

OBITUARIES

Virgie LaVerne Allen

Sept. 17, 1910 - Feb. 6, 2006

Virgie LaVerne Allen, 95, Denver, formerly of Norton, died Feb. 6. Mrs. Allen was born Sept. 17, 1910, in Logan, the youngest child of John and Emma Loughry. On Sept. 27, 1930, she married John W. Allen. They made their home on the family farm near Logan. Later they moved to Norton, where they continued to farm and operated a dairy. In 1946, they moved to Aurora, Colo. She held many jobs in her lifetime, but first and foremost, she was a mother and a homemaker. She had been a seamstress, telephone operator, department store

clerk, office manager and health food store manager. She was preceded in death by her husband in March 2000, her parents, three brothers, Art, Elzie and Roy Loughry, and three sisters, Clara McFarland, Lucy Gilbert and Ethel Dubois. Survivors include: a son, John D. and Patricia Allen, Denver; two daughters, LaVina and Duane Matzdorff, Loveland, Colo., and Marilyn Benson, Santa Barbara, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at Olinger Hampden Gardens in Denver with Pastor Kim W. Skattum officiating.

Hugh W. Pursel

Sept. 19, 1920 - March 2, 2006

Hugh Wendell Pursel, 85, Omaha, Neb., a former Norton Community High School administrator, died Thursday. Mr. Pursel was born in a farmhouse near Lushton, Neb., Sept. 19, 1920, to Hugh Claire and Elizabeth S. Pursel. He attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade. During the Great Depression, his parents left the farm and moved to California. He remained in Nebraska with his aunt and uncle, Ada and Vere McNurlin to finish high school at Bradshaw High School. He received his bachelor's degree at York College in Nebraska. After graduation, he entered the Army Air Force and served in World War II as a P47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot. VJ Day came just before he was ordered to the Pacific. After his discharge from the Air Force in 1946, he began a career as a high school teacher and coach in Mullen, Neb. His career in western Nebraska continued as principal at Burwell, where he obtained a Master's in Education from the University of California during summers. He then became superintendent at the Springview, Mullen and Gordon high schools, before becoming an educational service unit administrator in Alliance.

He moved to Norton to serve as a high school administrator and to establish the Northwest Kansas Educational Unit, the first in the nation to provide addition educational, music and health services to a number of rural counties. This was used as the pattern for many similar systems around the country. He moved to Colby when the Unit headquarters was moved there. He continued as Unit Director until his retirement at age 70. After retirement, he served on the Colby School board. During his years in Colby, he enjoyed golfing and playing cards with his friends. In 2001, he moved to Omaha to be near two of his sons. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Lou Pursel in 1997, and his younger brother, Keith Pursel in 1992. He is survived by four sons, Hugh Daniel Pursel, Thomas Pursel, Jack Pursel and Mark Pursel; a sister, Larea Moore; and six grandchildren. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Road, Colby. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Colby United Methodist Church followed by military rites and graveside services at Beulah Cemetery, Colby. Donations to the Hugh W. Pursel Memorial Fund may be left at the funeral chapel.



Rachael Lentz

Norton girl makes cut for choir

Rachael Lentz, 18, a senior at Norton Community High School, made the cut and was chosen for the Kansas State Honor Choir. Miss Lentz, the daughter of Mike and Katie Lentz, Norton, went through auditions for District Honor Choir, then was one of 256 vocalists selected for the Honor Choir. A soprano, she performed with the choir in Wichita Feb. 23-25 at the Kansas Music Educators' Convention at Century II.

READERS

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Sam and Bonnie Manning; second, Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton.

— Now showing at Norton Theatre, "When a Stranger Calls", and featuring "Pink Panther". Call 785-877-2075 or www.nortontheatre.com. 3/3

Two area students were listed on the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester from Colby Community College. They are Joshua Davis from Jennings and Stephanie Ruff from Logan.

Rural Telephone has hired Brandon Mauck as Warehouse Assistant II in Lenora. Mr. Mauck has been working in a part-time capacity since May 2005 as a Construction Assistant. He earned an associate degree in telecommunications and lives in Hill City with his wife, Jolyn, and their daughter Katlynn.



B. Mauck

Ladies club to learn how to 'de-stress'

Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the March dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16, at the Town and Country Kitchen, E. US-36. The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll, 877-3042, by Tues. "Pamper Yourself" is the theme for the evening. "Be Good To Yourself", will be presented by Kim Snyder, owner of Bella Sole, a new business in Norton where you can go to tan or enjoy an aqua massage or an infrared sauna. Mrs. Snyder will share ways to relax and pamper yourself in this busy stress-filled society. The Norton After-5 Club welcomes as their special speaker for the evening, Bobbie Eichenberger, Concordia. Ms. Eichenberger, a transplant from California, will share her victory over hard times of the past in "Who Me, Relax?" The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the United States and Canada.

Jail Log

Feb. 24 — Eric Weeden, Almena, serving 48 hours, released Feb. 26. March 1 — Dustin T. Rowe, Norton, holding for two counts of burglary, two counts of theft, and two counts of felony theft.

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

Oct. 7 — Robert Gibson, Norton, driving while under the influence of alcohol, transporting an open container, failure to provide proof of insurance, illegal tag, failure to wear seatbelt and failure to use child safety restraints, to serve 5 days in jail and 85 days suspended with satisfactory completion of 1 year probation. Fine \$1000, ADSAP fee \$150, court cost \$60. Nov. 19 — Andrew Wells, Norton, minor in possession, driver's licenses suspended for 30-days, and to serve community service at Norton City office until Dec. 31, 2006. Fine \$400, court cost \$60. Jan. 27 — Dustin Rowe, Norton, inattentive driving, order of restitution for damage to property, to pay \$60.37 to Connie & Company, \$49.60 to Doris's Beauty Shop, fine \$10, court cost \$60. Feb. 14 — Crystal Raddle, Norton, illegal tag, failure to wear seatbelt, and failure to provide proof of insurance, fine \$410, court cost \$60. Feb. 15 — Lisa Kinderknecht, Norton, inattentive driving, fine \$10, court cost \$60.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Aug. 26, 2004 — Cathleen I. Anderson, Hill City, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to submit to a preliminary breath test, fine \$1130, court cost \$56. Sept. 26, 2004 — Trent Dane Shull, Hill City, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, driving while licenses suspended, fine \$3404.68, court cost \$56. Dec. 8 — Juan E. Perez, Lakin, speeding 75 in a 55 mph construction zone, fine \$180, court cost \$60. Dec. 22 — Michael A. Statton, Eustis, Neb., expired registration and failure to provide proof of insurance, fine \$360, court cost \$60. Jan. 2 — Carl Joe Robinson, Clayton, speeding 76 in 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60. Feb. 5 — Dianne R. Amenta, Omaha, Neb., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60. Feb. 8 — Robert D. Cole, Lakin, using false log, fine \$150, court cost \$60. Feb. 9 — Pieter WC Leibbrandt, Westminster, Colo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$60. Feb. 12 — Paul E. Shepard, Lenora, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60. Feb. 18 — Stephans J. Deetlefs, Almena, speeding 65 in a 45 mph zone, fine \$90, court cost \$60.

Feb. 24 — Charles E. Hixon, driving on left in no-passing zone, fine \$60, court cost \$60. Feb. 26 — Antonio De La Torre, Kearney, Neb., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$60.

Limited Action

Feb. 1 — Norton Dairy Queen, LLC versus Julie Laurin, Almena, check for \$19.64, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 2 — Capital One Bank versus Michael L. Bremerkamp, Norton, unpaid debt of \$2,142.47, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 6 — Norton County Hospital versus Marla S. Job and Rodney A. Job, Oberlin, unpaid debt of \$181.89, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 6 — Norton County Hospital versus Michael L. Bremerkamp, Norton, unpaid debt of \$713.25, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 7 — Great Plains Radiology PC versus Nancy Stewart, Norton, unpaid debt of \$146.48, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 10 — Worden Law Office versus Kennetta J. McReynolds, Norton, unpaid debt of \$828, plus court cost and fees. Feb. 10 — Worden Law Office versus Josh Hulén, Norton, unpaid debt of \$828, plus court cost and fees.

Marriage

Feb. 25 — David James Porter, Norton, and Tonya Kay Wescott, Norton.

Animal Shelter

For Adoption 1-2 year old male Boxer. 2-3 year old female German Short Hair. 5 year old neutered male Labrador. 10 week old male domestic short hair kitten, black.

Teams forming for Kansas walk

Physicians and food and nutrition professionals typically recommend adding moderate and regular physical activity - 30 minutes five or more days a week - to maintain a healthy lifestyle. But, what if you're not athletic? Or don't have the time or money to join a gym or hire a babysitter? Fitness programs such as Kansas State University Research and Extension's Walk Kansas encourage heart healthy aerobic exercise close to home. Here's how it works: Friends, family, co-workers or others, who may not know each other, but are assigned to the same team by the Extension office, log miles or minutes of alternate aerobic activity equal to the east-to-west distance across Kansas - 423 miles - in eight weeks. Sound impossible? Knowing that others are counting on you can be a good motivator. More than 90 percent of the teams who have participated in the program since its introduction in 2002 have met

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



their goal. The fitness effort can't guarantee weight loss, but the benefits of exercise are many, including lowering blood pressure and cholesterol and reducing the risks of heart disease, diabetes and some cancers, such as colon cancer. Participants also report a happier outlook, increased energy and self confidence, stress reduction, more restful sleep, and weight loss. One member of a team who increased fruit and vegetable consumption while participating in the program credits it with helping her to lose 20 pounds and keep it off. Not a walker? Fifteen-minute segments of alternate aerobic ex-

ercise such as bicycling, swimming, playing basketball or running count toward a team's total mileage. This year, 99 of Kansas' 105 counties have signed up to offer Walk Kansas for a minimal fee to cover the cost of nutrition and health newsletters, etc. If you haven't already registered, pick up a packet at the local Extension Office. Registrations are due by March 6. Tranda Watts is Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Norton, Decatur, Gove, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at 785-443-3663 or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 877-5755.

DEATH NOTICE

Gary Baker

June 4, 1960 - March 2, 2006

Gary Baker, 45, died Thursday at his home in Lenora. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hays Medical

Center Chapel. The Rev. William C. Miller will officiate. Memorials are suggested to Dreiling/Schmidt Cancer Center, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kan. 67601.

BIRTH

Roman Keith Hauser

Roman Keith Hauser was born to Keith and Jennifer Hauser in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 19. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long. He has two big sisters, Hadley and Tessa Hauser.

Grandparents are Barnet and Karen Cox of Norton, and Ray and Marcella Hauser of Columbus, Neb. Phileda Nelson of Norton is the great-grandmother.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS There is a lot of flu in the Prairie View community. There was a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday at the Community Church of God in Phillipsburg. The Gleaner's Circle met Feb. 2 at the Prairie View Reformed Church. Darline Brown conducted the meeting and Linda Van der Weele gave the program on "Doxology In All Of Life". Vivian Jansonius gave the devotions.

Eight members were in attendance. Members discussed a new study book for the rest of the year. Erma Jean Nyland was the hostess. Others present were Wauneta Schemper, Long Island; Hazel Jansonius, Goldie Barker and Julia Niewski, Prairie View.



Crock-pot class planned

Crock-pot cooking opens the door of dining possibilities, plus makes life a little easier. By preparing and cooking ahead, you save time. A cooking demonstration called, "Make It and Leave It" will be taught at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Norton County 4-H Building. Taught by Amy Taylor, Trego

County Extension Director, those attending will: learn tips about cooking healthier meals; take home a tasty recipe booklet; and sample new recipes like "Lazy Day Lasagna", "Triple Chocolate Mess", and "Tortilla Soup". To register, call the Extension Office at 877-5755.

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