

# OBITUARIES

## Marvin R. Bailey

Nov. 13, 1924 - Oct. 5, 2006

Marvin Ray Bailey, 81, Jennings, died Oct. 5 at Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin.

Mr. Bailey was born Nov. 13, 1924, in rural Kanona, the son of Ray William and Mabel Kate (Ruebesom) Bailey. He attended schools in Kanona and Norcatgur.

He and Norma Marie Green were married Sept. 27, 1947, in Oberlin.

He was a member of the Kanona Methodist Church, Altory Township Trustee Board and the Kanona School Board. He was a farmer and lived all his life on the Bailey farmstead, except for 10 years in Norcatgur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Merle Bailey; a sister, Pearl VanSickler; and a son-in-law, Syl Golka.

Survivors include two sons, Chris and Karen Bailey,

Norcatgur and Heath Lee Bailey, Larned; two daughters, Sharroll Golka, Cozad, Neb., and Sheila and Robert Martin, West Lake Village, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday at Pauls Funeral Home Oberlin with Dewayne Jackson officiating. Dr. Gary Fredrickson was the organist. He accompanied Andrea Bailey as she sang, "Daddy's Hands" and the congregation as they sang "On Eagles' Wings".

Casket Bearers were Denton Bailey, Jon Batchelder, Gabe Bromm, Dan Ortmeier, Ron Montgomery and Rusty Montgomery. Burial was in the Norcatgur Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Norcatgur Cemetery Fund in care of The Bank, 101 S. Decatur Avenue, Norcatgur, Kan. 67653.

## William A. Voss

March 27, 1914 - Oct. 8, 2006

William Alfred Voss, 92, died Sunday at his home in Norton.

The son of Peter and Clara (Shewey) Voss, he was born March 27, 1914, in rural Norton County.

He graduated from the Norton Community High School in 1932. He graduated from Ft. Hays State College in 1936, and received his Master's Degree from Colorado State College of Education in 1949. He taught school in Hill City and Plainville, where he met his future wife.

On July 30, 1943, he and Marjorie E. Bieber were married in Bison. They made their home in Norton and taught school in Edmond until 1949, when they moved to Alton. In 1957, they moved to Natoma, and in 1959, moved to Stockton. They returned to Norton in 1985. Mrs. Voss died Oct. 31, 1986.

Mr. Voss was a member of the First United Methodist Church in

Norton, Order of Eastern Star, Rotary Past President, Noble in Isis Temple, and Phi Delta Kappa. He also served on various other boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Nellie, and two brothers, Keith and Kermit.

Survivors include: his son, Jon and Diane Voss, Stockton; and two grandsons, Scott and Shaw Voss.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Norton First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Norton Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to Norton County Home Health Care, 801 N. Norton or the Norton Senior Center, 208 W. Main, both Norton, Kansas, 67654.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

# HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON

Our current exhibit is "Sandzen and the New Land". This traveling exhibition presents the art of Birger Sandzen (1871-1954), the founding father of painting in Kansas. This exhibition represents works from the two collections of the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg: the Birger Sandzen Memorial Foundation Collection of Art and the Margaret S. Greenough Trust Art Collection. The exhibition includes over 55 oil paintings, watercolors and prints. The work was produced during the years 1891 through 1950.

Life in the "New Land" for Birger Sandzen began more than 110 years ago, in 1894 at the age of 23, when he came to Kansas. Mr. Sandzen's new homeland became an important part of his life and soul as an artist. He did not hesitate to express in his art an abiding enjoyment, which resulted in the completion of nearly 3,000 oils by the end of his life in 1954.

Graham County, was the source of many paintings, prints and drawings by him. His wife's parents Eric and Charlotte Leksell lived on a farm near Bogue from 1906 to 1920. Frequent visits to the

farm by the artist and his family, even after the Leksells moved to Lindsborg, allowed for sketching and painting of landscapes with outcroppings of limestone, Wild Horse Creek and rolling hillsides.

He describes the area: "Wild Horse Creek is a wonderfully picturesque creek, with trees, limestone banks and background hills. I have spent several summers there and I have done about 300 studies in and near the creek. To learn landscape painting there is nothing like simple primitive motifs where the artist can study nature in the nude."

When his daughter Margaret noted that the Graham County land wasn't much good for farming, he replied, "That doesn't matter. It has some of the most beautiful limestone in Kansas."

The Museum's October "Artist of the Month" is Gloria Harris of Stockton. Ms. Harris has a variety of quilted Christmas wall hangings, Christmas tree skirts and Barbie doll clothes.

Please check out our website. The address is [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org). If you have any questions please e-mail us at [hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net](mailto:hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net).

## Head volleyball coach talks to Lions Club

Head volleyball coach at Norton Community High School, Chuck Zimmerman, spoke to the Norton Lions club at last Tuesday's noon meeting.

Coach Zimmerman said he has instituted the trainer concept into his coaching staff and Peggy Cox and Jill Scott are his two trainers.

The coach said Norton played an extremely tough schedule and the team has worked very hard.

He explained some of the rule changes that went into effect this year. He said a coach may now make substitutions 18 times instead of only three.

The coach praised all the players both varsity and junior varsity one and junior varsity two. He said the team has the skills and their play has progressed very well.

- In other business the Lions:
  - Learned the park benches were ready to be set
  - Asked for volunteers to help with the pancake feed scheduled for 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Norton Senior Center.



C. Zimmerman

## Musial Break theme of upcoming meeting

Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the October dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Town and Country Kitchen, E. US-36, Norton. 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 Oct. 17.

"You Deserve A Break Today" is the theme for the evening. "Enjoy a Musical Break", presented by Todd Toman and Mary Allen, Hill

City, is the special music for the evening.

The special guest speaker for the evening is Phyllis Kosley, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ms. Kosley, a bell collector and line dance enthusiast, will "Brighten Your World" as she speaks on being frazzled or focused.

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.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

# Yesterday's practical, today's collectible

As the evenings draw in chilly and dark, we simply turn up our automatic thermostats. Years ago, however, it meant a morning of work moving the cast iron heating stove into the house and polishing it up with stove blacking. Down came the flue covers and up went the stove pipes with much clanking and mumbling before they were properly jammed into the circular hole that led to the chimney. Sufficient ventilation was thus provided so the fire in the stove would draw efficiently.

All summer the unsightly hole had been neatly covered with a circular picture called a flue cover. Flue covers were so pretty many housewives hated to put them away and hung them elsewhere for the winter months. They are still pretty and very collectible. Surprisingly, there are enough around that prices are reasonable.

Manufacturers made a couple of styles of this household essential. An early Sears catalog shows them selling for fifteen cents each. One version was simply a light metal disk with a paper picture glued on the front and a pair of springy metal loops at the back. The metal loops were forced into the hole and released, holding the disk against the wall. The disadvantage of this design was that it sometimes enlarged or tore the edge of the already rough-cut opening.

A bit more elegant and expensive, at twenty cents, each were glass-fronted paintings framed in a metal ring with a small chain attached. These were simply hung on a nail over the chimney hole. Occasionally one can be found with reverse painting on the glass. If you find one of those, grab it — they are hard to find because they were so fragile. Either way, it was a rare home in early days that didn't have at least one flue cover in the parlor during the summer when the heating stove and pipes were relegated to the barn.

The art work that perked up this utilitarian object often featured flirtatious Victorian ladies in big

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



lacy hats with plumes or cozy country lanes and cottages. Pretty children, kittens and flowers were easily available. Ladies liked the romantic themes while hunting dogs, antlered stags, fish and red-coated fox hunting parties were found in barbershops or pool halls where men congregated. The most stylish and desirable design was any view from Egypt. Pyramids, palm trees and sphinx were tip-top style in the 1930s, found in glass, fabric, wallpaper and, of course, flue covers.

The small circumference of these nine-inch paintings makes them work beautifully in group arrangements or hung alone on a narrow wall. One of the most impressive uses I have seen was a graduated row of lovely lady portraits hung up a stair well, draped with gold cord, tassels and trimmed with small rose buds. If you've only a couple to display try hanging them to serve as drapery tiebacks. Many collectors choose to buy one subject, say only kittens or only flowers. Not enough for a full group? Try a mixed group while you have fun searching for your unique choices.

Fall is prime auction season. It's not too hot, not too cold, no snow yet but still chilly enough for auction chili, not to mention homemade pie. Why not start your Christmas shopping early this year at a local auction? Who knows — you might find a flue cover.

SAD FAREWELL: How we will miss Velma Holtze's and Vivian Jansonius', newsy correspondent columns. I sure hope their torch will be passed on to some civic-minded community volunteer. Also, that they were issued typewriters as soon as they got to Heaven.

## Local woman selected for Silver Haired Legislature

Ramona Pabian, Norton, recently returned from Topeka where she participated in the 24th Annual Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. The organization, established by the Kansas Legislature, consists of individuals, 60 and older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions that are of interest to Kansas seniors and their families.

The 2006 Silver Haired Legislature considered and recommended legislation pertaining to: policies to recruit and train volunteer ombudsmen and friendly advocates to provide services in all areas of the state; require monies received under the tobacco litigation settlement to be deposited to the credit of the Health Care for Seniors Fund; and to provide for

5 per cent of the proceeds of the sales or compensating use tax imposed on sales transactions by Kansas residents through the internet, telephone or other electronic means to be credited to a Health Care for Seniors Fund.

Mrs. Pabian is the director of the Norton Senior Center and the Norton CARES program. She is also a volunteer for the Prairie Land Food program.

## MARKETS

At close of business Oct. 6

Wheat	\$4.85
Milo	\$2.65
Corn	\$2.71
Soybeans	\$4.92

# READERS

**- PINOCHLE Tournament, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Norton American Legion. 10/10**

Sylvia Holmes, a 2004 graduate of Northern Valley High School, recently graduated from the College of Hair Design in Lincoln, Neb. The graduation ceremony was held at the Cornhusker/Marriott Hotel in Lincoln.



S. Holmes

Miss Holmes has earned a barber license from the State of Nebraska. She is a past cosmetology graduate of the college and

now has licenses to practice in both areas.

She is the daughter of Bill and Jo Holmes, Almena.

The family of Cleo Elder is hosting an open house for his 85th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 21 in Stockton. Mr. Elder worked at the Coca-Cola plant in Norton for more than 30 years.

The rubber track surface at Travis Field, Norton, is being replaced. Work is expected to be completed by Oct. 13.

During that time, the track will be closed to the public. The school administration appreciates your cooperation during this time.

# BIRTH

## Levi Michael Bates

Dan and Traci Bates, Lee's Summit, Mo., are the parents of their first child, Levi Michael, born Sept. 9 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Over-



Levi Bates

land Park. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Rod and Cheryl Bates, Oakley and Roger and Jan McCollough, Randall.

Great-grandparents are Maynard and Juanita Trumpp, Leonardville and Edna Paden, Norton.

**VOTE**

**RICHARD THOMPSON**

Republican Candidate for...

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I**

PD. POL. ADV. BY BRIAN THOMPSON, TREASURER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13—**  
1:00 P.M. TILL 8:00 P.M.  
Saturday Appointments Also Available

**OPEN HOUSE**

Home for Sale by Owner—Located at 607 W. Wilberforce  
Sellers will be holding an Open House on Fri., Oct. 13 for this Ranch Style Home with 4 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, Double Car Garage, Deck, Sprinkler System.  
APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 785-445-3705

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