

# OBITUARY

## Ralph Ward Strayer

Feb. 20, 1919 - Jan. 12, 2009

Ralph Ward Strayer died on Jan. 12, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. He was 89.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1919, on the family farm north of Reager, a town that was named for his great grandfather, Will Reager. He was the sixth of seven children born to Norman and Laura Ward Strayer. He attended Hardscrabble Rural Grade School north of Reager and graduated from Norcat Rural High School.

He worked on his parents' farm until World War II, when he was inducted into the United States Army on May 18, 1944. He was with the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion and served in France, Belgium and Germany and was in action at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and in front line combat in Germany. His Battalion was among the first units to cross the Rhine River at Remagen Bridge. They were headed toward Berlin when the war in Europe ended. He was honorably discharged on April 25, 1946, and was in the United States Navy Reserve from February, 1950, to May, 1954.

On Dec. 9, 1945, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Skrdlant, at her parents home in Norton. He was in the retail lumber business for 38 years, training in Norton and managing lumber yards in Frederick and Arriba, Colo., and in Atwood, for Foster Lumber Company. For 19 of those years, he and his wife owned and operated Home Lumber Company in Atwood until he retired in January of 1985.

His hobbies were woodworking, golf and traveling. He was a member of the American Legion for more than 69 years and past commander of the American Legion Sam Hubbard Post #46 in Atwood. He was a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Norton, Colby and Herndon. Ralph was a former member of the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge in Norton. He was a former member of the Lions Club in Frederick and Arriba and a former member and past president of the Atwood Lions Club for 30 years. He also served on the City Council in Atwood. Ralph was a

member of the United Methodist Church and Methodist Men in Atwood.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn, in the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood; daughters Joyce Hicks and Janice Strayer, Denver; Carla and husband, Larry Chvatal, San Diego; grandson Mark Hicks and wife, Stephanie, Denver; sister, Gladys Taylor, Salina; sister-in-law Ruby (Guy) Strayer, Norton; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Fern Strayer and Ivalee Ervin; three brothers, Guy, Carl and Francis; niece Linda Strayer; brothers-in-law Ray Ervin and Jesse Taylor; and sister-in-law Ruby (Carl) Strayer.

Services were held Jan. 16, 2009, at the United Methodist Church, Atwood. Memorials can be made in care of Williams Funeral Home, 109 N 2nd St, Atwood, KS 67730; to Rawlins County Health Center; the American Legion Sam Hubbard Post #46, Atwood; or a charity of your choice.

## A good cause



More than 120 friends, neighbors and family gathered Sunday to honor Keith Anthony, Norcat, with a potluck benefit supper. Organized by Jerry Wefcott of The Cardinal Bar and Grill, the event raised almost \$2,000 to help offset some of Mr. Anthony's recent medical expenses. Lora Arnold went over the list of those attending with Mr. Anthony. Entertainment was provided by a group of singers from the Oberlin area.

- Photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Death notice

Anthony Lang died on Jan. 21 in Kearney. More information will be published at a later date.

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## Couple plans vow exchange

Kerrie Beth Olson and Nicholas Jon Wahlmeier plan to be married on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville with a reception to follow at The Gateway civic center in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Sharon Olson of Oberlin, and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier of Clayton. Grandparents are Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; Eunice and Glenn Martin, Oberlin, and the late Lowell Olson; and Stan and Ramona Shaw and Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings, and

the late Lawrence Wahlmeier.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She is a first-grade teacher at Washington Grade School in Ellis. Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Jennings High School and a December graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture business. He is currently engaged in farming in the Jennings area.

## Views with Van Keith VanSkiie, Extension Director



Thirty days prior to March 1 is an important date for landowners and tenants. Landowners and tenants will want to pay particular attention to Farm Lease Laws as a critical date of notice. If you have a need to terminate an oral or written lease to a tenant there is a date upcoming that is important. This does not apply to written leases that have tenancy dates specified

in writing! This applies to pasture and cropland leases as well the Kansas Legislature has included the addition of pasture lease also. For oral or written leases where a date is not specified, you as a land owner must give notice to terminate as follows:

- Notice must be in writing
- It must be delivered at least 30 days prior to March 1
- It must fix the termination date of tenancy to take place on March 1

If a fall seeded crop such as wheat has been planted already, then the termination will be set on the day following the last day of harvest or August 1, which ever comes first. Oral agreements are

sometimes vague if a disagreement arises. In fact, oral lease agreements are usually only enforceable for one year. It is best to put together something in writing to protect each party and avoid misunderstandings. K-State Research and Extension has example

lease forms and a brochure on Kansas Lease Laws. Also ask for the publication "Kansas Agricultural Lease Laws" C-668. Contact the Norton County K-State Research and Extension office at (785) 877-5755 for more information.

# Deadline approaching to terminate leases

## Club tells of volunteering

By BEVERLY KINDLER  
Special to The Telegram

Members of the GFWC Mid Century met for their January club meeting at the home of Beverly Kindler. Carolyn Applegate was co-hostess.

During the business meeting, members reported the volunteer hours they had contributed to community activities and projects through 2008. These will be tabulated and reported with narratives of club projects for the annual accomplishment report.

The nominating committee, Rosalie McMullen, Claire Ann Eppinger and Kay Lane Hahn, presented names for the election of officers. They were presi-

dent, Beverly Kindler; secretary, Darlene McEwen; treasurer, Lynn Nelson; and corresponding secretary, Leta Donovan. Bertie-Leigh Compaan was nominated from the floor for vice-president. These members were elected for a two-year term of office.

"Conservation Piece" was the program feature as Darlene McEwen led a round table discussion. A series of questions challenged each member to write responses; then there was a lively discussion about values, ideals and childhood memories as members shared their written responses.

The next meeting of GFWC Mid Century will be Feb 12.

## School reminders

### NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

**Monday, Jan. 26** — HS Dance Team practice; middle school "Pennies for Patients"; Cheyenne Conference HS Band Clinic at Palco, 1 p.m., concert at 7 p.m.; Financial aid night in the lunchroom at Alma, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27** — HS Scholars bowl meet at Phillipsburg, 4 p.m.; HS Basketball vs. Heartland at Alma, no boys "B" Team, 5 p.m., HS Dance Team will perform at half-time of boys "A" Team.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28** — Cheyenne Conference Scholars bowl at Logan, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29** — Lifetouch

Casual pictures, 7:30 a.m., in Long Island from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Alma from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; HS Dance Team practice; Ag Ed Symposium at Hays, 8 a.m.; HS Basketball vs. Western Plains at Alma, 4 p.m., HS Dance Team will perform at half-time of "A" Team boys.

**Saturday, Jan. 31** — HS Boys "C" Team games at Palco, TBD; Ag Ed Symposium at Hays, 8 a.m.; K-4 Dance Camp in the big gym at Alma, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thunder Ridge Scholars bowl at Kensington, 9:30 a.m.

### NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

**Sunday, Jan. 25** — Winter Band Concert, Stull Gymnasium, 2:30

p.m.  
**Monday, Jan. 26** — University of Nebraska Kearney Honor Band and Choir at Kearney.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27** — Cheerleaders, A.P.; Basketball vs. Goodland, varsity, junior varsity and "C" Team, here, 4 p.m.; FCCLA Cake Raffle; Scholars' bowl at Phillipsburg, 4 p.m.; Wrestling varsity and junior varsity at Kearney, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28** — Sophomores who took the PLAN test meet in the music room at 8:30; FCCLA Star Events at Fort Hays State University, 9 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 29** — FFA Ag Ed Symposium at Fort Hays State University; JAY Singers, A.P.

**Friday, Jan. 30** — FFA Ag Ed Symposium at Fort Hays State University; Jazz Band rehearsal, A.P.; Basketball vs. Stockton, there, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 31** — Forensics at Colby, 7:30 a.m.; Wrestling at Osapahoe, 10 a.m.; Wrestling at Arbonne MCL Tournament, 10 a.m.

### NORTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**Tuesday, Jan. 27** — Spelling Bee, A.P.

**Thursday, Jan. 29** — Scholars' bowl at Smith Center, 4 p.m.

### EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

**Monday, Jan. 26** — P.D.C., 4 p.m.

## School menus

### Monday, Jan. 26

**Northern Valley** — Breakfast — Cherry muffin, scrambled eggs, sausage link, apple juice, cold cereal and milk — **Lunch** — Sub sandwich, ranch wedges, buttered peas, cherry crisp and milk.

**Norton Jr./Sr. High** — Breakfast — Blueberry bread, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Pigs in a blanket, coleslaw, peas, jell-o, or chef salad, and milk.

**Eisenhower Elementary** — Breakfast — Rolled-up sausage link, tater tots, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — **Lunch** — Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
**Northern Valley** — Breakfast — Banana bread, ham slice, hash browns, pineapple, cold cereal and milk — **Lunch** — BBQ beef on a bun, tri-tater, buttered broccoli, chilled apricots and milk.

**Norton Jr./Sr. High** — Breakfast — Omelet, tater wedge, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Chicken wrap, shredded cheese, green pepper, onion, lettuce and chopped tomato, hot roll with margarine, or chef salad, and milk.

**Eisenhower Elementary** — Breakfast — Hard cooked eggs, warm toast, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and

milk — **Lunch** — Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie and milk.

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

**Northern Valley** — Breakfast — Sausage gravy, biscuits, hash browns, orange juice, cold cereal and milk — **Lunch** — Turkey and biscuits, mashed potatoes, pineapple ring, no bake cookie and milk.

**Norton Jr./Sr. High** — Breakfast — Breakfast casserole, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Chili frito, combo salad, cinnamon bubble, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

**Eisenhower Elementary** — Breakfast — Breakfast cake, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — **Lunch** — Scalloped chicken, corn, sweetheart pears, celery stick, dinner roll and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**  
**Northern Valley** — Breakfast — Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty, scrambled eggs, banana slices, cold cereal and milk — **Lunch** — Ham patty, bun, dill spear, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, rosy applesauce and milk.

**Norton Jr./Sr. High** — Breakfast — English muffin with canadian bacon, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Popcorn chicken, potato puffs, corn, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

**Eisenhower Elementary** —

**Breakfast** — Blueberry muffin, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — **Lunch** — Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies and milk.

### Friday, Jan. 30

**Northern Valley** — Breakfast — Pizza bagel, hash browns, diced pears, cold cereal and milk — **Lunch** — Chili soup with crackers, carrots, celery sticks, cheese sticks, cinnamon twists and milk.

**Norton Jr./Sr. High** — Break-

fast — Biscuits and sausage sandwich, or fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Burrito, lettuce and chopped tomato, shredded cheese, fruit, sugar cookie, or chef salad, and milk.

**Eisenhower Elementary** — Breakfast — Homemade pancakes, warm syrup, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — **Lunch** — Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls and milk.

**COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**NORTON OUTREACH**  
is offering a (1)  
*Credit Hour*  
*Spanish*  
Course taught by  
*Eva Fuertes* on  
*Tuesdays* from  
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
Call  
**Angela Melvin**  
at 785-877-3518  
to Register

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