

OBITUARIES

Max Schmitz

June 10, 1918 - January 16, 2011

Max Francis Schmitz, son of Michael J. and Bertha Mae (Cornelison) Schmitz, was born June 10, 1918 in rural Stockton and died at the Logan Manor in Logan on Jan. 16, at the age of 92.

He grew up on the family farm and attended school in rural Stockton. On Oct. 12, 1938 Max joined the Civilian Conservation Corps with an Honorable Discharge on July 12, 1940. Max was known for being an outstanding boxer and enjoyed watching boxing matches on the television. Max served in the US Army 23rd General Hospital Division as Medical N.C.O. with the rank of Corporal. He was a part of the Eame Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars, World War 2 Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

On Sept. 27, 1941, Mabel L. (Davis) and Max were united in marriage at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Stockton. They lived in Plainville before moving to Norton where Max was employed by Safeway and Kelling's grocery stores as a meat cutter. He worked for Coopers Pest Control and managed the Norton Commons Apartment Complex.

He was a member of the Norton St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, a charter and lifetime member of the Stockton Monroe-Taylor-Barnes VFW Post 8873, lifetime member of Knights of Columbus, lifetime and past Commander of the Norton American Legion Post #63 and the U.C.T. He also held a lifetime fishing license. He enjoyed his family, fishing, bingo, cards and dancing, teaching his daughters and granddaughter how to polka and waltz and the enjoyment of

fishing.

Survivors include three daughters: Dr. Beverly Schmitz Glass and husband Bruce, Garden City, Denise A. Schmitz, and Betty F. Schmitz Rossouw and husband Paul, Norton; sisters, Charlotte Stone and husband Andy of Pueblo, Colo., Wanda Trammel Saunders and husband Jim, Phoenix, Ariz. and Berniece Schmitz of Plainville; two granddaughters, Shelley A Ritter and friend Nathan McDermott of Hill City and Marietje Pretorius and husband Marius, of Johannesburg, South Africa; two grandsons, Christopher Smith, Tulsa, Okla. and Patrick Smith and wife Bridget of Redding, Wyo.; five great grandsons, Xavier and Gage Smith, Dylan, Mariques and Darius Pretorius; other relatives and many friends.

Max was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mabel; son, Michael; daughter, Kaye and three brothers, Raymond and wife Clara, Paul and wife Georgia, Stan and brother-in-law John Trammel.

A Rosary service was held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton on Thursday, Mass of the Christian Burial was held today at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Inurnment was in the Norton Cemetery. The American Legion Post #63 were honor guards with the Norton American Legion Riders in stance. Memorials are established to the American Legion Post #62 Flag Case or the Sebelius Lake Tree fund. Online condolences: <<http://www.enfieldfh.com>>.

Enfield Funeral Home of Norton was in charge of arrangements.

Darrel Youngs

June 10, 1934 - January 16, 2011

Darrel Raymond Youngs was born June 10, 1934 in Dresden to Chet and Opal (Davis) Youngs. He died at age 76 on Jan. 16, 2011 in McCook, Neb. surrounded by his family and friends.

He was raised a Kansas boy, living south of Lenora until the family moved to Oberlin where he graduated from high school in 1952. He attended Dodge City Junior College for one year where he played basketball under a basketball scholarship. Darrel continued to successfully play basketball under scholarship at McCook Community College where he graduated in 1954.

Darrel married his sweetheart, Elda Louise Wagoner, on June 12, 1955. They resided in McCook where Darrel was employed at the West Sale Barn and until 1961 he Custom Combined during harvest season. He later followed his father's footsteps as partner and manager of the West Sale Barn.

Darrel was a member of the McCook United Methodist Church. He enjoyed involvement in the McCook Jaycees, the McCook Elks and served as Elk Exalted Ruler in 1968-69. He loved thoroughbred horse racing and had a great appreciation for good music. His interests included sports, playing golf and cards.

Most important to Darrel were his family and friends. He had a special love and protectiveness for his caring wife and immense

love and pride of his daughters and grandchildren. Darrel had a sense of humor, a unique wit, and a special way with people. He always had a nickname, a joke or a song to be sung to fit the occasion.

His sense of humor prevailed to the end. Darrel maintained his friendships from early years and continued to develop strong friendships throughout his life.

He is survived by his loving wife Elda, two daughters, Cyndia and husband Craig Rose of Lantana, Texas, Chris and husband Marty Mitchell of Foxfield, Colo.; sister, Leota and husband Jay Hickert of Akron, Colo.; brother Dennis and wife Shari Youngs of McCook, Neb.; four precious grandchildren, Ashley and husband Dave, Seth and wife Raquel, Jake and Luke; four special great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kaelyn, Caleb and Abigail; and nephew Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chet and Opal Youngs.

Memorials may be given in his name.

Funeral services were today at McCook United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lance Clay officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may go online at <<http://www.carpenterbreland.com>> to extend condolences to the family. Carpenter Breland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Jean Hudson

November 19, 1939 - January 19, 2011

Carol Jean Hudson, daughter of Larry Faye and Mable Irene (Hazlett) Clinkinboard, was born Nov. 19, 1939, in Denver, Colo. and died at her home in Norton on Jan. 19, at the age of 71.

She grew up and attended Denver public schools in Denver, Colo. She moved to Norton as a homemaker who greatly enjoyed collecting tea pots, dolls, and ceramic chickens; sewing, crafts, ceramics, playing the piano and singing.

Survivors include three daugh-

ters; Daina Knutson of Windsor, Colo., Deena Breeden, Aurora, Colo. and Shawn Schock, Norton; two sons, Darrell Wood and wife Jenny, Aurora, Colo., and Clayton Turman, Norton; sisters, Kay Gruel, and June Crouse, both of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Larry Wood; daughter, Lori Pinzensham; grandson, Brian Rector; granddaughter, Amanda Turman; and

Radon gas testing needed

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Radon is a naturally occurring element produced from radioactive decay in the soil; it's an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas, and cited as the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer in the general population.

Radon surveys have shown that 6 percent of homes in the U.S. have average concentrations above the recommended maximum level. However, the Kansas survey demonstrated that one in four homes were high.

Anyone can be vulnerable. The cancer-causing gas, which can seep from the soil beneath the foundation through cracks or joints (in the foundation) into a home, is typically easy to detect and mitigate at a moderate cost.

Detection is relatively simple. Begin with a home radon detector, which, in its simplest form, can be purchased from many K-State Research and Extension offices in the state (for about \$5), at home and hardware stores and on the Internet, usually for \$25 or less.

Testing is important, because

it's the only way to tell how much of the gas is present. In Kansas, since 1987, 41 percent (20,592) of the 50,182 test results available had levels above the recommended ceiling of 4.0 pCi/L (Pico Curies per liter of air, is the unit of measurement).

Conduct tests in the home in the lowest lived-in level (such as a bedroom, living room or family room) about 20 to 24 inches above the floor for two to five days. The goal is to measure the potential for elevated concentrations that come from the soil beneath the home's foundation.

Testing in a kitchen or bathroom, in which more humid air and ventilation is typically occurring, is not recommended. Following test directions is a must.

If the initial test result is 4 pCi/L or higher, a follow-up test is recommended. Consider fixing your home if the average of the first and second test is 4 pCi/L or higher. If the initial result is low, further testing would be advised if living patterns change, if you begin occupying a lower level, or a significant change occurs in the foundation, heating/cooling systems or insulation/air sealing features. Hiring a professional contractor to fix your home is recommended.

Lists of Kansas radon measurement and mitigation contractors who voluntarily participate in one of two national radon proficiency programs are available at <http://www.kansasradonprogram.org/> contractors.

Beginning July 1, all professional radon measurement and mitigation technicians and laboratories providing services in Kansas will need to obtain state certification through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

In Kansas, since July 1, 2009,

residential real estate contracts must contain a specific paragraph recommending radon testing in real estate transactions and disclosure of test results.

There are, however, currently no laws requiring such tests or mitigation of high levels of radon, if found. Radon-awareness is recommended for everyone. A \$5 to \$25 test may be all that it takes to spare you or a loved one from lung cancer.

More information about radon is available via the Kansas Radon Program at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state, online at <http://www.kansasradonprogram.org> and by calling: 1-800-693-5343. You may also e-mail <<mailto:twatts@ksu.edu>> or <<mailto:twatts@ksu.edu>> for further information.

Radon programs at Kansas State University are supported by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency, and serve as a state and national resource on radon awareness, testing, and mitigation.

Club News

By Jake Durham

It started off slow but the momentum picked up fast as they were coming in from all directions. The Ladies from Lyle were playing a few practice hands to get the feel of the game while the Pilgrims from The East were organizing the Knock Game. Buddy and the Baker were laying out four hands face up, checking the Law of Probability while the fortune teller was reading face cards and predicting BCS Bowl Game winners. The big hand on the clock was pointing straight up but there was one man short when the Butcher entered the hall from the south end. He was immediately given the last even number as the Brown Eyed Girl shouted, "Begin To Commence", and thirty plus two readied for action.

Now there are those that will tell you that bidding is the name of the game and that is certainly true in Pitch, however the Old Timers will tell you it can be a two edged sword. Those who are notorious bidders are referred to as Pushers and they often set the tone of the game, but as Churchill told the players in those moments of desperation, "never give up".

The Highway Man and the Welder took the honors on round one and set a high standard for the evening. Lil' Abner and Daisy

Mae clinched second round honors but the Highway Man and the Welder were still in the lead.

Wild Bill and the Hat Man, known for finishing in the upper range took the honors on round three but the Highway Man and partner were still in front with a five point lead. A break was called after round four to access the situation and as the scores were posted on the leader board, the Ladies from Lyle had taken round four honors and for four rounds the Highway Man and the Welder still maintained the lead and were now giving odds on the outcome of the contest. There were at least five or more who were within five points or less of the lead but this early in the game, no one could be counted out. There were some mental computations taking place as it was important not to let the lead get out of reach without making some adjustments.

Round five started with renewed vigor and enthusiasm and the Pushers were not yielding the trump without a fight, but as the scores were posted, there were some noticeable moans and groans as some bidders had crossed the line. The Cowboy and the Dirt Farmer had taken the honors but Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae, never out of contention, had taken the lead as the highway Man and the Welder had hit the wall at the midway point.

The Blue-Dogs were barking it

up at the back of the hall as round six got underway, the Northern Tier Gang bid three without looking at their cards and the Butcher was giving his partner a jump bid, the contest was definitely heating up. Barbie Doll and Big Sis took the honors on round seven as the Highway Man and the Welder, not only regained the lead once again but all but sewed it up by taking the honors on round eight, making it a double for the evening and then capped it off by making it a hat trick on round nine. A break was called to evaluate the situation. It seemed as though the question was who might take second and third. However there was no doubt that some desperate action was in store for the tenth and final round.

It was "all quiet on the western front," as round ten got underway, and a serious atmosphere engulfed the hall. It seemed like it had no sooner started and it ended. Most everyone crowded around the leader board as the final scores were posted. The Highway Man and the Welder had hit the wall for the second time of the evening as the Odd Couple, with never a high round but never far behind, moved to the top of the leader board for the victory.

It was their first victory as a team and they received their accolades with humility and pride and vowed to return to defend their newly won title.

The top five winners in order were: 1, Thelma Bushnell and Phil Zillinger; 2, Floyd McKie and Doyle Brooks; 2, Joe and Jake Durham; 4, Trent Alexander and Fig Millan; 5, Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner.

Triple high round winners were Floyd McKie and Doyle Brooks. Other high round winners were; Ed and Cynthia Glenenemeier, Dave Sheley and Bill Glenenemeier, June Jolly and Margaret Magers, Austin Brooks and Rusty Goss, Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner, Barbara McKie and Corriene Gee, Darren McMullen and David Brooks.

Teams not previously mentioned were; Brett and Doug Gallentine, Larry Harmon and Tony Hildebrand, Charles Kinderknech and Richard Connor, Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger, Myron Veh and Norman Walter.

The winning score was 118 points and the highest high round score was 20 points by Floyd McKie and Doyle Brooks, and Darren McMullen and David Brooks.

As the talk turned to the February tournament, it was mentioned that the first Sunday would be Super Bowl.

So, by a consensus of the majority, it was decided to have the February tournament on the second Sunday of February. So bring your partner and sign in early. Game starts at 7p.m.

Card Shower

A card shower has been requested for Verla Chambers in honor of her 80th birthday on Jan. 31.

Cards can reach her at: Verla Chambers, C/O Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, KS 67654.

Senior Menu

Jan. 24:
Cook's choice entree, potato rounds, mixed vegetables, bread and plums.

Jan. 25:
Turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, bread and five cup salad.

Jan. 26:
Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, seasoned carrots, bread and rosy pears.

Jan. 27:
BBQ beef sandwich, coleslaw, strawberries, bun and shortcake.

Jan. 28:
Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread and peaches.

For more information contact Ramona at the Senior Center, 877-5352

HEARTLAND CRUISERS SNOWBIRD

SWAP MEET

Sat., Feb. 5
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Phelps County Ag Center
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Holdrege, NE
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