

OBITUARIES

Lola May Portenier

March 2, 1922 - Oct. 22, 2005

Lola Mae Bowman Callaway Monroe Portenier, 83, died Saturday, Oct. 22 in Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Portenier was born March 2, 1922, in Norcat, the daughter of Jesse and Lizzie E. Bowman. She was a member of the Piedmont Park Seventh Day Adventist Church in Lincoln and a member of Ladies Auxiliary No. 12 and the Lancaster Manor Bell Choir.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce A. Callaway; three husbands, Fred Callaway, Roy R. Monroe and Sam Portenier; her parents; three brothers; a sister; and three granddaughters.

She is survived by three sons, Donald L. Callaway, Topeka; Franklin A. Callaway, Pratt; and

Steven A. Monroe, Sioux City, Iowa; four daughters, Maxine White, Gering, Neb.; Lola Marie Schwerin, Surprise, Neb.; and Betty Tendrich and Ruth Shotsman, Lincoln; a brother, Jay A. Bowman, Hutchinson; 31 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held today from noon until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the family in care of the Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 6800 South 14th, Lincoln, Neb. 68512.



Denzel and Ruth Lofgreen

Couple to celebrate 60th anniversary

Denzel and Ruth Lofgreen, Norton, will celebrate their 60th anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton Christian Church, 208 N. Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofgreen were married Nov. 9, 1945, at her parents' home near Beaver City, Neb. They have lived in the Norton area since. He is a farmer and she is a homemaker.

The anniversary celebration is

being hosted by their children, Dennie and Joyce Lofgreen, and Jon and Elaine Lofgreen, Norton, Dr. Craig Lofgreen, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Connie Lofgreen, Topeka.

The Lofgreens have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The couple request no gifts but cards may be sent to 903 Crestview Dr., Norton, Kan. 67654.

allowed her to study in China. A partnership between Fort Hays State and the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China, gave students the opportunity to learn Chinese and study the culture while living in Beijing.

— **Steak and seafood night,** Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m., American Legion. Members and guests. 10/25

Gossip is not thing to collect

You probably won't believe me when I tell you there is one collection to which I shall never aspire.

For anyone who has been in my home this statement may seem ridiculous for everywhere you look you'll see a group of something. As you may have heard, one of an item is nice, two is a pair but three constitutes, "oh dear", another collection! And somehow I can never resist that third item.

So what is the one thing I will not keep or allow in my home?

It is gossip. One of the prime tools of the dark forces of the world, marked by whispers and lowered voices, this bane of human existence has been with us since "Did you hear about Adam and that girl Eve and . . ." and "Well, I heard there was a snake involved, too!"

"No! What else did you hear?"

What is the fascination that we humans find in the repeating, embroidering and sometimes actual fabrication of the misfortunes and mistakes of others?

A professor of my acquaintance once explained that for some people the only way they can feel better about themselves is to denigrate someone else.

As he put it "You can never fill your own bucket by emptying another's; the only way you fill your bucket is by filling theirs first and to overflowing."

This lesson is hard to accept until something happens to you and you find your bucket being the one most cruelly emptied.

A bit of personal experience will show you just how much damage and heartbreak malicious and vindictive words can inflict.

Collector
Chat
Liza Deines



Did you ever play the party game "Gossip" when you were a child?

Participants sit in a circle and one person whispers a sentence to the next, who whispers it on and so forth around the group until the last person tells aloud what he or she heard. When it is compared to what the first person started, everyone dissolves in laughter at the difference between the two statements.

Believe me, when gossip is played at a more "adult" level, no one laughs at the end result. Warped interpretations, garbled facts and downright untruths may be funny to children but they should never be amusing or even of interest to a mature person.

A word said can never be unsaid. Guard your words as you would any other weapon. Card table chatter and luncheon speculations can tear through a heart or a reputation more painfully than any blade or bullet.

Let us not be thoughtless children playing gossip with the hearts and souls of our fellow human beings.

One more word before I clamber down off my soapbox. If, in this world, there is a miscarriage of justice and the true facts never come to light, remember that the day will come when all truth will be known.

EVERYBODY'S MAMA SAID: Better make your words soft and sweet, someday you may have to eat them.

Club visits Nebraska museum

Eight members and guests of Mid-Century Federated Club toured the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege on Oct. 15. Associate member, Wilda Bowman, joined the group.

One of the exhibits was the World War II German Prisoner of War Interpretive Center, featuring the art of Thomas Naegele, former POW interpreter. This exhibit shows the camp that was near Afton, Neb., five miles southwest of Holdrege.

Club members brought sack lunches and ate in an old, restored church. Beverly Kindler, president, conducted a short business meeting. Roll call was answered with "An heirloom I have". Following lunch, the group visited the restored farm home.

Jay C. Gallentine

Aug. 9, 1915 - Oct. 13, 2005

Jay C. Gallentine, 90, Norton, died Thursday at Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Gallentine was born Aug. 9, 1915, to Eli Clark and Jessie Edna (Gallentine) Gallentine in Clayton.

He attend rural schools through the eighth grade and graduated from Norcat Rural High School in 1932.

He and Viola (Anderson) Menges were married Dec. 12, 1962, at the Methodist parsonage in Norcat. They adopted two sons, Randy Jay Gallentine and Val Gene Gallentine. He served in the Army during World War II.

He lived on the family farm until July 1977, when he and his family moved to Norton.

Mr. Gallentine worked with the National Association State Department of Agriculture statistics. After retiring, he enjoyed working in his garden.

He served on the board for Garfield Township, the board of trustees for the Norcat Methodist Church and as treasurer of the Norton Lions Club. He was a member of the Senior Citizens board and was a superintendent at

the county fair. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as president of the Methodist Men, as treasurer and on the board of trustees.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant brother, grandparents, several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and two stepsons, Gaylen Menges and Gary Menges.

Survivors include his wife, Viola; two sons, Randy of Apache Junction, Ariz. and Val of Goodland; a step daughter, Connie Lewis, Olathe; a step daughter-in-law, Judy Menges, Colby; a sister, Idah Hoover, Norton; sister-in-law, Sharon Anderson, Alma; nine grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Oct. 17 at the First United Methodist Church, Norton, with the Reverend Lew Van Der Wege officiating.

Inurnment was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Eastside Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

(This obituary is being rerun because several pieces of information were left out of the original.)



Jay Gallentine

READERS

— **Prairiewind Eye Care will be closed Oct. 31 through Nov. 4.** 10/25

Diane Becker, Lenora, a senior at Fort Hays State University was part of an exchange program that

Photo contestants try to capture aging

Professional and amateur photographers in Kansas are invited to enter a photo contest, Images of Aging.

The free contest is sponsored by the Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The first-place photographer will earn \$350; second, \$200; third, \$150; Landon Center staff pick, \$50; and 15 \$50 honorable mention prizes.

To enter:

- Fill out the entry form, which can be downloaded from the website at: www2.kumc.edu/coa. Click on Photo Contest icon. (To see previous year's photos click on Images of Aging icon) You may copy the form.
- Photographers must attach a completed entry form to each submission. Photos lacking a completed entry form will not be considered.
- Each photo must include at least one person, age 60 or older.
- All photos must be received by Jan. 31 and must be the original work of the person submitting it.
- A maximum of three prints

(color or black and white) may be submitted.

• Prints must be 8-inches-by-10-inches. Mount photos on matboard the same size as the photo.

• Prints must be of high quality and high resolution. No cellular phone images.

• Mail photos in protective envelopes or flat cardboard no more than 10-inches-by-12 inches. No boxes, please. Late or mutilated entries will not be considered.

• Photos will not be returned.

• The Landon Center on Aging reserves the right to display winning photos, including honorable mentions.

• Winners will be posted on the Landon Center website.

MARKETS

At close of business Oct. 24

Wheat	\$3.25
Milo	\$1.43
Corn	\$1.61
Soybeans	\$4.89

Send photos with entry form to: Landon Center on Aging/Photo Contest, Mail Stop 1005, University of Kansas Medical Center, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66160.

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Thursday, October 27, 2005 – 2-4 p.m.
Third Floor-Courtroom, Norton County Courthouse

NORTON EAGLES
Halloween Costume Party and Benefit

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, October 29, 2005
7:00 P.M.

Fun and Games for the Whole Family

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