

OBITUARIES

Cole E. Gutzman

July 10, 1984 - Oct. 30, 2003

Cole Eugene Gutzman, 19, died Oct. 30, 2003, in Salina. Mr. Gutzman was born July 10, 1984, in Norton to Ric and Patty (Fisher) Gutzman. He is survived by his father Ric Gutzman and Sally Moline, Bennington; his mother, Patty R. Fisher, Norton; his brother, Randon Smith, Logan; two sisters, Heidi Lane, Temple, Texas; Rachelle Gutzman, Onieda, S.D.; grandparents, Gene and Jan

Gutzman, Almema; Lila Fisher, Norton; and his special friend, Constance Engle, Solomon. Funeral services were held today at the Ryan Mortuary, Salina. Graveside services and burial was at the Almema Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Solomon High School Athletic Fund at 201 E. Burlington, Bennington, Kan., 67422.

Donald Mechsner

April 20, 1915 - Oct. 20, 2003

Donald Mechsner, 88, Wildomar, Calif., died Oct. 20, 2003. Mr. Mechsner was born April 20, 1915, at Esbon, to Robert and Ella Mechsner. When he was 5 years old he moved with his parents and two brothers to Norton. He attended Mt. Zion Rural School and graduated from Norton Community High School in 1933.

his hobby of restoring old cars and tractors. Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Helen; a son, Roger Mechsner; a brother, Edward Mechsner; and a sister, Alice Donovan.

He and Helen Lamb were married and lived in Norton until 1940, when they moved to California. Mr. Mechsner worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Burbank, Calif., until his retirement in 1973. After retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Mechsner moved to Elsinore, Calif., where he enjoyed

He is survived by his son, Gary and Sally Mechsner, Lancaster, Calif.; two brothers Kenneth and Brit Mechsner, San Gabriel, Calif.; Jack and Wanda Mechsner, Norton; a sister, Helen and Earl Holbrook, Norton; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Elsinore with burial in Wildomar Cemetery.

Helen E. Stevenson

Nov. 28, 1917 - Oct. 31, 2003

Helen E. Stevenson, 85, died at the Andbe Home in Norton on Oct. 31, 2003.

She was the daughter of Roy E. and Ruby Rose (Houghton) Stevenson, born Nov. 28, 1917, in Lyford, Texas.

The family moved to Norton in 1928, and she attended rural grade school and the Norton High School.

She married Dale Stevenson on Nov. 11, 1938, in Almema. They made their home on a farm south of Norton for three years before moving to a farm on the state line where they lived for six years. Later they moved to a farm in Furnas County, Neb., where they lived for 20 years until Mr. Stevenson's death in 1978. She moved back to Norton and had

lived in the Andbe Home for the last several years.

She was a member of the Norton Christian Church and had also attended the Grace Chapel. She enjoyed watching sports and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dale, two brothers, Francis and Bob, and one sister, Evelyn.

Survivors include a sister, Margie Applegate, Norton.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials in her name may be made to the Christian Church Youth Fund at 208 N. Kansas, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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Ashley Engel, a freshman at Garden City Community College, studying elementary education and psychology, has been awarded a forensics scholarship for books and tuition. Miss Engel, a 2003 graduate from Norton Community High School, is the daughter of

Crowd will pray for rain

Due to the extended drought in Northwest Kansas, Leonard Kinkade, Brewster, is organizing a prayer meeting for those who would like to ask for rain.

It will be held from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the 4-H Building in Colby.

If you are unable to attend, but want your area represented, send

a card to: Pray For Rain, Box 275, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

If attending, it is recommended that you send a card with your name, address and phone number beforehand.

It is suggested that attendees fast beforehand, bring a scripture, comments and prayers.

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DESIRES CHANGED TESTIMONY OF DAVID SMITH

David Smith of Muskogee, Oklahoma was raised in what the world considers a successful family and had every opportunity that a young man could want. Yet he chose to sin by living his life independently from God. He, like most people, felt that he could take charge of his own life and live just as he chose. This is the biggest deception known to mankind.

Biblical truth is "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done." (Romans 1: 28)

David started using drugs when he was fourteen and by sixteen he was in his first rehab center. He learned quickly how to play their system so he could get out and then go back to using drugs. Over the next couple of years his drug use escalated to a dangerous point, so he decided to join the army in hopes to get away from wrong influences and hopefully find some good structure for his life.

He had the privilege of serving our country in Europe, Bosnia, Holland, Germany, and Denmark. He found that even under the discipline of the armed forces he could not beat the sinful nature that is working powerfully in all of mankind. He was busted and spent thirty days in a military prison for selling drugs and lost his rank. He spent the next year in outpatient rehab and group sessions and was on drugs the whole time.

Finally he got to go home where he kept selling and using drugs. He tried another drug rehab where he ended up in the psych ward while in the hospital. It was there that someone told him about Teen Challenge. He decided that he would like to go there but had to stay with his parents a few days before going. On April 13, 2001 David walked into the back yard and found his nineteen-year-old brother dead. He had shot himself with a 12-gauge shotgun in the head. David's brother wrote in a poem two months before he died "...At first it was fun, and now I'm in hell. What must I do, to make this soul well." David response was, "Then I really lost it." Before things got any worse his grand parents took him to Teen Challenge.

The first night at Teen Challenge there was an evangelist singing and preaching. David did not have any church background, so he felt he must have joined a cult. He did not like it and tried twice to leave but he just couldn't walk out the door. As he thought about it he came to realize that he had been fighting against God's purpose for creating him. Even though he didn't really believe in God this view of life obviously wasn't working.

After realizing that the people at Teen Challenge were just Christians filled with the Spirit of Christ, he decided to stop fighting. He wrote, "The next Sunday I accepted Jesus into my life and all my desires in life changed. I don't want drugs anymore. All I want is to experience a life with Jesus Christ." He now reads his Bible and these two Scriptures mean a lot to him. "For God did not give me a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7) Also Psalm 23: 3, "He restores my soul." David found what his brother didn't:

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Admission: \$2.00 Per Person; 12 and Under: \$1.00;
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Norton County Arts Council

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