

OBITUARIES

Leland Ross Baird

Dec. 11, 1925 - Sept. 10, 2004

Leland Ross Baird, 78, died Sept. 10, at the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Baird was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Logan, the son of James Wesley and Adelaide Beatrice (Ross) Baird.

He attended school in Logan, graduating from high school in 1944.

At the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He took his basic training in Biloxi, Miss., where he trained to be a spearball turret gunner in a B-24 bomber. He received his overseas training at Mountain Home, Idaho. While in Mountain Home, he received an appointment to West Point.

He served his country in both the Air Force and the Army until his honorable discharge in 1945 as a 1st Lieutenant. He continued his military service in the Army Reserve. After being discharged, he attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1949, with a degree in business administration.

On June 2, 1948, he and Betty G. Dickinson were married. Mr. Baird worked as an oil scout and lease man for D.G. Hansen from 1949-1956, when he went to work with his father at the First National Bank in Logan. He worked at the bank until 1986, when he retired as president. In 1958, he and his father formed B & B Drilling, a partnership, which in 1976, became incorporated and became Baird Oil Co.

In 1977, Mr. Baird established a residence in Florida. He received this captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1978, and operated a fishing business on the Gulf of Mexico. He loved horses, and in 1985, he became the owner/operator of a thoroughbred farm and racing stable. He had the stables

for 15 years, but in 2003, he moved back to Logan to be closer to his children.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, a third degree Mason, a 32nd Degree Shriner and Consistory, a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and a member of the Ralph DeFors American Legion Post in Logan. In 1960, he founded the first Boy Scout troop in Logan and served as scoutmaster.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Gisela of Ocala, Fla.; his children, Dedra Copeland, Overland Park; Mari Baird Tetwiler, Paola; James R. Baird, Norton; Staci Hartman, Logan; his children's mother, Betty Baird, Logan; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held Sunday at the Church of the Transfiguration, Logan, with the Rev. Dennis Gilhousen officiating. Casket bearers were Jim R. Baird, Lee Tetwiler, Michael Tetwiler, Marcus Tetwiler, Robert Hartman, Wayne Copeland, Griffin Copeland and James Myers.

Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery, Logan. Arrangements were made by Logan Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

It is with our deepest gratitude that we say "Thank you" to each and everyone who has given our family support and comfort since Leland's passing. Whether it was a phone call, a card, flowers, a memorial contribution or a special prayer, each kindness was sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

The family of Leland R. Baird.

Ardith Nelson Waugh

July 15, 1915 - Sept. 6, 2004

Ardith Nelson (Lathrop) Waugh, 89, died Sept. 6, in Prescott, Ariz.

She was born July 15, 1915, on the family farm in Long Island to Fred and Cristel (Spencer) Nelson.

Mrs. Waugh was a member of the Presbyterian Church and P.E.O. Sisterhood.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. John H. Lathrop, in 1974; her daughter Ardith Jo Noel in 1999; and her brother Stanley Nelson and sister Lily Grunert, both of Norton.

Survivors include Richard G. Waugh, her husband of 24 years; daughters Phyllis Parkhurst of

Prescott; Connie Lathrop of San Rafael, Calif.; Rosemary Lathrop of Mesa, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Prior to her death, Mrs. Waugh requested there be no memorial service, but that friends and family remember the happy times they shared with her.

Condolences may be sent to Richard G. Waugh, 261 North Equestrian Way, Prescott, Ariz., 86301.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Waugh's memory to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

Halloween has collectibles too

Collector
Chat
Liza Deines



The displays of candy treats for Halloween are already appearing in the grocery stores even though that holiday is still six weeks away. In the last 10 years Halloween has become one of the major holidays for decorating and celebrating.

Fortunately, the emphasis is now on family fun and home or church parties rather than the malicious mischief and rowdy misbehavior that once made Oct. 31 an evening to dread.

Trick or treating in metropolitan areas has been spoiled by the warped tricks of a few spiteful people but it survives in small towns like ours with close, friendly neighborhoods.

Some of my favorite childhood memories center around going house to house in WaKeeney with my friends, sporting our homemade costumes, giggling and gathering treats that were often also homemade. Apples were a common offering and fresh cookies wrapped in wax paper. Sometimes you were given a glass of cider or a cup of cocoa. Not these days.

The pumpkin candy buckets we bought at the local dime store have become quite pricey lately. They were manufactured to be temporary containers and most were tossed away years ago.

Current high-value items are the German-made cardboard Jack 'O Lanterns that were made with a triangular nose cutout. German construction from 1920, or thereabouts, is characterized by a cardboard disk base attached to an expanding cardboard lantern with glue, printed blue eyes and cross-hatched teeth in a big spooky grin.

tumes and few could purchase masks.

My father particularly vetoed the devil and skeleton masks so coveted by the boys of my age. And we didn't even suggest to him the wax vampire fangs or blackface disguises.

Few pretty masks were available, so we made our own tie on black eye masks and depended on raiding our older sisters' makeup and jewelry drawer for the rest.

I was a gypsy many times due to my sister's penchant for big flashy rings, dangly earrings and long strings of beads. A hand-me-down gathered skirt with a peasant blouse, a silk scarf tied around to hide my braids and you could cross my palm with silver for a peek into your future.

One year my friend Sharon Ann and I, regally attired in every junky, jangly piece of jewelry we could lay hands on, actually did go out and tell fortunes. We predicted life lines, gloom and terror, imminent romances and huge inherit-

ances with great abandon. I wonder if any of it came true?

Vintage or not, skulls and witches, bats and cats, devils and demons are all collectible items and give a seasonal punch as decorations for a Halloween party.

Owls and pumpkins with autumn leaves and fall colors appeal more to me, however, for my family celebrates Oct. 31 as All Souls Day, the eve of All Hallows (All Saints Day), rather than the pagan devil's night. Either way, don't let your little goblins over-indulge from their candy haul and remind them, no mean tricks.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY: Carve a happy pumpkin smile to greet trick or treating guests and illuminate it with a flashlight instead of a candle. Your Jack 'O Lantern will be much safer and will last longer, too. And be sure to save, wash, salt and roast those pumpkin seeds for a tasty nutritious treat.

CORRECTION

In the Friday, Sept. 10, edition of *The Norton Telegram*, it was reported that the Norton Dairy Queen would be participating in the national Free Cone Day on Sept. 21. The Norton Dairy Queen will not be taking part in the promotion this year.

This was reporting error.

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Verle 'Pete' Bisbee

Oct. 22, 1927 - Sept. 6, 2004

Verle Edwin "Pete" Bisbee, 76, of Greeley, Colo., died Sept. 6 at his home.

Mr. Bisbee was born Oct. 22, 1927, in Aurora, Neb., the son of Vern and Lena (Ooton) Bisbee.

He grew up on the George Ackerson farm, where his father and mother worked. The family moved to Extel, Neb., where he started school. He then moved to Minden, Neb., then to Kearney. In 1937, the family came west to Brighton, Colo., after his father finished working on the Sutherland Dam.

He attended schools in Brighton, graduating in 1945. He then attended the University of Denver for four years. He served

two years in the U.S. Navy.

Never married, Mr. Bisbee worked for the Santa Fe Railroad as a chef for 16 years. He was also a chef at the Aviation Club of Lakewood, Colo. He retired in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Otis Bisbee; a sister, Pemmie Marie Bisbee; and step-mother, Violet (Moryer) Bisbee.

He is survived by a sister, Leona Bisbee Hoffman of Greeley.

Funeral services were held Monday, at Tabor Funeral Home, Brighton, followed by interment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Staging Area "B", Denver.

lected as a recipient of a Mount Oread Scholarship. He was one of 153 University of Kansas freshmen to be chosen. He is also the grandson of Catherine Peak.

READERS

The family of Raymond "Lefty" Stephenson request a card shower for his 85th birthday on Sept. 22. Cards will reach him at 213 Horace Greeley, Apt. 111, Norton, Kan., 67654.

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.**

Jeff Hill, son of former Norton residents, Dave and Pam Hill, now of Baldwin City, was recently se-

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