

OBITUARIES

Anna Lee Bills

June 29, 1914 - July 22, 2004

Anna Lee Bills, 90, a homemaker, formerly of Norton, died July 22 in Fort Worth. Her funeral was held Mon-



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day at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel of Fort Worth with burial at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bills is survived by a son, Charles and Carolyn Bills of Crowley, Texas; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Charles Johnson

March 29, 1927 - July 18, 2004

Charles Johnson, 75, brother of Alberta Crayton, Almena, died July 18, in Baker City, Ore.

Mr. Johnson was born March 29, 1927, in Treece, the son of Charles and Flossie Johnson.

He was a retired portrait painter. Preceding him in death were his parents and an infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie of Baker City; children, Charles, Jr., Charlene, Beaulah, James and Clifford; two sisters, Mrs. Crayton, Almena; and Petty Matlock, California; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were held in Baker City.

Mabel Iona Wiles

Dec. 22, 1919 - July 25, 2004

Mabel Iona Wiles, 84, died at the Andbe Home in Norton on July 25, 2004.

Mrs. Wiles was born Dec. 22, 1919, in Salida, Colo., the daughter of Lowell R. and Anna (Bear) Allen.

She attended elementary school in Salida and later moved to Meade. On March 15, 1980, she and John Everett Wiles were married in Seattle, Wash. They lived in Almena where she was a homemaker.

She attended the Congregational Church in Almena.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three

sisters. Survivors include a daughter, Iona Marie Walker, Topeka; and a brother, James L. Allen, Salida.

Friends may call from 3-8:30 p.m. today at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Home Cemetery, Almena. The Rev. Don Covington will conduct the services.

Memorials have been established in her honor to the Andbe Home and to the Almena Senior Center. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Old carnivals linger in more than one way

My, how carnivals have changed since I was a child. Norton, among many other area towns, supports and runs a home-owned carnival that is a joy to behold.

The rides are maintained by local workers and run by clubs. There are lots of games and you really can win even though some are more difficult than others.

The food is well-prepared in a clean, safe facility and delicious to boot.

And the money stays local. Not at all like the old days when you took a chance at a carnival in more ways than one.

The vacant lot behind Dad's grocery store often hosted the roving carnivals that worked their way across the country during the Depression.

They were cheap, sleazy and run by strangers. Their rides were old, gummed with a thousand coats of paint, poorly maintained and grubby. Tents sported snake and reptile shows, exotic dancers and freaks, fortune tellers, "rasslin'" rings and games that were rigged six ways from Sunday. Food was questionable at best, dangerous at worst.

But, no place else at the time provided games of chance, bright lights, loud music, corn dogs, cotton candy and most of all, distraction from the cares of grim daily life. Also provided was a variety of prize junk called "carnie" among collectors today.

Did you spend an unreal amount of hard-earned cash at the baseball and bottle booth just to get your girlfriend a naked dollie coyly nestled in pink feathers?

After all, any good pitcher could do it, right? How about the quarters tossed into sparkling red and gold dishes so lavishly displayed

Collector Chat
Liza Deines



at the glass booth? What could be easier and wouldn't Mom love one?

Don't forget the pile of fifty cent pieces you lost at the booth with the glass boxes where you manipulated a little metal crane to retrieve a single silver dollar or a golden watch from a tangle of cheap gew gaws.

Or did you try to prove your marksmanship for the sake of a stuffed monkey?

Of course the Bingo booth was all right. After all, that one promised "a winner every time" and offered religious statues or artistic models made of genuine plaster.

Nongamblers could always buy twisted wire jewelry or cross the fortune teller's palm with silver.

Perhaps the weight and age guessing booth? Boys paid amazing amounts to try to ring the bell with the mallet at the strong man booth.

What we didn't know was how cleverly the angles of those bottles, dishes and cranes were planned so winning was virtually impossible. Everything was loaded against us, including the targets, the baseballs, and even the scales.

If a good crowd gathered, an occasional winner was allowed to make a splash to encourage the onlookers.

We bought popcorn, candy apples, watery lemonade, and greasy burgers either to celebrate or to console ourselves.

Our dollars, as well as the car-

Ninth annual reunion held in Phillipsburg

The ninth Jacob Schick Reunion was held in Phillipsburg at the Huck Boyd Center on July 17-18. Those attending were:

Albert Schick Family: Larry and Shirley Shepard, Lenora; Dalbert and Karen Bruning, Herndon; Donna Weeks, Cawker City; Myron and Sherland Bietz, Logan Reunion and Aaron Pulec, LeVergne Bietz, Norton.

Carl Schick Family: Jerry and Allene Kaiser, Inman; Edith Schick, Densmore; Angie Schick, Logan; Stanley and Letha Glaum, Manhattan; Deb, Jennifer and Jacob Glaum, Linwood.

Richard Schick Family: Richard and Dorothy Hill, Wheatridge, Colo.

Pauline Schick Family: Lloyd and Delores Becker, Charlie Becker, Renee Becker, Katie

Becker, Darren Becker, Logan; Edwin Hickman, Littleton, Colo.

Fred Schick Family: Louise Schick, LaVon and Sherry Schick, Carbondale; Max and Norma Schick, William, Merlyn and Steve Schick, Phillipsburg; Mike and Nancy Jenner, Treavor, Trista, Tori, Toni Jenner, Ransom; Dick and Lila Hamit, Overbrook; Kurt and Joni Seboe, Haley, Kira, Braden, Alec Seboe, Mapletown, Iowa; Karl and Cindy Williams, Salina; Robin and Judy Schick, Ed and Dixie Geary, Michelle Geary, Carol and Ira Dodds, Lebo; Mike and Lyney Schick, Dakota Schick, Leavenworth; Bradi Schick, St. George; Dennis and Bonnie Schick, Alan Schick, Peatone, Ill.; Dane Schick, Destin, Fla.; Becky Bean, McPherson; Lynn Calhoun, Bartlesville, Okla.

Velma G. Montonye

Oct. 14, 1909 - July 23, 2004

Velma Geneva Montonye, 94, died at the Andbe Home in Norton on July 23.

She was born Oct. 14, 1909, in Almena, the daughter of Hiram and Carrie Grose

She attended school in Almena. On Aug. 15, 1928, she and Johnnie Lewis Montonye were married in Phillipsburg. They made their home and farmed in the Long Island area before moving to Norton in the 1980s. Mr. Montonye died April 5, 1988.

She was a member of the Community Full Gospel Church in Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother, Purl O. Grose.

Survivors include a daughter, Neta Jean and Bill Campbell, Norton; a sister, Genola Campbell, Norton; two sisters-in-law, Opal Mintzmyer, Norton; Louise Montonye, Phillipsburg; two grandchildren, Glen Campbell and Nancy and Craig Hager, all of Norton; and four great-grandchildren, Kurtis and Sara Campbell and Austin and Adrienne Hager.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield's with Pastor Terry Laughlin officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Andbe Home. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Church makes learning more fun with 'island'

The First United Methodist Church of Norton has created "Lava Lava Island" and invites children of all ages to come share the fun.

"Our church is overflowing with excitement," Michelle Marsh, island co-director said. "Lava Lava Island will provide fun and memorable Bible-learning activities. Each day the kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tropical treats, take on a daily challenge to let Jesus' love flow home, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible memory buddies to remind them of God's word and create crafts."

"Lava Lava Island is an exciting way for kids to learn more about the

life of Jesus," Kay Hawks, island co-director added, "Plus, kids will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children in the Caribbean and Latin America. We'll conclude each day with a festive Lava Lava Luau that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned."

Family members and friends are asked to join the children each day at 8:40 p.m. for the luau.

Lava Lava Island is from 6:30-9 p.m., Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6 at the church at 805 West Wilberforce. For information, or to pre-register, call (785) 877-2196.

READERS

— No steak night at Norton American Legion, Thursday.

MARKETS

At close of business July 26

Wheat	\$3.16
Milo	\$3.40
Corn	\$2.28
Soybeans	\$5.38

It's Alice Foley's 100th Birthday!
Please Come to an Open House and Help Alice Celebrate this Special Occasion on Saturday, July 31 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Whispering Pines W. Hwy. 36, Norton
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