

OBITUARIES

Leo A. Cramer

Oct. 16, 1919 - Sept. 29, 2006

Leo Alvin Cramer, 86, died Friday at the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Cramer was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Norton, the son of Charles and Lillian (Macelvain) Cramer. He attended Southfork Rural Grade School.

On May 18, 1940, he and Eileen Dixon were married in Almena. They made their home in Almena, where he was a maintenance supervisor for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 35 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Cramer was a member of the Almena United Methodist Church. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, one grand-

daughter, two brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include: his wife, Eileen, Almena; a son, Ron and Ellen Cramer, Fall Brook, Calif.; three daughters, Judy and Ed Whitney, Maple Grove, Minn., Bonnie and Jim Fox, Windom, Minn., and Patty and Steve Engelhardt, Sylvan Grove; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the United Methodist Church in Almena. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the Almena United Methodist Church or the Norton County Hospital. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Seated on her front porch, Alberta Slaby, greeted guests who came to her home during the Norton County Arts Council's annual Homes Tour. Mrs. Slaby conducted guided tours for the guests, pointing out the workmanship of the hometown craftsmen who built her home.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton woman to celebrate 100th birthday on Oct. 8

Lola (Chambers) Brack will celebrate her 100th birthday Oct. 12.

Mrs. Brack was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Centerville. Her parents owned a country store in Bison. She graduated from Otis High School in 1926 and started teaching in Rush County rural school. One of her memories of those early days is spending a "blizzardy" night in the school house because the roads drifted shut after the children were home safely.

In 1929, she married Aaron Brack. They had one daughter, Marla, born in 1937. Mrs. Brack resumed her teaching career in 1943 and continued teaching in Barton County until her retirement in 1959.



Lola Brack

From teaching, Mrs. Brack moved to the position of librarian for the city of Otis. She continued in that position until she was over 80 years old.

She enjoyed children and was always attentive when they brought their pets for her to admire or musical instruments to play for her. She instituted a Story Hour for three and four year olds during the summer. Her granddaughter, Dana

(West) Randolph, remembers helping her grandmother at the library.

She is now a resident of the Andbe Home. Her daughter and son-in-law, Marla and Darrel West, and granddaughter, will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday at the Andbe Home, Norton. If you would like to send birthday greetings, mail will reach Mrs. Brack at the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, No. 17-E, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Autumn is writer's favorite season

Autumn on the prairie is very different from autumn in a woody area where I now reside. While I love the turning leaves on the many varieties of trees that grow in Missouri, I truly miss those days when the Kansas blue stem grasses shimmer burgundy rose pink against the soft grey-green buffalo grass pastures. A field of mixed CRP grasses presents a muted palette dotted with the brilliant yellow of late sunflowers putting forth their final blossoms and the red sumac fire in the ditches. Ozark rolling hills and lakes are lovely but so are fields of bronzing milo and the delicate green haze of winter wheat. Autumn remains my favorite season of the year wherever I may dwell.

Collector Chat Liza Deines



As with the changing colors of the landscape so, too, change the colors of our lives as we drift into our personal autumn. Fall roses smell even sweeter because we know they are the last; crisp mornings and evenings alternate with the comforting warmth of midday sunshine; sadness and sorrow fill our hearts with each loss or passing of an old friend. Joys come in different ways and are doubly pleasant because of their rarity. Each small special treat takes on an extra glow when one realizes it might not come again.

Everyone anticipates the beauty of spring when the first crocus, daffodils and flowering trees announce the return of new life. Summer is a glorious time of heat and harvest, of full-blown beauty in gardens as well as lives. Yet autumn has a strangely appealing bitter sweetness all its own. Though we know the cold and snowy winds of winter are inevitable, the beauty of the changing seasons still gives us a little lift with each passing year. Those who live where the seasons do not change appreciably have often said that is what they miss the most about their previous homes in the

Midwest.

Families draw a little closer in the fall of the year as in the fall of our lives. Tailgate picnics, football games and hot dog roasts fill the warm afternoons finished off by scuffling home later through falling leaves in the dusk. Like a squirrel storing up acorns for winter, we store up cozy evenings of autumn to prepare the depths of our beings for the frosts that are to come.

In hill country, the changing colors of the trees are a sight to behold. A drive along twisting rural roads bordered by rail fences and stones nourishes the soul and spirit like a warm cup of cocoa on a chilly night. Contrarily, my spirit still longs to drive over the divide at the Norton/Graham County line and wrap up in the crazy quilt spread before me. Kansas limestone, virgin pasture, little farmsteads and the golden cottonwood trees along Big Creek still make this prairie girl's heart sing.

Let the autumn of your life be a time for tying up loose ends. Abilities once so abundant may fade a bit but compensations can be made. Read those books you've put back even if you must use a magnifier to do so. Finish the knitting projects so long delayed. Organizing books of old photos for your children's Christmas surprise will provide happy memories as you clip and paste.

Changing seasons are inevitable. The years pass, the days fly by ever more rapidly. You cannot stop that Heavenly clock nor can you keep the leaves of the calendar from turning. You can, however, squeeze the essence of joy from each moment granted to you.

Ivan L. Hendricks

Feb. 17, 1916 - Feb. 11, 2006

Ivan Leroy Hendricks, 89, died Feb. 11 at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., after a brief illness.

Mr. Hendricks was born Feb. 17, 1916, in Lenora, the son of Charles and Gladys (Jones) Hendricks.

He graduated from Lenora High School in 1934.

He lived in Colorado Springs for more than 50 years. He was a master carpenter and helped build airplanes at Beech Aircraft during World War II. He was a landlord and property owner for many years in Colorado Springs.

His favorite hobby was to collect and preserve things from the past. In his younger years, he loved to square dance.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dale Hendricks.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet Meany of Colorado Springs and Jalene Dunphy of Attica, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A private family service was held Feb. 16.

In Loving Memory
My father was born and raised in Lenora to the Jones and Hendricks family. If there are any relatives left, I would love to hear from you.

Janet (Hendricks) Meany
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DEATH NOTICE

Lowell Sebaugh

Lowell Sebaugh, 90, formerly of Norcat, died Monday at Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin.

Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin handling the arrangements.

Cross country team to run today for cancer awareness

Coast to coast runner, Christian McEvoy, plans to be eight miles west of Norton at 4 p.m. today. He will be so close, in fact, that the Norton Community High School cross country team plans to meet him and run to town with him.

His goal is to raise \$1 million dollars for cancer survivorship programs.

A key part of his run has been the High School Challenge which urges teenagers to join the run as

McEvoy's team approaches their communities. Anyone else who would like to join the run is invited to participate.

Mr. McEvoy and his support team left San Francisco July 1 with plans to be in Narragansett, R.I., by Dec. 14.

The team will be resting tonight and Wednesday at The Haven, a hospitality house for families of inmates at Norton Correctional Facility.

High school performers get ready for Java Jive performances Sunday

The annual Java Jive production is scheduled for two performances, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday in the Junior High School gymnasium. The Jay Singers and individual students are preparing numbers related to the theme, "I Love the 80s".

For ticket information, contact Miss Lee at the high

school, 877-3338.

READERS

— **Prairie Wind Eyecare will be closed Friday, Oct. 6 for continuing education.** 10/3

Beth Bryant will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday. Her family requests a card shower on her special day. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at No. 126 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan. 67654. Phone greetings would also be welcome. Call her at 785-877-3409.

— **Steak and seafood night Thursday and Saturday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.** 10/3

Jessie Zillinger of the Northern Valley FFA Chapter participated in the Kansas FFA District Officer Conference held at Rock Springs Ranch in Junction City this summer. J. Zillinger She serves as the Northwest District Secretary.



The Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, in cooperation with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum, will hold their annual vigil at General and Mrs. Eisenhower's burial site on the Eisenhower Center grounds in Abilene on Oct. 13 and 14.

The Kansas VFW has been responsible for maintaining this annual vigil to commemorate President Eisenhower's birthday since 1990, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. Members of the Kansas VFW will stand vigil until 7:30 a.m. the following morning.

Any Kansas VFW members wishing to participate may do so by contacting their local post.

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Sally and Hank Austerman

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Adult-\$6.00; Child-\$5.00 (12 and Under)
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12 and Under-\$6.00
Adult-\$7.00

Vet rep comes to Norton

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday to assist veterans and their families with veterans' benefits.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

*Bake and Fancy Work Sale — 10 a.m.
Dinner — 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

All You Can Eat Buffet—
Featuring Turkey and Hawaiian or Spicy Pork

ADULTS-\$6.00; 6-12-\$3.00; 5-UNDER FREE
CARRY OUT-\$1.00 MORE
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Quilt Auction Begins at 12:40 p.m.
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