

OBITUARIES

Maranda L. Kester April 3, 1984 - May 4, 2008

Maranda Lynn Kester, 24, Phillipsburg, died Wednesday, May 14, at the Phillips County Hospital, Phillipsburg.

She was born April 3, 1984, in Alma, Neb., the daughter of Richard L. and Linette A. (Vahle) Conner.

Mrs. Kester was a 2002 graduate of Northern Valley High School. She studied to become a Certified Nurse's Aide and worked at the Phillips County Hospital.

On July 13, 2002, she and Nathaniel L. Kester were married in Long Island.

She is survived by her husband, Nathan; two daughters, Harley Drew Kester and Sierra Ann Kester, all of the home; a step-daughter, Hayleigh Faye Miree Vahle of Kensington; her parents, Richard and Linette Conner, Long Island; two brothers, Randal West and Gary Conner, both of Phillipsburg; three sisters, Mary Annette Bohl, Phillipsburg, Doris May Cooper, Avon, Ind. and Tina Marie Conner, Missouri; maternal grandparents, Don and Beulah Vahle; aunt and uncle, LaDonna and Kevin Hilburn, Long Island; her best friend and sister By Say, Tressie and Darwin McReynolds of Kensington.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 19 at the Long Island United Methodist Church with the Reverend Dean Gilbert

officiating. Musical selections included, "One More Day" and "I Can Only Imagine".

Casket bearers were Chris Muir, Joel Laurin, Jon Yocum, Brandon Gitchel, Ricky Gitchel, Brian Shrader, Michael Kats, Adam Kenney and Brandon Kibbee. Honorary bearers were the Class of 2002.

Burial was in the Long Island Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg.

Card of Thanks

We can't begin to thank everyone who has offered comfort and support to our family since Maranda's death. Our deepest appreciation for all of the cards and calls, your hugs and prayers, the food and meals you've provided, the flowers and gifts and the memorial contributions so generously given. Your friendship and compassion has been a source of strength for all of us.

Very special thanks to the Phillips County EMS, the doctors and staff at the hospital and to Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel. Special thanks, also, to the Long Island community and the ladies from the Long Island United Methodist Church for preparing a luncheon after the service.

The family of
Maranda Lynn Kester



Presenting.....the first ever graduating class of 211 Learning Center, Heaven Peters, left, and Jessica Nichols. The two received their diplomas Wednesday evening in commencement exercises.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

211 Learning Center graduates first class

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Both members of the first graduating class of the 211 Learning Center marched down the aisles Wednesday evening at East Campus Auditorium to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance". The class members are Heaven Peters and Jessica Nichols.

Accompanying the class was director of the learning center, Dana Kelly. Mrs. Kelly welcomed the audience to the commencement ceremony and congratulated both women on their hard work and accomplishing their goals. She gave special thanks to her assistant, Sherry Hoover.

She explained that the center is for anyone wishing to obtain their high school diploma. She said all the work is done on computers and that students work at their own pace.

Miss Nichols shared some of her

"Thoughts" on her graduation day and then sang a solo, "Wind Beneath My Wings", accompanied by Cindy Mordecai.

Norton Community High School principal Rudy Perez addressed the graduates and related their struggles to the theme of his speech, "Persistence". Superintendent of Schools Greg Mann commended the school board for their support of the Learning Center.

He said when posters advertising the center were first distributed around town, there were numerous inquiries. He said, "It is fitting that Heaven Peters is the first-ever graduate of 211 Learning Center, because she was the first to inquire."

After the graduates received their Norton Community High School diplomas, a reception in their honor was held in the lobby of the auditorium.

Learning Center Class of '08



Heaven Joy Peters

Heaven Joy Peters is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Peters, Formoso. She has three daughters, Tiffany, Tamika and Tanya. Ms. Peters wants to continue her education and become a professional photographer.



Jessica Renee' Nichols

Jessica Renee' Nichols is the daughter of Randell and Jolene Nichols, Norton. Her future plans are to attend Cappella Online University on a vocal and academic scholarship.

READERS

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

May 2, Charlie Lawson, a junior at Norton Community High School, attended Junior Day at Wichita State University. The day gives students a glimpse of life on a college campus. They attended professor-taught classes, met college students, were treated to

lunch and received a free T-shirt. Charlie is the daughter of Rob and Deb Lawson.

The Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Sunflower Senior Center. Leanna Sloan, Hoxie, will be catering the meal. A dance will follow.

There will be a potluck dinner at the Senior Center on Sunday. Big Timber Cemetery Services are at 10 a.m. Sunday and Jennings Cemetery Services are on Monday.

CORRECTION

The names of Lucas Welch and Thea Wiseman were inadvertently omitted from the list of Norton Community High School graduates in the May 20 issue of *The Norton Telegram*. This was a proof reading error.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

Norton couple to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Wilmer and Juan Severns, Norton, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 31 at the Norton Senior Center.

Wilmer Severns and Juan Fisher were married May 30, 1948, by Rex Harmon at the Norton Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Severns have served in the ministry their entire married life living in Logan, Oakland, Iowa, Maywood, Neb., Valley Falls, White City, Clay Center, Holly, Colo., and Scott City. For a short time, they lived in Manhattan while Mr. Severns was on the staff at Manhattan Christian College. They retired to Norton in 1988. He fills the pulpit on occasion for vacationing or sick ministers and serves the Oak Creek Christian Church near Lebanon, Kan., the first and third Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. Severns are the parents of four children, Wava and Mark Goetz, Great Falls, Mont., James Severns, deceased, Wayne and Ruth Severns, Carrollton, Texas and Jerry Severns, McPherson.

If you are unable to attend the celebration, greeting cards may be sent to them at 339 W. Lincoln, Norton, Kan. 67654.

The couple requests no gifts.



Wilmer and June on wedding day.



June and Wilmer Severns now.

4-H NEWS

By SKYLAR DAVIS

On Sunday, April 6, several members of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club traveled to the Norton Andbe Home and performed their skit about the history of 4-H.

Mike Calloway gave a dramatic reading about cooking spaghetti over the camp fire. Kayla Field also gave a reading. Tyler Montgomery gave a project talk on his antique tractor. Tyler and his brother, Carson Montgomery, entertained the residents with a baritone duet. Two members of the Cedar Ridge Dance Team performed the dance that they took to County Club Day. All of these performances were part of the club's Community Service

project.

After a snack of Dairy Queen blizzards, the members went to the 4-H Building for their April meeting. Fifteen members answered roll call with "My Favorite Flower". For old business, members donated several sacks of aluminum cans. Leader Jeanette Calloway reported that Rock Springs Camp is June 17 to 20. The tractor safety day will be in Hill City.

Members received their ribbons from County Club Day and Regional Club Day.

New business is trash pick up for community service for the May meeting. Club members voted to pick up more aluminum cans for the May meeting.

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

May 8 — Clarence Tien, Prairie View, speeding 30 mph in school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$70.

May 8 — Monte Kratzenstein, Kearney, Neb., speeding 34 mph in school zone, fine \$124, court cost \$70.

May 8 — Zane Perez, Norton, no seat belt under age 18, fine \$60.

May 8 — Angie Hager, Almena, illegal tag and failure to provide verification of insurance. Both dismissed with proof.

May 8 — Brock Lauer, Norton, speeding 38 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

May 15 — Christopher Maddy, Norton, failure to provide verification of insurance and basic speed. Dismissed. Court cost \$70.

May 15 — Don Muir, Norton, driving while suspended, 2nd offense, and illegal tag. Plead not guilty. Trial set.

May 15 — Joel Malott, Hays, speeding 45 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$70.

May 15 — Gary Bittfield, Kenesaw, Neb., speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$70.

May 15 — Lucas Welch, Norton, exhibition of acceleration and window tint too dark. Tint removed and other charges dismissed, fine \$75, court cost \$70.

Criminal

May 8 — Billy Tallent, Norton, harbor vicious dog and dog running at large, 2nd offense. \$100 fine to be suspended if kennel is fixed as mandated by Animal Control Officer and animal must be controlled correctly. Dog must have a city license. Court cost \$70.

May 15 — Tiffany Lynd, Norton, minor in possession. Diversion for 6 months and 6 months supervised probation. Assessment fee \$100, Diversion fee \$100, AD-

SAP fee \$150 and \$70 court cost.

May 15 — Jason Majors, Norton, domestic battery, amended by city prosecutor to disorderly conduct. 3 days jail suspended if fines paid within 6 months. Fine \$250, court cost \$70.

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

March 2 — Christopher D. Dillard, Lubbock, Texas, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$66.

March 14 — James L. Carpenter, Greeley, Colo., failure to observe the 11-hour rule and failure to secure load, fine \$200, court cost \$66.

March 31 — Melanie Rachelle Miller, Quinter, speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$78, court cost \$66.

April 7 — Pauline J. Henderson, Oberlin, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$66.

April 22 — Charles R. Brooks, Scott City, no brake lights on trailer, fine \$30, court cost \$66.

April 25 — Delvis G. Miller, Norton, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$66.

April 27 — Ryan C. Edmundson, Brewster, speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$72, court cost \$66.

Animal Shelter For Adoption

Male wired hair Terrier, 1 to 2 years.

Female Labrador, 4 months old.

Female Labrador/Terrier mix, 1 year old.

Male Great Pyrenees, under one year.

Couple plans June 14 wedding in Atchison

Julie Michelle Weatherford and Shawn Michael Thiele are engaged to be married.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Robert and Rita Weatherford, Atchison.

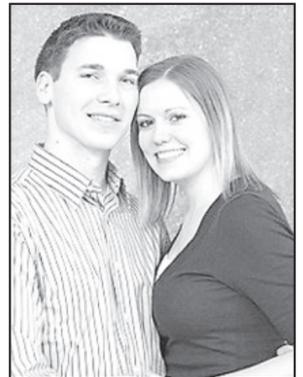
Lynn and Deb Thiele, Norton, are the parents of the prospective groom.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Kansas State University. She is teaching and coaching at Roosevelt Middle School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Thiele is a 2005 graduate of Kansas State University. He is a process and improvement engineer at Quaker Oats in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The couple plans a June 14 wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison.

A reception will be held fol-



Shawn Thiele and Julie Weatherford

lowing the ceremony at Atchison Heritage Conference Center.

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Volunteers Needed to Help Build the Lenora Walking Trail

The Lenora Walking Trail Committee is now ready to begin building the Lenora Walking Trail to surround Larrick Park. Please bring any trail building equipment you may have available, including shovels, hoes, picks, and weed eaters to: **Larrick Park at 5:30 p.m. on May 31**

Everyone is welcome! Free hot dogs and chips!

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Basic Computer Education Course

June 14 and 21
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

USD #211
Learning Center
600 N. State Street, Norton
(Behind the East Campus Auditorium)

This two day course is offered through Northwest Kansas Technical college for \$35. It will cover basic computer applications, such as icons and double clicking, as well as basic Microsoft Word. **Class size is limited to 10 people.**

Hurry and register today by calling or stopping by the Norton City/County Economic Development office.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 6

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Norton City/County Economic Development
113 N. Norton Street,
Norton - 785-874-4816

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

May 22- May 28

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
2 Hours, 13 Minutes (PG-13) Premiere
Show Times: Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Only-Both Movies
Friday and Saturday: 6:30 and 9:15 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: 4:00 and 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN
2 Hours, 34 Minutes (PG) (Premiere)

Let's Go to the Movie

ONLY PREMIERE PASSES ACCEPTED FOR BOTH MOVIES

Both Movies are the Premiere Price of \$7 and \$6