

# OBITUARIES

## John 'Jack' Georgeson

Feb. 3, 1948 - Sept. 26, 2004

John Douglas "Jack" Georgeson, 56, died Sunday at his home in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Georgeson was born Feb. 3, 1948, in Norton, the son of Albert and Opal (Carpenter) Georgeson. He attended Lenora schools. On July 9, 1968 he married Neva Jo Whitney.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-1979 and was an adjuster for a roofing company. He had lived in Hays, Norton, and Taiwan before moving to Colorado Springs.

He married Kathy Mares on October 18, 2000, and they made their home in Colorado Springs.

He was baptized into the Congregational Church in Lenora.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Kathy Georgeson, Colorado

Springs; three daughters, Stacy and Trent Richmond; Jennifer and John Ruder; and Olivia and Jeremie Krehbiel, all of Norton; two brothers, Bill and Irene Georgeson, Lenora; and Max and Deanna Georgeson, Norton; one sister, Gail and Bill Brooks, Clayton; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8:30 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial will be in Lenora South Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the Jack Georgeson Memorial Fund, in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Shane Sell and Penni Britt

## Couple set to marry in January

Shane Sell and Penni Britt plan to marry on Jan. 15 in Norton.

Mr. Sell is the son of Duane and Janet Sell of Long Island.

Miss Britt is the daughter of Jean and the late Gerald "Sonny" Britt of Abilene.

He works at Nelson Farms and she works as a registered nurse for Norton Doctors Clinic, Colby Community College, and PRN Home Health.

## Norton club elects new officers

North Dividers Family and Community Education Unit met Sept. 17 at the home of Ruth Lofgreen with 10 members answering the roll call with a childhood memory.

Sherrill Wendel said that she was making six dozen cookies for the club for the Red Cross blood drive.

Newly elected officers are: President Donna Bantam, Vice-President Fleeta Hanlon, Secretary Marie Wendel and Treasurer Rose Mathes.

Ella Mae Schulze gave the lesson on "Our Neighbor's Food: Sitting At the Table". She said that 1 billion people suffer from hunger and malnutrition with 24,000 dying each day. Three-fourths of those are children under 5.

Members have set 9:30 a.m. Wednesday as their next sewing day. It will be at the 4-H Building.

The hostess gift was won by Marie Wendel.

The next meeting will be Friday, Oct. 15, at the Town and Country Kitchen.

## Almena club talks about favorite toys

President Adelia Wilnerd welcomed six members and a guest to the new year for the Almena Study Club at the Branding Iron II in Phillipsburg Sept. 9.

Following supper, Alberta Geil highlighted the new club books. Adelia conducted the business meeting and roll call was answered to "My Favorite Toy". The group adjourned following the collect and went to the Huck Boyd Center for a train demonstration by Bill Clarke.

## BIRTH

### Trustin Ragland

Jeremy and Rachelle Ragland, Minneapolis, Minn., are the parents of a son, Trustin Brylie Cole Ragland. He was born Sept. 12 at the Salina Regional Health Center weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Gloria Cole, Norton, and John and Sharie Ragland, Minneapolis.

Great-grandparents are Velda Brewster, Norton; Melvin Zuker, Minneapolis; and Frances Ragland, Hodgenville, Ky.

# Colored kitchen tools all the rage with collectors

Collectibles are as individual as individuals.

It is a constant source of amazement and amusement to talk with people about their particular passion. During many an auction I've watched with my mouth hanging open as bidders went to unprecedented lengths to obtain an item that was of value to only the winner and the loser.

The expression on the face of the winner is always worth the battle but my sympathies usually lie with the loser since I've been one so often myself.

A collectible category that takes years of time and patience to accumulate is that of a matched set of colored wooden-handled kitchen utensils. It all began about 20 years ago when children of the '50s became nostalgic about those red-handled kitchen tools they recalled from their mothers' kitchens.

Perhaps, they had a few of Mom's old favorites and had learned how sturdy the older tools were. However, they found that you couldn't make a decent sponge cake without that funny flat egg whip that Mom had. Perhaps they just liked red.

At any rate, red-handled tools became red-hot overnight and the antique dealers and flea market vendors scrambled to show and sell every one they could scrape up.

Then someone a bit older remembered green-handle kitchen tools and the rush was on to find what has become "1940s green". When green and red became hard to find and a bit high in price, collectors started looking for handles

## Collector Chat

Liza Deines



painted with ivory and narrow green stripes in combination with red.

The latest thing is the pink-handle utensil sets from the 1950s. One short-lived company even produced a line of charcoal gray and pink tools that are so scarce they are worth their weight in gold to avid '50s fans.

Just the other day, I found a mystery kitchen tool with an aqua blue handle. Maybe the next craze?

One of the major reasons these old tools are hard to find is those painted wooden handles. Paint peels off and some woods split after years of use and washing, especially when washed in the harsher detergents used years ago. Before dishwashing flakes and fluids came along, my mother made her homemade lye soap scraps into squishy soap gel for dishwashing.

No wonder wood and paint suffered, not to mention the hands that did the washing. Scarcity also resulted when the purchase of newer, trendier tools relegated the old faithfuls to the children's sandpile or the garden plot or the barn. If you were too poor or too thrifty to buy new, however, your contributions to today's collections are appreciated.

The early utensils were sturdier

in some ways but flimsier in others. Wooden handles didn't melt but they could scorch or warp. Tin bent, zinc corroded, pot metal pitted when used with salt. Eggbeaters with flexible wire loops fouled up easily.

Aluminum was touted as the best and newest on the market but it, too, had some drawbacks. Still a lot of those tools endured years of hard use in the days when cooking was almost a full-time job for the ordinary woman.

A pegboard arrangement of vintage color-handle tools brings a hint of history to your modern kitchen plus it's a sure-fire conversation starter.

"My grandma had one just like that" is heard again and again by the cooking utensil collector.

If only they could talk, there are a world of stories to be told by dented sifters, slightly mangled 'tater mashers, and worn down gravy-stirrin' spoons — years of meals made day in and day out, recipes that were roaring successes and those that were miserable flops, menus long-forgotten and holiday dinners we'll always remember.

Give those humble tools their due. They've earned it.

COLLECTOR TIP: Never, never repaint old wooden handles. Every little crackle and chip adds to the personality of a vintage tool. If you use your collection in your cooking, wash the metal parts but just wipe that old handle gently with a damp paper towel. Need I say a dishwasher is strictly forbidden for wooden handles? I didn't think so.

## Margie L. Hortenstine

Jan. 15, 1924 - Sept. 26, 2004

Margie L. Hortenstine, 80, died Sept. 26 at a Topeka hospital.

She was born Jan. 15, 1924, in Norton County near Logan, the daughter of Verl and Ethel (Loughry) DuBois.

She graduated from Norton Community High School with the class of 1940.

On Jan. 31, 1976, she married Daniel Hortenstine in Topeka. She was a member of the American Legion and Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Beulah Mapes, and brother, Duane DuBois.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Hortenstine, Topeka; a

daughter, Sherry McPherson, Topeka; five step-children; three grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hortenstine will lie in state today after 3 p.m. Her family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the chapel.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Lung Association, 4300 SW Drury Lane, Topeka, Kan. 66604.

Online condolences may be left at: www.penwellgabel.com.

## J. Bryan Laughlin

Aug. 14, 1946 - Sept. 7, 2004

James Bryan Laughlin, 58, formerly of Norton, died Sept. 7, at E.T. York Hospice House, Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. Laughlin was born in Norton on Aug. 14, 1946, to Harold and Genieva (Colip) Laughlin.

He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1964. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked at PCS Phosphate for 24 years.

He was a beekeeper and he loved to hunt.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, John L. Laughlin.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Laughlin, Lake City, Fla.; a son, Todd Laughlin, Tallahassee, Fla.;

a daughter, Jennifer Laughlin, Tallahassee; his father, Harold Laughlin, Norton; a step-son, Tommy Futch, Lake City; a brother, Gail Laughlin, Topeka; two sisters, Sharrol Urban, Wichita; Berneta Niblock; Stockton; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lake City with burial in the Gateway-Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lake City.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Suwannee Valley, Lake City Hospice House Building Fund, 618 SW Florida Gateway Drive, Lake City, Fla. 32024.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Lake City.

## Louise W. Nauer

Sept. 14, 1917-Sept. 25, 2004

Louise W. Nauer, 87, died Sept. 25 at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin.

Mrs. Nauer was born Sept. 14, 1917 in Byron, Neb., the daughter of Theodore and Sophia (Meyer) Duensing. She was a homemaker, mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Paul; brothers Edward Duensing, Edwin Duensing; and sister, Viola Behrens.

Survivors include: her son, Paul R. and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; daughters, Paula Nauer, Lenexa; Marie and Greg Miller, Dresden; Mary and Larry Miller, Dresden; Juli and Roy Kidder, Mead, Colo.;

sisters, Lydia and Elmer Wagner, Gresham, Ore.; and Clara and Raymond Thiele, Norton; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and from 8 a.m. to service time on Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton.

Funeral services are planned for 10:30 a.m., Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, New Almelo.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 814 N. 2nd, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## READERS

— Rt. 36 Flea Market open to 7 p.m. for Moonlight Madness 9/30. Reg. hrs. Mon. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 9/28

— Lenora United Parish Church Annual Bazaar Saturday, Oct. 2 serving begins 5 p.m. Drawing for quilt and gift certificate at 7:30 p.m. 9/28

— A soup luncheon, sponsored by the Methodist Church for Norton Cares will be Saturday, October 2, at the Norton Senior Center. Times are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Freewill offering. 9/28

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 9/28

## HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, director

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, Logan, will host a three-day painting workshop with master pastelist, Kaye Franklin.

Ms. Franklin instructed an oil and pastel class at the museum last fall and has been asked to return. She began her art career in 1975, while living in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She and her family moved to Graham, Texas, in 1979, and it was then that she began a serious quest for the best schools and instructors. Ms. Franklin studied at the Scottsdale Artist School and with Connecticut

artist William Henry Earle.

She has received many national awards and honors that have culminated in her recognition as master pastelist, and her election to signature membership in the Pastel Society of America and Oil Painters of America. She has taught in Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Italy and the Pacific Northwest. She has been featured in numerous publications including American Artists magazine and Best Pastels.

The elements in her artwork consist of light, color and focal point. She likes working with both pas-

tels and oils. Pastels show immediate results and they stay brilliant; oils allow you to create new colors from existing pigments. Instruction will be in both on varied subjects. Classes will be held on Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30, at the Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 West Main, Logan. The course is for intermediate to advanced artists.

The museum is open from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Saturday hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Sundays the museum is open 1-5 p.m.

## Family holds reunion in Norton

Labor Day weekend, the descendants of Norman and Laura (Ward) Strayer gathered in the community room of the Norton Municipal Building for their ninth family reunion.

The fried chicken dinner Saturday and the barbecue sandwich meal on Sunday, were both catered by Town and Country Kitchen.

Part of the festivities included celebrating the 60th birthday of Norman Strayer. Entertainment was provided by Troy and Kelly Leiker and Troy's father, Al Leiker of ThunderChord Guitars. Janice Strayer presented a comical skit.

Those attending from out-of-town were: Gladys Taylor, Jerry and Elizabeth Benoit, Melanie Benoit and Jessalyn, Salina; Eugene Taylor and Larry Taylor, Wichita; Joyce Hicks and Janice Strayer, Denver; Larry and Carla Chvatal, San Diego; Colleen Hardiek, Lexie and Gage, Hill City; Norman and Paula Strayer, Norcat; and Ralph and

Evelyn Strayer, Atwood.

Norton guests were: Ruby Strayer, Durant and Virginia Harvey, Christy Harvey and Autumn, Pat and Mary Ann Taylor, Doug and Sherry Strayer, Liberty Stephens, Kerri Chessmore,

Madison Stephens, Troy and Kelly Leiker, Al Leiker and Harold Curran. Francis Strayer was not able to attend.

The next Strayer reunion is planned for Labor Day weekend 2006.

## Annual reunion held Sept. 19

The annual Oronoque and Dellvale Reunion was held Sept. 19 at the Norton Senior Center.

Friends held a potluck dinner and fellowship. Some came from as far away as Kansas City and South Dakota.

Jim Rowh, Norton, entertained with tales of Dellvale. He also sang his original songs, written years ago. One was called, "The Mercantile of Dellvale".

Door prizes were won by Wava Ankenman, Floy Jacobson and Shirley Gallentine.

Beverly Miller, Shirley

Gallentine and Gene Wiltfong are officers for the next reunion which will be held Sept. 18, 2005, at the Norton Senior Center.

## MARKETS

At close of business Sept. 27

Wheat .....	\$3.12
White Wheat .....	\$3.10
Milo .....	\$2.97
Corn .....	\$1.94
Soybeans .....	\$4.71

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