

The swimming pool summer

The recent controversy over building a new swimming pool in Norton took me back in time to the year WaKeeney built their first public pool, about the same time all the small towns around, including Norton, built pools. WaKeeney replaced their 1955 vintage concrete rectangle some years ago. While in Hays a week ago we drove by their spectacular water park pool, which was swarming with happy patrons on a sweltering Saturday afternoon. The water slide was the busiest spot, a line of squealing, dripping kids lined up to experience a swooping splash into cool water. Nearby the lazy river feature was pleasantly floating young and old swimmers along at a leisurely pace.

Let your memory wander back to your youth. In the years before we had safe public pools available, kids swam at the lake or in creeks or worse yet, sand pits at the quarry. Every summer there were tragic drownings or accidents that left swimmers or divers paralyzed or crippled.

Yes, a new pool will cost money. It's worth it.

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The excitement has been building all summer as the workmen labored with forms and concrete and paint. The main amusement for my group of friends has been walking out toward the ball field to see how the project is progressing. We stand with our noses pressed against the chain link fence, some of us observing and some of us making eyes at the cute college boys that are with the construction crew.

Yes, our little town is finally getting a swimming pool and we can barely contain our anticipation at this giant step into

The Rock 'n Roll Kid Liza Deines



the future. 1955 is going to be the best year yet.

No one is confiding what their newly purchased swimsuits look like although there is a lot of speculation and teasing. One piece or two piece? Will anyone dare show up in one of those skimpy new bikinis? The fact is the swimsuit pages of the mail order catalogs are dog eared and worn from eager and anxious fingers trying to choose a suit. The selection is made more difficult since it must meet our mothers' modest standards and still make a flat-chested teenage girl look like Lana Turner or Rita Hayworth. The order clerks at Sears & Sawbuck and Monkey Ward must wonder why an inordinate amount of swimwear is being sent to western Kansas, along with those ugly rubber swim caps that are required lest hair plug the new pool's expensive filters.

The day arrives at last. We girls spend all morning calling each other arranging when we will go to the pool and how to dress. Do dressing rooms mean we dress there in front of everybody? We opt to wear our suits with long shirts over them since struggling into 1950's elastic faille fabrics with back zippers and hooks and eyes is not an easy task. Promptly at seventeen minutes until the magic opening hour of one o'clock every kid in town heads for the new body of water.

Beautiful fresh aqua paint en-

hances the water color, red and white bobbles on ropes bounce to warn of the deep end. Towels and shirts in baskets, pins on straps, bare feet sloshing through the required foot-bath, we emerge from the dressing room in all our glory. A head-long dash for the edge of the pool, tummies held in, chests thrust out. One leap and it's COLD! The temperature is over 100 so how can this water be so COLD? Shivering we leap back out and lie on the hot concrete to warm up.

The fashion critique is soon underway as we either envy or disdain the swim suits. One of "those girls" shows up in a white creation that goes practically transparent when it's wet. Lots of black and navy and red but only a few girls have the nerve or figure to wear bare midriff outfits. My suit is blue and white checked with ruffles at the top to disguise the fact that I am what my mother tactfully calls a "late bloomer". The boys wear last year's gym shorts except for a few garish Hawaiian print trunks. Two of the wealthier girls have elegant shirred Catalinas from Morgan's Dress Shop. Even one swim cap adorned with floppy rubber flowers appears.

At the end of an exhausting afternoon we all trudge home, dripping, sunburned and hungry but eager to return the next day. Season tickets cost a dollar and we don't want to waste a penny of it. Maybe tomorrow we'll even put our faces in the water.

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Wedding Announcement

Kirsten Marie James and Jake Brady Tien were married March 31, 2012 at the Community Church of God in Phillipsburg. A reception followed at Willer's in Phillipsburg.

Officiating the wedding ceremony was Pastor Tim Kraft of the Community Church of God and Pastor Jeff VanDerWeele of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church.

Members of the wedding party included Shelby Gitchel, maid of honor; Samantha Tien and Autumn Breese, bridesmaids; Dillion Hogan, best man; Daniel Ruff and Dustin Breese, groomsmen.

The bride graduated from Hays High School in 2010. She is currently attending Colby Community College majoring in Business Administration/Accounting.

Kirsten is the daughter of DeAnna James of Phillipsburg, and Kirk James of Scott City. She is the granddaughter of Denny and Donna Haley of Corning, Iowa, Janice Rasmussen of Atlantic, Iowa and Virgil James of Villisca, Iowa.

The groom graduated from



Logan High School in 2007 and NCKTC in 2009 with a degree in diesel technology. He is currently employed at Landmark Implement in Phillipsburg.

Jake is the son of Dian and Jan Tien of Prairie View. He is

the grandson of Clarence and Bette Tien of Prairie View, and Raymond and the late Cecilia Grauerholz of Phillipsburg.

The couple is making their home in Prairie View.

LYLE NEWS

Did everyone read the prayer for rain in last weeks paper? Well, it worked for Norcatur, and we are all thankful for it. I'm wondering, though, if it would lessen our chances for rain if we just left out the sentence that says we want it to, "crackity-BAM so fast and furious you can't tell which flash goes with which peal of thunder." That is a little rough for chickens like me, but I surely wouldn't want to interfere with the results.

Joyce Sumner came home after her surgery in Wichita then had to be hospitalized again in the Norton County Hospital where she is at this time.

Kathy Van Meter has finally seen some improvement. She is able to eat and is feeling better. Lloyd Frandsen's daughter treated Kathy and Lloyd to supper and a party for his 83rd birthday.

I enjoyed a visit with Helen Helm at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Merlin Wood reported that he

spent last weekend in the hospital in Ft. Pierce, Fla. He is feeling better and ready to go back to work.

June Jolly attended her KT Club on Thursday. She took pies and helped at the Eagles, played Bingo at Culbertson, and on Saturday treated her family to dinner at the Looking Glass Restaurant in McCook, Neb.

Tielia High has been ill for a while, has undergone tests, and is better. She had a party for Aubrey's 7th birthday at the Elden Auken Park in Norcatur on Sunday. Carol and John Moye with Kylie and Skylar; Wade and Vicki Bader and Isabell, Karli, and Rowan; Emily, Mariah and Garrett Bader, Grant Slater; Dennis and Veda Wood were guests. We, especially the kids, enjoyed water balloons, ice cream and cake.

Virgil Price was taken to the hospital in Kearney, Neb., and we haven't heard how he is at this time.

Toots Magers' company on

Sunday was Pam and Mike Posson, Jane Engelhardt, and Judy and Charlie Easton.

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A photogenic perspective



The 4-H Building was a popular place to be on Saturday. Pictured (foreground) is Merry Jessup of Logan, who has been a photography judge for 20 years and (background) Staci Breiner of Norcatur, Open Class Photography Superintendent look over some pictures before giving their final judgement. There are hundreds of pictures on display for viewing at the 4-H Building.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Corn chowder soup recalled

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service has announced the recall of 94,850 pounds of corn chowder soup.

The recall is in response to reports from two consumers who found pieces of a marker in the soup product, said Karen Blakeslee, K-State Research and Extension food scientist.

The soup products were marketed under a variety of brands in several states. In Kansas, the recall involves Chef's Cupboard Chunk Chicken Corn Chowder. The 18.8-ounce cans are marked with a "best-by" date of March 1, 2014.

Consumers who have already purchased the products can return them to the point of purchase for a refund.

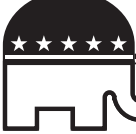
More information about the recall is available at www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/

Recall_043_2012.

More information about consumer food science and safety is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and online: www.rrc.ksu.edu.



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- ★ BS in Business Degree, Major in Accounting, 1985
- ★ Elected to office in November, 1996
- ★ Streamlined Tax Receiving with Bar Code System, 2001
- ★ Completed KCTA Educational Courses as Certified Finance Executive, 2003
- ★ Implemented Instructional Permits, Driver Education Restricted Licenses and Out-of-State Licenses, by appointment, Fall 2008

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Friday and Saturday - 7:00 p.m. ONLY
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Open House

408 N. Second, Norton

Sat., July 28
9:30-11:30 a.m.

PRICE REDUCED!!!

There really is not a good way to describe this house - you need to see it. From the marble kitchen floor, the three fireplaces to the cherry wood cabinets and trim.

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