

OBITUARIES

Theodore "Ted" Raymond Thiele

Feb. 20, 1950 - March 6, 2013

Theodore "Ted" Raymond Thiele, son of Raymond and Clara (Duensing) Thiele, was born Feb. 20, 1950, in Norton, and passed away at his home in rural Norton, on March 6, 2013, at the age of 63.

Ted graduated from Norton Community High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Fort Hays State University. On Nov. 29, 1974, Ted and Lynette "Lyn" Ochs were united in marriage in Oakley. They made their home in Hays and Bison, before returning to the family farm northwest of Norton. Ted was a farmer, an agronomist, and a Pioneer Seed dealer.

Ted was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Norton. He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family.

Survivors include: his wife, Lyn Thiele, Norton; three children, Jason Thiele and wife, Michele, Irving, Texas; Tonya Steuben, and husband, Jamie, Gothenburg, Neb.; and Marc Thiele, Overland

Park; four grandchildren, Hailey, Tyler, Kendal and Kaitlyn; one brother, Terry Thiele, Greeley, Colo.; four sisters, Fontaine Hilgers, Plainville; Marcia Whitehorn, Abilene, Texas; Waunita Henderson, Hays; and Teresa Chancellor, Alva, Fla.; other relatives and many friends.

Ted was preceded in death by his father and two brothers-in-law, David Scheetz and Andy Chancellor.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton. Burial will follow at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Sunday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Kindergarten Roundup



Eisenhower Elementary School held its annual Kindergarten Roundup on Monday in the school cafeteria. (Pictured) Principal Cory Roy addressed a large group of parents about what is required of kindergarteners and their parents. Students will have the opportunity to visit the school later in the Spring during Kindergarten screen and at Kamp Kindergarten. For more information contact the school at 877-5113.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Health career scholarships offered

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation announces that health career scholarships will again be made available in 2013. Any application for a health-related career that will enhance the delivery of health care in the Phillipsburg/Norton area will be considered.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must have completed the pre-requisite classes and been accepted into their chosen medical field.

Each scholarship carries a \$3,000 annual grant. The awards are renewable, year by year, if satisfactory progress is made toward completion of professional training.

Recipients of the scholarships must agree to return to the Phillips County Hospital to serve in their professional capacities for at least one year for each year the scholarship is awarded. If there are no openings in the Phillips County Hospital, recipients shall offer their services to the Norton County Hospital. In the case that neither should have an opening, the applicant must find work in their chosen field in these 26 Northwest Kansas counties: Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Re-

public, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace.

The scholarships are administered by the Board of Trustees of the Phillips County Hospital, which is managed by Great Plains Health Alliance. Applicants should write for information to:

Health Scholarships
Attn: Human Resources
Phillips County Hospital
P.O. Box 607
Phillipsburg, KS 67661
Deadline for applications will be April 5, 2013.

Reserve program deadline is April 1

Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Kansas, announced the cut-off date for submitting applications for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is April 1st, 2013. Although applications may be taken at any time, only those applications submitted and ranked by April 1st will be considered for funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 program.

The maximum easement payment for Norton County is \$159 per acre for GRP easements. Rental agreements are also an option at the rate of \$9.75 per acre for Norton County. For the FY 2013 program, priority will be given to enrolling land in easements.

GRP is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grasslands on their property through permanent easements and rental contracts (10-year, 15-year, or 20-year).

GRP was reauthorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill). In FY 2012 Kansas received an allocation of \$1.4 million to fund GRP.

"Kansas has the finest, most productive native grassland in the world," said Banks, "and GRP offers a way for ranchers and farmers—the backbone of our economy—to ensure this unique natural resource remains a healthy and viable part of Kansas for years to come."

The program emphasizes the preservation of native and natural grasslands and shrublands, support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and the protection of grassland that is under multiple threats of conversion to other land uses.

Land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with an expiring contract in the next 12 months is also eligible for enrollment in GRP. Enrollment options for this land are limited to permanent easements and 20-year rental contracts.

"I would encourage producers interested in preserving their grasslands to stop by a USDA Service Center and visit with NRCS or Farm Service Agency (FSA) staffs to learn more about the program," Banks said.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

4-H members from Norton County will participate in the Annual Club Presentations events, Tuesday, March 12 6 p.m. Sign-up starts at 5:30p.m. The program will be held at the Norton Junior High School. 4-H members and families are preparing various presentations and numbers; some will be given as individuals or as groups. Events will begin with sign-up schedule. Events will include Junior and Senior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Project Talks, Show Me's, Tell Me's and Public Speaking. There will also be Vocal and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. There will be various Talent numbers like Dances,

Skits and Dramatics, Readings and other Novelty Talent numbers.

4-H members can sign up beginning at 5:30 p.m. and all numbers should be completed by 7:30 p.m.

The Regional Club Day will be held Friday, March 23 in Hays. This will include top selections from Graham, Rooks, Ellis, Trego, Smith, Phillips, and Norton Counties. The public is invited to come and watch the 4-H'ers "Make the Best Better." The 4-H Club Days offer the youth a variety of ways to present a skill or talent.

For the past 64 years, local 4-H members of Norton County have taken part in the annual trip to Denver, Colo., and the National Western Stock Show held in Denver, according to Keith P. VanSkike, Twin Creeks District Agent, Norton, Kansas. The January 2013 delegation consisted of chaperones LeeAnn Shearer, Niki Kinderknecht, Keith VanSkike and Karen VanSkike. Damian Wellman, Drake Shearer, Carson Wallace, Kylie Kinderknecht and Kourtney Cunningham.

The delegation's funds are raised at the annual "Denver Trip Benefit" meal held each fall. They toured sites of Denver and the National Western Stock Show. The first groups of 4-H'ers were invited in 1950 to attend the stock show and tour the Central Bank of Denver by Mr. Elwood Brooks, former Norcat school teacher and businessman. Mr. Brooks, the former Chairman of the Board of the large Central Bank of Denver, wanted the 4-H'ers to

see the bank facilities and related sites surrounding the stock show. "With the help and support of local businesses, sponsors and friends of 4-H, we are able to take this annual trip" said VanSkike. The youth are able to spend an afternoon at the National Western Stock Show, looking at the professional livestock shows, horse pulls and other exhibits. The PRCA rodeo is a big treat with its variety of events and intermission shows, not to mention the rodeo clowns.

While in Denver, the delegation took the opportunity to attend an IMAX film on the Transcontinental Railroad. They made a scenic stop over at Look Out Mountain, west of Denver and Bill Cody's gravesite. The group also had an opportunity to take in a tour of the Denver Mint and the Federal Reserve Bank.

The delegation made a stop at Rocky Mountain Sires, a commercial bull semen collection unit that is east of Denver. "The

group is shown some of the animals that are collected from, semen analysis, freezing and shipments. This tour gave the group more awareness of the science and technology involved in artificial insemination and embryo collection," said VanSkike.

Comments from the participants were Drake Shearer liked the U.S. Mint and the Stock Show program. Carson Wallace said there was a lot of cool things at the Stock Show but the rodeo was very awesome. Damian Wellman liked the entire trip. All of it. Kylie Kinderknecht enjoyed seeing all the different things at the Stock Show. Kourtney Cunningham enjoyed the rodeo and the "Westerners" riding horses and the glow in the dark routine.

The Denver Trip Committee and this year's 2013 delegation wish to thank the local Norton County businesses and all individuals who made it possible for them to attend the 64th Annual Denver Trip by supporting the program.

Leadership group attends Topeka tour

As part of the schedule for the local Leadership-Norton Class, the members take part in a State Capitol Legislative Tour. The group traveled to Topeka, Feb. 18-20 with a full schedule. The purpose of the legislative trip was to give the members of the Leadership Class a first hand look at the State Legislature and other administrative departments surrounding the State Capitol. The program is the last session in a series of five others that acquainted the group with various topics about issues affecting Norton County. The other sessions were Agricultural, Local Government, Education, Rural Health and Economic Development.

The sponsors for this 2012-2013 class were Natoma Corp, Janis Monier-NWKS Business Consultants, Sebelius Foundation, R.W. Yeager, City of Norton, Norton County Commissioners, Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, First Security Bank & Trust, Almena State Bank, Norton Economic

Development and Twin Creeks Research and Extension.

Members of the class who attended the program were Tonya Stover, Tara Vance, Megan Walter, Pat Pomeroy, Chris Frack and Dan Bainter. Keith VanSkike, Norton County Extension Director, helped to facilitate the schedule in Topeka. Cindy Linner, Norton County Treasurer and class alumni of the 2001 class, coordinated much of the Topeka schedule prior to the class visit.

The members attended Senate and House sessions and a few committee meetings along with visits with Senator Ostmeyer and Representative Couture-Lovelady and visited with Governor Sam Brownback.

The class toured various departments such as Department of Commerce and Housing, and visited the National Historical site of Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision regarding racial segregation in schools. The group visited the Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Department of Corrections.

The purpose of Leadership Norton County is to establish a network of present and potential leaders to give these members an opportunity for growth and development in civic leadership responsibility. Basically it is a program to encourage leadership initiatives in its membership. This is the eighth class since it began in 1999.

Fun Spring Break activities at the Norton Public Library

The Norton Public Library will be having fun activities to help children keep busy during spring break. On Wednesday, March 13, we will be holding a board game morning for grades 1st through 6th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Children are asked to bring a board game and a friend! On Thursday, March 14, we will be showing 'Madagascar 3' for 1st through 7th graders. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. On Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., teens are asked to bring a board game and a friend for board game night for grades 7th through 12th. Snacks will

be provided for these activities. Parents: children are not allowed to leave early unless parents are notified.



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