

# OBITUARIES

## Marilyn Jean Wolf

Jan. 28, 1941 - Jan. 16, 2004

Marilyn Jean Wolf, 62, died in Salina on Jan. 16, 2004. Mrs. Wolf, daughter of Wayne and Margaret Underwood was born Jan. 28, 1941, in Hayden, Colo. She moved to Norton County with her family when she was nine months old and attended the South Fork Rural Grade School. She graduated from Almena Rural High School with the class of 1959. On April 16, 1961, she and Russell Lee Wolf were married in Norton. They made their home in Norton where they owned and operated Isaac Furniture for many years. She also worked as the bookkeeper at LuJon's Department Store in Norton for several years. She was a member of the Norton Christian Church and the 20th Century Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Survivors include: two daughters, Cynthia and Ed Glennemeier, Norton; and Brenda and John Wolf, Manhattan; one sister, Marlene Underwood, Salina; and three grandchildren. Visitation for friends will be from 3-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Enfield Funeral Home of Norton. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial will be in Norton Cemetery. Memorials have been established to Hospice Services in Norton County and Salina and the Norton Christian Church. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## William E. 'Bill' Hixon

April 25, 1923 - Jan. 14, 2004

William Eugene "Bill" Hixon, 80, of Tahlequah, Okla., died Jan. 14, 2004, in Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Hixon was born to Ross E. and Maude N. (Bakelaar) Hixon in Whiting on April 25, 1923. He grew up in Norton and was drafted into the United States Army in November of 1943. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant and led light mortar crews in the Philippines, New Guinea and Japan. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Following his service in World War II, he attended school in Kansas City, Mo., graduating from watchmaking and jewelry school. He met Cleo Wanker in Hill City and they married on Aug. 17, 1950. Last August, they celebrated 53 years of marriage. They owned and operated Hixon Jewelers in Hill City for 37 years until their retirement in 1985. In 1994, the Hixons relocated to Tahlequah to be near family. Mr. Hixon enjoyed sports of all kinds and fishing at Lake Tenkiller. For

years, Mr. and Mrs. Hixon wintered in the McAllen, Texas area where they had made many friends. All who knew Mr. Hixon knew how much he loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Charles, Ross, George and Raymond; and one sister, Dorothy McElroy. Survivors include his wife, Cleo; a daughter, Linda Rudman, Kansas City, Mo.; a son William and Dr. Kathy Hixon, Tahlequah; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial services for Mr. Hixon were held today (Tuesday, Jan. 20) at Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel in Hill City with Rev. Aaron Modondo officiating. Burial was in the Hill City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home at 522 N. Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan. 67642.



Francis and Phyllis Otter

## Couple will celebrate 40 years this Sunday

Francis and Phyllis (Tyrrell) Otter are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 25. They were married Jan. 25, 1964, at St. Joseph's Parish, New Almelo. Their children and grandchildren are requesting a card shower for this special occasion. Cards will reach them at P.O. Box 33, Lenora, Kan., 67645.

## Kevin Leroy Vernon

Oct. 2, 1958 - Jan. 14, 2004

Kevin Leroy Vernon, 45, formerly from the Norcatuar area, died Jan. 14, 2004, at his home in Blue Springs, Mo. He was born Oct. 2, 1958, in Oberlin to Glenn Eldon and Florence "Tiny" L. (Hopps) Vernon. He graduated from Norcatuar Grade School, Salina South High School and Emporia State University. On Dec. 7, 1984, he married Diane Stewart in Bedford, Texas. They made their home in Bedford and then moved to Blue Springs. He was a computer operator for Masters and Johnson Company. Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother Charles Vernon; and two nephews, Jimmy and

Terry Jones. He is survived by his wife Diane and son Glenn Vernon of the home; a brother, Voyle "Butch" and Beverly Vernon, Lafayette, Colo.; three sisters, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Abilene; Janice and Richard Hayes, Atwood; and Ronda Hill, Denver. Funeral services were to be held Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Jim Plotts officiating. Burial was to be in the Norcatuar Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

## Richard 'Dick' Esslinger

Nov. 30, 1929 - Dec. 13, 2003

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Esslinger, 74, of Lampe, Mo., were held Dec. 19, 2003, in Stumpff Chapel-South, Kimberling City, Mo. Burial, with full military honors, was in the Blue Eye, Mo., Cemetery. Mr. Esslinger died Dec. 13, 2003, in his home. He was born in Norton, Nov. 30, 1929, a son of Nicholas and Agnes (Hamel) Esslinger. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1947-1951 as an airplane electrician. Mr. Esslinger had lived in the Lampe area for the past 20 years, moving there from Belleville. He was in the home improvement business. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge in Belleville for two years. Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers, Melvin and

Burford and a sister, Stella. Surviving is his friend of 20 years, Cecilia "Leah" Canan of the home; son, Tim Esslinger of Concordia; daughter, Sharon Jante, Springfield, Mo.; sisters, Lorene Hessenflow, Norton; Mabel Clark, Colorado; three step-sons, Gary Kyle, Springfield; Robert Canan, Maryland; John Worthley, Blue Eye; three step-daughters, Cheri Devine, Springfield; Ellen Chrystal and Shirley Curbow, both of Blue Eye; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and ten step-grandchildren.

## MARKETS

At close of business Jan. 16

Wheat .....	\$3.68
Milo .....	\$4.23
Corn .....	\$2.54
Soybeans .....	\$7.80

## READERS

- Eagles Auxiliary potluck dinner honoring Velma Lowry, 6 p.m., January 21 at the Eagles Lodge. 1/20
- Steak and seafood night, Thursday, 6-9 p.m., American Legion. Members and guests
- MILK GLASS AND PATERN GLASS, BOOTH 18, THE FLEA MARKET 1/20

## Nothing like a good 'cuppa' tea

There is something so cozy about a teapot. They have meant home and hearth to a lot of civilizations. Egyptian teapots have been unearthed in tombs; Oriental races have brewed tea for thousands of years; the Incas were famous for medicinal teas; and both American Indians and Eskimos used teas for ceremonial purposes. Indian tea plantations were one of the mainstays of the English domination of that country during their colonization years, which led to the establishment of tea as the favorite drink of England. Tea rather fell from favor in America. Colonists defiantly drank coffee and refused to purchase English products, including tea, but most housewives tucked that teapot onto the top shelf of the cupboard and hoped for better days. And those better days did come when tea came back stronger than ever — pun intended. Tea shops are becoming nearly as popular as coffee shops in met-

ropolitan areas and even here in Norton, it is possible to purchase a good cup of brewed tea. My mother always said there were few situations in life that couldn't be improved by a good, hot cup of tea from her blue teapot. During the 1930s and '40s the Hall China Co. produced a line of Art Deco teapots, many of which are still in use today. Their Aladdin-style pot was manufactured with lots of different decals and so far I've never seen one I didn't like. Of course I've never found one with the magic djinni and the three wishes still inside, either. Another unique Hall design looks like a huge donut set on edge. Great looking but prone to

disaster, so if you ever find one undamaged and available for purchase, you may have to cash in a certificate of deposit to acquire it. Oriental teapots were often made in Japan and sometimes have rattan-wrapped handles. The rattan was easily damaged and it is difficult to find one in good condition. Many of the Oriental teapots are a shimmery black or very dark brown glaze with colorful floral decorations while some are the famed "Dragonware" with traditional dragons coiling around them. Geisha Girl teapots reveal a lovely lady outlined in the bottom with rice kernels. Fiesta, Luray Pastels, Bauer, Frankoma, McCoy — all made beautiful teapots that are now rare and collectible. Teapots are so easily damaged because their spouts

and handles get chipped or a lid falls off and is gone for good. When a teapot is broken somebody's heart gets a little chip, too, as their loved and comforting companion is consigned to the trash. Still, my personal favorite remains the fat, brown English teapots that were used "below stairs" in the old English novels. They come in all sizes and shapes and often have chipped spouts because they saw a lot of use, but to my taste they brew the best tea around. I've used — and broken — a variety of brown teapots over the last 40 years and each has its special place in my memory. They're still in my collection even though they no longer take up shelf space. Judging by the cluttered shelves around here, that's probably the best kind for me.

Events of the weekend include seminars, an appraisal show, garage sale, photo contest, banquet, auction, dance and craftsmen and artisan competition. To learn more contact Jean Timm, Box 704, Lyndon, Kan., 66451.

### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS TO THE ANDBE HOME BOARD

Three positions on the Andbe Home, Inc., Board of Directors, expire in 2004. These positions will be filled by election at the annual meeting in March. Nominees will be chosen by the Andbe Home, Inc. nominating committee. A director must be a resident of Norton County. A director whose term is expiring may be nominated. Any person may propose in writing the name of a person for the committee to consider for nomination. Names must be submitted by February 16, 2004, to: Eugene Wiltfong, Vice President of Andbe Home Board of Directors 305 Ward Avenue, Norton, KS 67654

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