

# OBITUARIES

## Orlin G. Hogan

July 23, 1926 - Dec. 2, 2009

Orlin Gene Hogan was born July 23, 1926 to John and Lena (Vreeman) Hogan and died Dec. 2 at Norton County Hospital at the age of 83.

Orlin attended school in Long Island through the eighth grade. He grew up helping his Dad on the farm, later realizing that working the land and raising livestock was his true passion and would be his life's work.

He joined the Army in January, 1951, serving actively as a Corporal until January, 1953. He transferred his service to the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged from the military in February, 1957.

On April 16, 1953 he was united in marriage to Wilma DeBoer at

Prairie View Reformed Church in Prairie View.

The couple had two children: a son, Gene, and a daughter, Nancy.

Orlin was a faithful member of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church, serving as church elder for several years and also as sexton of the Luctor Cemetery. He was actively involved in the community, serving on the Co-op Board and also as a member of the Republican Committee for Phillips County. He was instrumental in the building of the Long Island Community Center and was a member of the American Legion Post #304 in Long Island for more than 50 years.

Orlin was preceded in death

by his parents; four brothers: Kenneth, Roy, Joe, and an infant brother; and four sisters: Helene Kimmel, Mina Deters, Joan Sheurman and Ruth Dengerink.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, and his son, Gene, both of the home in Long Island, and his daughter, Nancy, Phillipsburg; brother, Raymond, Denver; two sisters -in-law: Wava Lee Hogan, Norton, and Alice Hogan, Denver; brother-in-law, Robert DeBoer, Logan; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 5, at Luctor Christian Reformed Church Interment was at Luctor Cemetery. Military Honors were by Roy C. Goodrich American Legion.

## John W. Stutterheim

April 20, 1916 - Dec. 4, 2009

John W. Stutterheim, was born April 20, 1916 in Prairie View and died Dec. 4 at the age of 93.

Mr. Stutterheim was the son of Louis K. and Trentie (Van Diest) Stutterheim.

He grew up in Prairie View, attended rural grade school and graduated from Prairie View High School.

On April 4, 1939, John and Hazel Brunson were united in marriage in Prairie View. They made their home in Prairie View and Logan communities before retiring and moving to Norton in

1981. John was a member of the Prairie View Reformed Church and later the Norton Christian Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Hazel of the Andbe Home in Norton; five children, Roger and Shirley Stutterheim, Almena; Rebecca Smith, Norton; Belinda and Tom Bauer, Almena; Spencer and Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Cynthia and Linley Woelk, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 13 grandchildren; Mark and Kellie Stutterheim, Rex and Kristi Stutterheim, Regina and Gary Beikman, Greg and

Honor Smith, Bryan and Yana Smith, Maranda Smith, Cory and Angelia Bauer, Joey Bauer, Brandy and Jeremy Coozenoy, Will and Jamie Stutterheim, Dustin, Christopher, and Raylin Woelk; 13 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at Norton Christian Church. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery, Prairie View.

# Christmas past, Christmas present

There's glitter in the carpet, pine needles on the porch, cookies in the oven and gift wrap on the kitchen table. Downtown the stores are bursting with inventory, decorations line streets and windows, and everyone is busy bustling about. Yes, Christmas is in the air once again. A Victorian poet once wrote, "Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes it brings good cheer!"

Every family has established their own special customs, and each person hugs to themselves one thing that makes it Christmas for them.

For my mother it was fresh oranges and ribbon candy, rare treats when she was a child; for my husband it was a genuine Christmas tree that smelled of pine; for me it was music, whether hymns at church or secular carols on the loudspeakers downtown. Candy canes sharp with peppermint, blown glass ornaments, candles in the windows, luminaries down a path -- many families, many traditions.

Now is the time when treasured nativity scenes are set forth, angels blossom on shelves and Christmas carols and hymns leak into the hall whenever a door is opened within the Carlyle.

Those doors are bedecked with extravagant wreaths, lighted trees crop up all over the building and sequined sweatshirts sparkle in the dining room. Most of us could only bring a few of our heirloom ornaments but each one has a story or two about where their treasures originated and how long they've been an integral part of their Christmas celebrations.

In my sunniest window sits a creamy white nativity scene,

## Pieces of Life's Puzzle

Liza Deines



which was given to me by LeRoy and all the children in 1970. They purchased it at Horney's in Norton, and Joan remembers still what a big deal it was to be taken into that festive shop with all its fragile merchandise.

A group of angels, each a gift from a dear friend, surrounds the manger. Those figurines are what make it Christmas for me so I don't give space to a tree. Yet my friend Barbara lives in a small studio and she makes room for a full size tree because that is what makes Christmas for her. From top to bottom, the Carlyle is filled with sentimental delights that hold memories of Christmases past.

Up on third floor a velvet clad Father Christmas stands beside Leona's door, snowmen of all sizes and descriptions guard the hallways, a teddy bear in a Santa cap perches on a handrail. On first floor Eva shares her 30-year-old Christmas cactus, which is in full and glorious bloom.

And, oh, the wonderful ethnic foods made only at Christmas! Dolores Fitzmaurice told me her family celebrated with a tamale dinner and the making of the tamales together was half the joy. Mama and Florence made applesauce cakes, full of nuts and dried fruits.

Just today at lunch a fellow resident spoke with longing of the sweet and spicy ham loaf served at

her family's Christmas dinner.

My daughter-of-the-heart, Shannon, makes cranberry bread and marvelously unique candies that delight our crew. Norton's big Goscha family looked forward all year to their quiche breakfast at Grandma Teresa's after midnight mass on Christmas Eve. I wonder who inherited the huge pan and the task of preparing that traditional feast?

When LeRoy's family gets together, brother Don always brings a big bag of homemade venison jerky and it is gone in a twinkling. A school friend once brought us tiny sour cream raisin tarts, made by her mother only at Christmas. Oyster stew, pfefferussse, spritz cookies or fig preserves, Doris Winteroth's Swedish tea ring, cheap cherry chocolates or chex mix. Each is the essence of Christmas to someone somewhere.

Whatever defines your family's Christmas, please make sure that the traditions and symbols complement rather than overshadow the true meaning of Christmas. Don't let shopping, cooking, wrapping, or even family, interfere with time to contemplate the first and most precious gift that was ever given or the loving father who gave that gift of priceless worth. Worship and prayerful preparation for the advent of the King should take first priority. When that is your plan, all the rest just falls into place.

MY FAVORITE NEW CHRISTMAS CAROL: It's Spelled Christmas with a Capital C!



Mary Luehrs, Norton Public Library director, adjusted the Hospice tree in the library's lobby earlier this week. Donations can be made at the tree, which benefits the hospice.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

# Holidays are a busy time



## Library Spotlight

### Mary Luehrs

The holidays are here. It's a busy time of the year but the Library has new DVD titles and best seller books to entice you to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season.

The Hospice Christmas tree is up. The public is encouraged to make a donation to Hospice, fill out the name of the person that is being remembered and place the star card on the tree.

The Friends of the Library group has a book sale all year long. Many new titles for adults and children have been added to the table.

All proceeds go to help with the expenses of children's programming.

The Friends have also helped purchase equipment needed for the Library. If you would like to be a "Friend of the Library" dues are only \$1 per year.

Don't forget to attend "Jammin' at the Library" on Dec. 16. Bring an instrument to join in or just come to listen. The music is acoustic blue grass style.

These are talented musicians in our community who get together to play the music they enjoy.

On Dec. 29 there will be a special afternoon at the movies for kids third grade and older. It will start at 1:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

There will not be a Monday at the Movies for adults in December because of the holidays. Monday

that are in good condition.

These could be Disney character, cartoon character, Wilton and other types of cake pans.

The Norton Public Library Board and Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Some of the new items at the Library are:

### Adult Books:

Angel Time by Anne Rice  
Bed of Roses by Nora Roberts  
True Blue by David Baldacci  
Kindred in Death by J.D. Robb

### Junior Fiction Books:

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins  
Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins

### DVDs:

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs  
The Proposal  
Duplicity  
State of Play  
New In Town  
Monsters vs Aliens

at the Movies will resume on Jan. 25, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Beginning Jan. 6, 2010 the Chess Club will once again be in session. On Mondays we will have sessions for new participants. On Wednesdays there will be a second session for those who attended the Chess Club last October and wish to continue the challenges of chess.

The Library would like to have a collection of cake pans for the public to check out. We are asking for donations of used cake pans

Dec. 4 - Dec. 9

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## FYI

Stephen Desaire, Equipment Operator Senior, will officially retire from his position with the Kansas Department of Transportation on Jan. 1, with over 31 years of state service.

Mr. Desaire started working for the Hill City Sub-Area crew in 1978 as an Equipment Operator I. He currently works on District Three's Paint Crew in Norton.

His retirement plans include traveling, attending car shows, and spending time with his children.

Mr. Desaire's children are Stephen and wife Charlie Desaire, and Melissa Desaire. His grandchildren are Trevor, Dominic, Desiree, Braden and Serenity Desiree; Tannere Colburn and Avirl Vess.

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