

OBITUARIES

Marvin Bates June 29, 1942 - Nov. 25, 2008

Marvin Bates, Concordia, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 at the Cloud County Health Center. He was 66 years old.

He was born on June 29, 1942 in Norton County to Martin and Margaret (Long) Bates. He grew up in and around Norton. He attended schools in New Almelo and was a semi-truck driver until illness forced him to retire. He was married to Mary Ford for 28 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, Concordia; sons Brad Bates, Logan, John and wife Kim Bates, Oklahoma City, Gary Bates, Salina; a daughter, Diane Lindsey and husband Brooks, Concordia; stepdaughters Donna

Tate and husband Clint, Concordia, Lori Dill and husband Tim, Pratt, and Tammi Friis, Salina; stepson Eddie Hornof, Pratt; brother Marlin Bates, Phillipsburg, sisters Martha Bennett and husband Richard, Meriden, Iowa, Marie Burls and husband Bob, Oberlin and Marilyn Dial and husband Rod, Norton; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Mark Bates, and his grandson Brandon Bates.

Services were at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home Chapel in Concordia today. Rev. Barry Brinkman presided. Burial was at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. To send condolences,

Mildred Irene Mesmer Aug. 24, 1914 - Nov. 24, 2008

Mildred Irene Mesmer, daughter of John and Olive (Horning) Horesky, was born Aug. 24, 1914, in Norton, and passed away at the Kimball County Manor in Kimball, Neb., on Nov. 24, 2008, at the age of 94.

She was raised and attended school in Norton but had to quit to help on the farm so that the younger children in the family could attend school. She later returned to high school where she graduated and received her diploma. She was married to Alan Mesmer on Sept. 25, 1937, in Oberlin. She worked at the "Sand" which was a hospital that took care of tuberculosis patients. In 1958, the family moved to Ft. Morgan, Colo., where she worked as a nurse at the Ft. Morgan Hospital. The family then moved to Kimball, Neb., in 1969, and she worked at Panhandle Community Services, the Kimball Bakery, and she also volunteered as the person that traveled to Dix and Bushnell taking the blood pressure of the people who needed that service.

She was a member of the

Susan Merilla Heaton April 21, 1917 - Nov. 26, 2008

Susan Merilla Heaton, daughter of Charles Raymond and Rectina (Adams) Johnson, was born April 21, 1917, in Potwin, and passed away at the Kay Poague Hospice Center in Salina, on Nov. 26, 2008, at the age of 91.

She grew up in Potwin and graduated from high school there. She was also a graduate of Kansas State University earning a degree in business administration in 1942.

On July 12, 1942, Susan and Richard Heaton were united in marriage in Potwin. They made their home in Colorado Springs, while Mr. Heaton was in the Armed Forces and then moved to Norton.

They had moved to Salina in recent years to be near their son and his family.

Susan was a member of the

Kimball Presbyterian Church, the Senior Center Band, and she enjoyed doing the Hula. She also liked baking, and her specialty was Angel Food cake and banana bread. She loved working in her garden and taking care of her roses. She took pride in sending cards to different people in the community in their time of need. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and taking care of her grandson, Matt.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce (Gordon) Bright, Kimball, Neb.; three sisters, Grace Buchanan of Florida; Mabel Sanderson of West Virginia; and Evlynn Sanborn, Almema; one grandson, Matt Bright, Kimball; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Robert and Bill.

Services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Interment will be at the Norton Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Kimball Presbyterian Church in Kimball, Neb. There was no visitation.

School reminders

Northern Valley Schools

Monday, Dec. 1 — HS Cheerleaders Christmas party; JH service club secret sisters week; Fast ForWord coach training at Salina, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — HS Dance team practice, TBD; NVEA Christmas party at the Community Building in Almema.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — 3rd and 4th grade science activity for state standards at Hays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — HS Dance team practice; HS Cheerleading meeting; JH Basketball at Logan, 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 — JH Secret sister party; NO preschool, ECD meeting in Glade; HS pep rally in the big gym, 3:10 p.m.; HS basketball vs Atwood in Almema, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6 — JH Basketball Healy Tournament at Healy, 10 a.m.

Norton Community High School

Monday, Dec. 1 — Jay Singers, A.P.; Barton County Community College Rep, A.P.; NCHS Invitational Scholar's Bowl Tournament, 4 p.m.; KAY board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — Cheerlead-

ers, A.P.; Wrestling parent's meeting in the music room, 6 p.m.; Wrestling challenge matches in the junior high gym, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — B.A.S.S. meeting, A.P.; KMO, library, 12:45 p.m.; Basketball photos, est. 4 p.m.; S.A.C., A.P.; Financial Aid Meeting in the music room, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Scholar's Bowl at Atwood, 4 p.m.; FCCLA board, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 — Pep rally (no A.P.), 3:10 p.m.; Jay Singers sing national anthem at FHSU Basketball games, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6 — Varsity Wrestling at Hoxie, 9 a.m.; J.V. Wrestling at Alma, 10 a.m.; V/JV Basketball at Atwood, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Norton Junior High School

Monday, Dec. 1 — Stuco meeting, A.P.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — KAY meeting, A.P.; KAYS Hanging of the Greens, Jr. High cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — TEAM, 7:30 a.m.; KMO, library, 8:45 a.m.; Basketball photos, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Basketball vs Hill City, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8 — 7th and 8th boys Basketball begins, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 — KAYS, A.P.; Band concert, Junior High gym, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 — Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Eisenhower Elementary
Monday, Dec. 1 — Boys Basketball begins, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — A.R. meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — I.E.P. day; 6th grade band concert in the EES band room, 1:40 p.m.; EC-2 grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 — 5th grade band concert in the EES band room, 1:40 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 — K.O.B.A. Wednesday, Dec. 10 — TEAM meeting, 3:40 p.m.; K.O.B.A.

All Norton Schools

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — Early retirement committee meeting at the Unified office, 4:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8 — BOE meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Curriculum council at the Unified office, 7:30 a.m.

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