

OBITUARIES

Morris E. Metheny Sept. 24, 1928 - Nov. 28, 2007

Morris Elry Metheny, 79, McPherson, formerly of the Densmore area, died Nov. 28. in McPherson

Mr. Metheny was born Sept. 24, 1928, in Morland, the son of John Daniel and Ila (Wanamaker) Metheny.

He attended grade school in Densmore and graduated from Bogue High School in 1946.

On June 3, 1950, he married Cecilia A. Edgett in Norton. They made their first home in Atwood.

Through the years, Mr. Metheny worked as a farmer, construction work building elevators, construction of Busboom and Rauh Construction Company on school houses and churches, worked for Rhodes Construction building school houses and churches, custodian for the Ness City High

School, and started working for Certain-Teed Corporation in 1967, until his retirement in 1994, when he was a Leadman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Laird Metheny; three sisters, Elenor Milner, Mary Newcome and Norma Catron; and a great-grandson, Issiah Malcom Metheny.

Friends are invited to call until 8 p.m. this evening at Glidden-Ediger Chapel, 222 West Euclid, McPherson, 67460-4207.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Chaplain Scott Watford will officiate. Private family inurnment of the cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Association or Hospice Care of Kansas.

Gladys R. Meyers Sept. 21, 1909 - Nov. 27, 2007

Gladys Ruth Meyers, 98, died at her home in Norton on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The daughter of Homer and Edith (Albin) Applegate, she was born Sept. 21, 1909, in Norton County.

She graduated from the Norton Community High School and attended Normal Training School in Chicago.

On Aug. 5, 1931, she and Harry Meyers were married in Sharon Springs. In 1941, they obtained the farm near Norton where they made their home for 44 years. In 1985, they moved into Norton. Mr. Meyers died Sept. 2, 2002.

She was a member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren and the Coe-Z Club.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, her husband, four brothers, one sister, and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include: two sons, Jerry and Sylvia Meyers, Des Moines, Iowa and Richard and Janet Meyers, Norton; three daughters, Joan and Anthony Knoll, Norton, Shirley and Sherman Blocher, Lincoln, Neb., and Carolyn and Larry Putz, Hays; 24 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to Norton County Home Health. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Dorothy M. Thomas March 2, 1923 - Nov. 28, 2007

Dorothy M. Thomas, 84, Westminster, Colo., formerly of Norton, died at her son's home in Westminster on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

The daughter of William F. and Nellie Fern (Lawrence) Smeltzer, she was born March 2, 1923, in Dighton.

She graduated from Dighton High School. She also attended Fort Hays State College and received her Teacher's Certificate.

On Dec. 14, 1944, she and Louis "Bud" Thomas were married in Dighton. They made their home south of Dighton until 1960, when they bought a farm and moved south of Norton. Mrs. Thomas was a department manager for J.C. Penney in Norton for 20 years before retiring. Her husband died Dec. 11, 1993.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Nor-

ton and the Eagles Auxiliary. She was involved in the community singles' dances and enjoyed bingo. Her greatest love was her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Ernest and Kenneth Smeltzer and one sister, Wanda Bartlett.

Survivors include: her son, James, and Patricia Thomas, Westminster; and two grandchildren, Jada and Jared Thomas.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Enfield's. Burial will be in the Dighton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718.

Van De Wege family met in Long Island

Members of the Van De Wege family recently gathered at the Long Island home of Conrad and Roxanne Cox for Thanksgiving dinner.

Attending from out-of-state were: Mike, Shawna, Todd and Scott Karl, Brighton, Colo., Cameron, Jennifer, Lauren and Dax Epard, Scottsdale, Ariz., Jake, Andrea and Jennings Sloan, St. Joseph, Mo., and LaNell Cox, Liberty Mo. In-state guests were: Arlo

Wurm, Oberlin; Shane, Kristi, Valerie and Katie Wurm, St. Francis; Stanton, Rochelle, Alexandra and Victoria Wurm, Lebo; Keene Wurm, John Gunzelman and Joe, Kristen and Gracie Sloan, Hays; Libby Curry and Rich and Neva Epard, Colby; Harlan Van De Wege, Prairie View; and Karyn Gunzelman, Sylvan Grove.

Attending from Norton was Rosetta McFarland.

BIRTH

Landon James Ediger

Brandy Kauten and Beau Ediger, McPherson, are the parents of a son, Landon James Ediger, born Sept. 18 at Salina Regional Health Center. Landon weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Landon has a



Landon Ediger

brother, Braeden, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Patty Kauten, Norton and Ed and Jeanne Ediger, McPherson.

Great-grandmothers are Annie Kauten, Norton and Vi Ediger, McPherson.

Cleanliness is key to stopping MRSA

In recent days we have been hearing of the possibility of school students being infected with a resistant type of skin infection. Here is a little information about Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Skin Infection (MRSA) which comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

In schools or in the community, most MRSA infections are skin infections that may appear as pustules or boils which often are red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. These skin infections commonly occur at sites of visible skin trauma, such as cuts and abrasions, and areas of the body covered by hair (back of neck, groin, buttock, armpit, beard area of men).

Almost all MRSA skin infections can be effectively treated by drainage of pus with or without antibiotics. More serious infections, such as pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or bone infections, are very rare in healthy people who get MRSA skin infections.

MRSA is usually transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that have come into contact with someone else's infection through contact with towels or bandages, etc.

MRSA skin infections can occur anywhere. However, some settings have factors that make it easier for MRSA to be transmitted. These factors, referred to as the 5 C's, are as follows: crowding, frequent skin-to-skin contact, compromised skin (cuts and abrasions), contaminated items and surfaces, and lack of cleanliness.

Locations where the 5 C's are common include schools, dormitories, military barracks, households, correctional facilities, and daycare centers.

You can protect yourself by:

- Practicing good hygiene (keeping your hands clean by washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and showering immediately after participating in exercise);
- Covering skin trauma such as abrasions or cuts with a clean dry bandage until healed;
- Avoiding sharing personal items (towels, razors) that come into contact with your bare skin; and using a barrier (clothing or a towel) between your

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skin and shared equipment such as weight-training benches;

• Maintaining a clean environment by establishing cleaning procedures for frequently touched surfaces and surfaces that come into direct contact with people's skin.

If you think you might have a MRSA skin infection, first see your family doctor. Then cover your wound. Keep wounds that are draining or have pus covered with clean, dry bandages until healed. Follow your doctor's instructions on proper care of the wound. Pus from infected wounds can contain staph, including MRSA, so keeping the infection covered will help prevent the spread to others. Bandages and tape can be discarded with the regular trash.

Clean your hands frequently. You, your family, and others in close contact should wash their hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially after changing the bandage or touching the infected wound.

Do not share personal items. Avoid sharing personal items, such as towels, washcloths, razors, clothing, or uniforms, that may have had contact with the infected wound or bandage. Wash sheets, towels, and clothes that become soiled with water and laundry detergent. Use a dryer to dry clothes completely.

For further information you may want to visit the following web sites: www.cdc.gov/Features/MRSAInSchools www.cdc.gov/Features/MRSAInSchools/.

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DEATH NOTICE

Sandra R. DeBoer Oct. 18, 1959 - Nov. 27, 2007

Sandra Rae DeBoer, 48, Prairie View, died Nov. 27 at Phelps County Memorial Hospital in Holdrege, Neb.

Funeral services were held today at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg. Burial was

in the Prairie View Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Assembly of God Church. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

The News You Need

The Norton Telegram

MARKETS

At close of business Nov. 29

Wheat.....	\$8.56
Milo	\$3.46
Corn.....	\$3.61
Soybeans	\$9.99

Did you buy locally?

The Mystic Moonstone has great gifts to buy year round!

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Extended Hours on Thurs. and Fri until 9 p.m.
OPEN MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
213 S. Kansas, Norton, Kansas
874-4418

Buy Holiday Goodies at the Cookie and Candy Walk

Wed., December 5
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
H & R Block Office
103 S. State, Norton
(Across from the Chamber of Commerce Office)

Also Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee for Your Coffee Break
SPONSORED BY: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Jail Log

Nov. 16 — Randall S. Bantam, Norton, serving 48 hours, released Nov. 18.

Nov. 21 — Bobby Heskett, Burlington, Colo., 2 warrants out of Colorado, released Nov. 25.

Nov. 28 — Carlos Valencia, Norton, warrant out of Colorado.

Municipal Court

There were no transactions reported from the offices of Municipal Court for the week.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Sept. 16 — Brad C. Mixan, Papillion, Neb., speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

Sept. 28 — Jeffery L. Hobbs, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$66.

Sept. 30 — Melissa S. Hilton, Liberal, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$66.

Oct. 10 — Leroy W. Johnson, Edgar, Neb., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$84, court cost \$66

Oct. 11 — Zachariah Wayne Larison, Long Island, speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone and failure

to wear seatbelt, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

Oct. 11 — Elizabeth Jane Bacon, Sedalia, Colo., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$66.

Oct. 13 — David R. Vick, Oberlin, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone and failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$96, court cost \$66.

Oct. 18 — James C. Glenemeier, Logan, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$66.

Oct. 19 — Troy Lynn Blankenship, Springtown, Texas, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$66.

Oct. 26 — Jose G. Flores, Kearney, Neb., defective tail lamp on motor vehicle and driving a commercial vehicle without a CDL, fine \$180, court cost \$66.

Oct. 26 — Pamela S. Thomas, McDonald, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$66

Oct. 27 — James R. Vogel, Omaha, Neb., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$66.

Oct. 29 — Cory D. Banzhaf, Pleasanton, Neb., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$66.

Oct. 30 — Lawrence Alan Dupont, Plainview, Texas, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$66.

Nov. 1 — Shannon S. Stewart, Phillipsburg, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, 14 hour violation, fine \$100, court cost \$66.

Nov. 7 — Lelia M. Hall, Lenora, speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$72, court cost \$66.

Nov. 13 — Leroy D. Smith, Burwell, Neb., speeding 70 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

READERS

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Myron Veh and Alberta Slaby; and tied for second were the teams of Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton

and Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges.

The 12 Days of Christmas winners for Nov. 26 are: Carol Olliff who registered at *The Norton Telegram* and Donna Foley who registered at Twice Sold Treasures.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Wayne and Louise Cressler left Jennings Friday morning and drove to Council Grove to visit their daughter, Gwen and Jeff Anderson and family. Granddaughters Megan Faris, Jessica and Ben Lemmons and Gabriel, Manhattan, also visited. Wayne and Louise were making the acquaintance of their latest great-grandchild, Gabriel, who is two months old. All woke up Saturday morning to a beautiful snow. We returned home Sunday evening to find Jennings had received snow also.

The Tuesday Study Club met at the Teller Room in Oberlin Nov. 20. Abby Hissong joined them for lunch. She told us about the Jaycees Angel Tree project, its history and how it works. She then helped us choose three children. Joan, Lynn and Joni will do

the shopping. All members will bring gift wrapping items to use at the December meeting. Members present, Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Helen Rhodes, Helen Muirhead, Joan McKenna, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha, shared "yarns" for roll call. Cards were signed for Wilma Mader and Vendla Tacha who are in the hospital. With no further business, Helen adjourned the meeting to Carolyn Burtis' home for a demonstration of primitive rug hooking. We also got a tour of her home that will be included in the Oberlin Holiday Home Tour. Carolyn generously treated each of us to an ornament she had hooked.

Dec. 2, there will be a Potluck Dinner after services at the United Methodist Church. Afterwards we will decorate the church for the holidays.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Thursday, December 6
2:00-4:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
COME JOIN IN GAMES, REFRESHMENT AND PRIZES

Nov. 30- Dec. 5

Showing at the

NORTON THEATRE

Fred Claus

2 Hours, 9 Minutes (PG)
Movie Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.; M-T-W at 7 p.m.

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PREMIER MOVIE PRICE OF \$7.00 AND \$6.00 FOR BOTH MOVIES

Coming Soon:
Dec. 7 - Beowulf • Dec. 14 - Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (PG)
Dec. 14 - Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) • Dec. 21 - National Treasure: Book of Secrets

Let's Go to the Movie

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