsik contacted Debra Bolton, the K-State Research and Extension family and consumer sciences specialist for the southwest area of Kansas.

"We were brainstorming how 4-H could reach more families," Debra said. Specifically, they discussed how the benefits of 4-H could be applied to the newly immigrated families who had come to work in southwest Kansas.

"Royal Farms Dairy is home to over 14,000 cows and heifers and about 65 employees, many from El Salvador, Guatemala, and many other countries throughout Central America, South America and up through

Mexico," Kyle Averhoff said. "Southwest Kansas is an economic empire in how it's developed and grown. Without the Hispanic culture and the culture of many other immigrant populations, it wouldn't have been possible."

K-State Research and Extension faculty in the southwest area developed a pilot program to reach out to this segment of the population. It was supported by state 4-H leader Barbara Stone and the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Bertha Mendoza is a nutrition specialist in the southwest area of Kansas, and her existing relationship with several Hispanic families was a major help.

These families and those of the workers at the dairies became a target for this innovative 4-H program. Alejandra Romero and Ruddy Yanez were hired as summer interns to assist with the project.

The goal was to create one club of 25 to 30 youth, but the interest grew faster than expected. The end result was four clubs involving 90 youth, with hundreds more on a waiting list. The clubs are located in Finney, Gray, and Kearney counties. These new 4-H members live in or near rural communities such as Garden City, Ingalls, Pierceville, and Deerfield, population 892 people. Now, that's rural.

The 4-H organization has been around for a long time, but it was new to these immigrant families. Club meetings were implemented bilingually. For example, the 4-H pledge would be said in Spanish and then in English. The club involved

youth, parents and even grandparents.

"The concept of 4-H caught on," Debra Bolton said. "This 4-H club is more than youth development, it is family development. It's family, it's education, it's learning, it's all the things that integrate a family into a community."

"They are very family focused," Kyle Averhoff said of his working Hispanic families. "We think that 4-H is a nice add-on to that, to help their children have opportunities to develop. We can look at countless stories of how our employees have grown and how their children have grown and become successful members of society."

"It's created such a great learning community," Debra said. "It's even received national recognition. The National 4-H wants one of our 4-Hers to sing at the national gala."

"The more we can do for the children, that's going to lift up the whole family," Steve said. "It will truly lift up these families."

"Mi salud para mayor bienestar, para mi club, mi comunidad, mi patria, mi mundo." Those are the closing words of the 4-H pledge in Spanish. We salute Steve Irsik, Kyle Averhoff, Barbara Stone, Debra Bolton, Bertha Mendoza, Alejandra Romero, Ruddy Yanez, and all those involved who are making a difference by helping more families experience the benefits of 4-H in a whole new way. I believe this is very good: Muy bueno.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

We received rain during the night but not sure just how much. In western Kansas any amount is welcome.

Chris Gillespie, Marion, and her grandson Jackson Gillespie, Hays, were Friday overnight guests at the home of her parents Stan and Ramona Shaw. Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, were Saturday overnight guests. Mark Shaw, rural Logan, visited briefly Saturday evening.

Wayne and I were pleasantly surprised Friday evening when our daughter, Gwen Anderson, Council Grove, came to visit for the weekend. We were happy to have our son, Russell and Mary

Cressler, Bison, come to visit Saturday evening. Each brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Hope that all mothers had a nice day.

Many attended the Mother's Day dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center, sponsored by the Lions.

Playing cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday were: Linda Spesser, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Stan and Ramona Shaw. Games of 5-handed were played with one person sitting out each game.

United Methodist women meet Wednesday afternoon at the church. Pastor Ed gave an interesting Bible Study on the

role of women in the church and in missions. Those attending were: Rachel Carter, Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, Patty Foster and Louise Cressler. Kay and Lila served snacks. In June the group will go to Cedar Living, Oberlin, for a birthday party. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler will take cake and ice cream. Some of the group will have musical numbers to entertain the residents.

Some dogs have been running loose in Jennings. If yours is one of them, please remember all dogs are to be penned up or on a leash at all times.

the crosses and the American Legion Auxiliary will be fixing the poppy arrangements next week for the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries.

The museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 24, and at other times if requested for Memorial weekend.

Our next regular meeting will be June 5 at 2 p.m.

Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, Mike Tacha, Doyle Brown, and Jack Bainter in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Mary has painted a wall in the outside building. Our yard work is being done by Mike Tacha and Stanley Shimek. We received memorials for Lawrence Jennings from Colorado turkey hunters.

Neoma has been preparing

CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the April dinner and meeting on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at 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, May 20 by calling Joy Johnson at 874-4706.

"A Secret Garden Party" is the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "I've Got a Secret," presented by Mary Beth Boyd, Norton.

Mary Beth will share a garden secret bursting with fragrance that entices the butterflies of Kansas.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Delores Langseth, Harvey, N.D., who will speak on "From Darkness Into Light" and "The Secret Is Out."

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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