

# DEATH NOTICE

## June B. Harbers

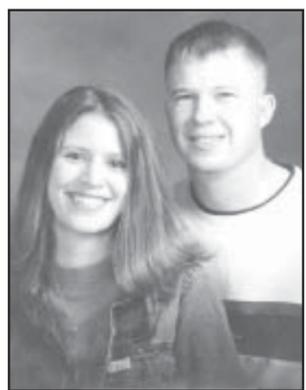
June 22, 1921 - Feb. 26, 2005

June B. Harbers, 83, Prairie View, died Saturday at Phillips County Hospital, Long Term Care, in Phillipsburg.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in the memorial chapel.

Memorials may be made to Prairie View Reformed Church or the Prairie View Senior Center and sent in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.



Carla Skrdlant and Derek Sumner

## Norcatur couple set April date

Carla Jean Skrdlant and Derek Ward Sumner, rural Norcatur, have set April 23 as the date for their wedding.

Miss Skrdlant is the daughter of Roger Skrdlant, Norton, and Tami Barnes, Goodland.

The grooms parents are Marlene and Ward Sumner, Norton.

Grandparents of the couple are Joyce Sumner, Norton, Howard Sumner, Norcatur, Jan McClelland and Helen and Walt Rohr, Goodland.

Both Miss Skrdlant and Mr. Sumner are graduates of Norton Community High School. She graduated in 1999 and he in 1995.

She attended Goodland Vocational Technical College where she studied business. Mr. Sumner studied auto collision repair at Manhattan Technical College.

He is the owner of Derek Sumner Trucking Co.

The wedding will take place at the Norton Christian Church.

# Collectibles are meant to be used and enjoyed

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



Recently I gave a very special bride a very special piece of old glass and her first response was, "Dare I use it?"

Perhaps not on a day-to-day, peanut butter sandwich basis, but yes, yes, yes, even valuable antique collectibles are meant to be enjoyed through judicious use.

A popular television cooking show host is a firm advocate of multi-tasking kitchen implements.

He refuses to have anything in his kitchen that cannot be used in at least three or four food preparations. I feel somewhat the same way about collectibles in that I believe lovely objects are to be used, not simply admired.

Superior multi-task potential lies in the collection of dresser boxes from the 1800s. All kinds of things can be tucked into these handy containers for storage, safekeeping or concealment. At a time when closets were a new-fangled luxury and bureaus were not very large or roomy, dresser boxes were an important accessory for the well-dressed lady or gentleman. A few of these old-timers grouped by a common color or theme will provide attractive storage as well as preserving some heritage.

Collar and cuff boxes were a necessity to keep a guy looking spiffy. Some had little drawers for collar studs. Some had templates to loop collars and cuffs around to keep them crisp. Almost all were lined in ruffled satin or silk. Tooled leather, carved wood or decorated celluloid were all favored materials for collar boxes. They are much desired by collectors today and difficult to find in good condition.

Celluloid deteriorated, leather cracked, hinges broke and with time and use fabric linings frayed

or shredded. Don't pass up an unusual collar box because of a little bit of damage. You might look forever for one in perfect condition.

On every lady's dressing table was a glove box, sometimes part of a celluloid vanity set but more often padded satin, hand-painted porcelain, milk glass or wood-burned. Long and narrow and seldom more than two to three inches deep, these boxes were designed to keep gloves fresh and unwrinkled. In reality, they often concealed love letters or a precious pressed flower or two under those gloves. The wood-burned boxes had hinged lids attached with tiny brass fittings and were a stylish gift for a gentleman to give a lady. If he did the woodburning himself the box might have his love's name and perhaps a flowery sentiment surrounded by roses and violets. Who wouldn't enjoy the memories one of those could call to mind?

The handkerchief box is another collectible category with a lot of storage possibilities.

Clear up into the 1940s, women carried pretty hankies. Handkerchief boxes were one of those clas-

sic Mother's Day gifts. Sometimes they were purchased on travels as souvenirs. Many were carved wooden boxes embellished with a colorful mountain scene glued onto the center of the lid and a mirror inside that lid. Some were cedar scented, others relied on the sachets of the owner to scent the contents. They were usually large and rectangular, at least four inches deep, and so are very useful containers now just as they were for our mothers.

One of my boxes houses prescriptions, one has my cell phone and attendant paraphernalia, one holds stamps and address labels, one organizes counter top clutter in the bathroom, one holds little makeup bits and pieces, several hold small collectible groups that are only displayed at certain holidays, one even has Tootsie Rolls as a surprise for visiting children.

My newest valued collection is tucked into my prettiest box.

It is the letters sent to me by my readers. I delight in hearing from you, your comments, your memories, your suggestions, even your critiques. Thanks to each of you that care enough to share your thoughts. Please keep writing. There's still space in my box.

MY MAMA SAID: A phone call is nice but you can keep a letter in your apron pocket (or your handkerchief box) and read it again and again.

# BIRTHS

## Olivia Grace Miller

Olivia Grace Miller was born Feb. 1 at Norton County Hospital to Aaron Miller and Kara Maddy. She weighed 7 pounds, 3.6 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Her grandparents are David and Patsy Maddy and Richard and

Tammy Miller of Norton.

Great-grandparents are Andrew and Betty Zillinger of Phillipsburg and James and Suzann Maddy and Ken and Eunice Neiltopp of Norton.

## Cauy Robert Preitauer

Dustin and Tresadi Preitauer, Stamford, Neb., are the parents of a son, Cauy Robert Preitauer. He was born Feb. 15 in Kearney weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

He has an older sister, Brecken,

2 1/2.

Grandparents are Bob Smith, Norton; John Preitauer, Stamford; and Freda Rima, Lincoln, Neb.

Great-grandparents are Clair and Louise Swank, Colby.

# READERS

— **Steak and seafood nights, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 3/1**

Linda Wahlmeier, owner of the American Family Insurance Agency in Norton, has earned the American Family Life Insurance Co. award for the 15th year.

Mrs. Wahlmeier has been an agent with the company for 19 years and has achieved many top sales honors. Her office is at 111 W. Washington, Norton.

Dec. 6 Dan Ambrosini began his position with Nex-Tech Wireless, a member of the Sprint alliance, as operations manager in Hays. He earned a bachelors degree in ac-

counting from Morehead State University. He lives in Hays with his wife Susan and their three children.

— **PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, Norton American Legion. 3/1**

Brian Brungardt is a switch technician with Nex-Tech Wireless, a member of the Sprint Alliance as of Jan. 24. Mr. Brungardt previously worked for Time Warner Telecom and MCI. He lives in Byers, Colo., with his wife Krista and their three children.

Rural Telephone has hired Kelly Day as a construction assistant in Lenora. He had been working part-time since October and started full-time Feb. 13. He attended Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, and lives in Lenora with his wife Andrea and their two children.

# 4-H NEWS

By **TIMOTHY BECKER**  
The Busy Jayhawker 4-H Club held its monthly meeting Feb. 20 at Rainbow Lanes in Norton. Because bowling was planned for recreation, members guessed what their score would be for roll

call. During the meeting, Abbie Smith told about her 4-H projects, including latch hook. The next meeting will be a taco party on Sunday, March 20, at the 4-H Building

## Norton senior will go to nation's capitol

Norton Community High School senior Lacey Ninemire, Lenora, will travel to Washington March 12-19 as part of the Presidential Classroom Program.

The program makes it possible for the top high school juniors and seniors across the country to have access to the men and women, who shape America's public policy.

During her stay in the nation's capital, she will meet members of Congress, military officials, top business leaders and journalists and presidential appointees. She will visit the White House, the U.S. Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery.

Miss Ninemire is the daughter

of Jim and Peggy Ninemire, Lenora.

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Soybeans .....	\$5.55

**Legislative Town Hall Meeting**  
With Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. John Faber  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2005**  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m., Norton, Town & Country Kitchen  
Pd. by Ostmeyer for Senate, Lori Edward, Treasurer and Rep. John Faber, Myrna Faber, Treasurer

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## NEW ALMELO

By **BETTY OTTER**  
Loyal and Helen McKenna of Lyons visited Allie and Ruth Vahling recently. They and Mrs. Vahling attended the funeral services of their aunt, Ruby McKenna at Oberlin with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo. After services, visitors at the Vahling home were Darrel and Alice Barnett, Norcatur, Brian and Jennifer McKenna, Leota Goss, Mark and Rick McKenna all of Norton.

Steve and Janice Richards, Albuquerque, N.M., spent several days in New Almelo. They came

to visit her mother, Sophia Otter at the hospital in Norton. Raleigh Marie Shellito was born Feb. 11 in Wichita. Her parents are Dustin and Joni Shellito, Winona. She has a sister, Lexus. Grandparents are Bridgett Otter, New Almelo and the late Doug Otter; Randy and Marlene Shellito, Dave and Linda Porter, Winona. Great-grandparents are Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo; George Jones, Norton, Huston and Joann Shellito and Jerry Link. Great-great-grandparents are Vern and Fern Jones, Norton and Virginia Capps.

*Cyrus Hall McCormack*




Richard Cyrus Hall McCormack, son of Rennie and Maude Wyatt McCormack, was born July 22, 1931 on his grandparents homestead north of Norton. He spent his childhood on the farm and attended the Pleasant View District School, the same school his father had attended. He moved with his family to McCook, NE and later moved with his family to Englewood, CO. He attended Englewood High School and enjoyed being the pitcher for the school's baseball team. In 1947 Cyrus moved to Modesto, California with his sister, Maxine. He graduated from the Modesto High School in 1948.

He worked with his brother, Royal surveying in the Midwestern states. He returned to Modesto and on June 3, 1950 he and Mary Sue Adkins were married. Their home for 52 years was Ceres, California. Their two children are Marjorie and Michael.

Cyrus started his work as the youngest surveyor in Stanislaus County and continued being the oldest active surveyor at the time of his death. Many areas of the California Valley, the mountains and Western Nevada were places that saw Cyrus's work. He trained many students in the surveying profession. In later years he was learning new ways in surveying from his former students. He was interested in the computer and other up-to-date ways of surveying. Cyrus received the honor of having a street in Modesto, CA named after him.

Cyrus's hobbies were gardening, golfing and enjoying his grandchildren, Amy, Beth and Matt. He enjoyed returning to Norton County to see friends and relatives and special visits to the old farm home north of Norton.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter Marjorie and husband Joe Perez, his son Michael, grandchildren Amy Bruton, Beth McCormack and Matt McCormack, his sister Maxine Carr, sisters-in-law Ann McCormack and Mary McCormack and brother-in-law Don Shepard and other relatives, friends and co-workers.

Preceding Cyrus in death were his wife Mary Sue; his parents; three brothers: Max, Rex and Royal; two sisters: Wynne Piele and Evelyn Shepard; and one brother-in-law Richard Piele.

Funeral services were held on February 19, 2005 at the Franklindowns Chapel in Ceres, CA. Burial services were at the Ceres Memorial Park.

*Card of Thanks*

My sincere thanks for the visits, calls, and cards I received at the time of the death of my brother, Cyrus McCormack. Your thoughtfulness is helpful at this time. I shall miss my brother so very much.

~ Maxine Carr

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