OBITUARIES

Elwood L. Thomson

March 4, 1943 - February 4, 2011

Elwood LeRoy Thomson, son of James and Lucille (Jurey) Thomson, was born March 4, 1943, and died at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Feb. 4, at the age of 67.

Elwood attended school at Clayton and Jennings. On April 2, 1969, he married Susan Quenzer in Norton, and to this union three children, Troy, Rachelle, and James, were born. They made their home in Norton where he drove a truck for Peak Transport in Phillipsburg, and later worked as a laborer for Burlington-Northern Railroad out of McCook, Neb. He retired from the railroad in early 2000.

Survivors include: his wife, Susan, of their home in Norton; three children, Troy, and wife, Chriselle Thomson, Norton; Rachelle, and husband, Jason Glendening, Phillipsburg; James, and wife, Kacy Thomson, Wray, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Brett, Alyssa, and Caren Thomson, Madalyn and Claudia Nelson, Jaxon Glendening, Jonathan, Christian, and Riley Thomson; one half-brother, Terry, and wife, Sharon Smothers, Norton; one half-sister, Melissa, and husband Jerry Chambers, Oberlin; other relatives and friends.

Elwood was preceded in death by his parents, James Thomson and Lucille Thomson Smothers and one grandson, Lucas Nelson.

Funeral services were held Monday at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton. Burial was in Norton Cemetery. Memorial to go to the Elwood Thomson Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Wilma Halderman

April 28, 1925 - February 3, 2011

Wilma (Navis) Halderman, daughter of Garrett "G.T." and Joanna Wilamena "Minnie" (Simmenlink) Navis, was born April 28, 1925, in Long Island and died Feb. 3, in Syracuse, N.Y, at the age of 85.

Wilma was one of eight children. She graduated from the 8th grade from District 81 in Furnas County, Neb. and later earned her GED on May 2, 1977, from Colby Community College. On Aug.16, 1964, Wilma and Cecil R. Halderman were united in marriage in Norton. Together they made their home in Salina, then Norton, Holdrege, Neb. and later Fort Edward, N.Y.

Wilma worked in the nursing profession all her life. She served in hospitals and nursing homes in Salina, Norton, Almena, and Holdrege. She loved pediatrics and working in the nursery. She held many nursing certificates and worked as an LPN with a waiver.

Wilma was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Holdrege, the First Baptist Church of Hudson Falls, N. Y., and Village Baptist Church of Fort Edward. She participated in many activities in the church and especially enjoyed helping to take care of her grandchildren during the services. Cecil and Wilma taught the Junior High Sunday School together. Wilma was a woman of deep faith and she loved the Lord. She read her Bible and prayed always. She loved to sew, quilt, and crochet. She appreciated nature and enjoyed setting out and filling her bird feeders, fishing, traveling, and going on outings with her family. The love and joy of her life was spending time with her three grandchildren enjoying picnics and time spent indoors and outdoors doing many activities together. She especially enjoyed traveling to Maine on vacation to the "Red House."

Survivors include: her daughter, Ila, and husband, Scott Smith, Harrisville, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Adam, Kayla, and Elizabeth; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cecil, four children in infancy, seven siblings, Delia, Jennie, Edward, Art, Clarence "Jim," Dena, and Alice; her foster parents, Mildred and Ernest Mayo, and her foster brother, Verle Mayo.

Graveside services will be Friday, at 10:30 a.m.at Long Island Cemetery in Long Island. A memorial has been established to Wilma Halderman Memorial Fund. Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main,

DEATH NOTICE

Ethel M. Miller

February 7, 2011

Ethel May Miller, age 91, of Norcatur died at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Feb. 7.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Norcatur.

Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

Donna Carter

February 7, 2011

Donna Carter died on Feb. 7, in Haysville. Funeral arrangements are pending. Full obituary at a later date.

FYI

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women to attend the February dinner and meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is $8 per person. Reservations should be made by Tues., Feb. 15, by calling Mary Jane Hadley (877-5897).

"BE OUR VALENTINE" is the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "WORDS FROM THE HEART" presented by Alta Keating, Palisade, Neb. Ms. Keating, a ventriloquist, will bring her "Buddy" with her so come and share in the fun! Ms. Keating, also special speaker for the evening, will speak on "When Lightening Strikes…You Definitely Get a Buss."

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and Kansas. All area women are invited to attend,

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Devil is in angel food cake

Cook's Corner

Liza Deines

One of my readers delights in the Cook's Corner Culinary Catastrophe Hall of Flame stories and reminds me when a column hasn't appeared for awhile. Perhaps each of us is secretly pleased to know that we do not brave the wilds of the cooking world in lonely isolation. There truly are other cooks to whom pastry is a mystery, those who have never mastered the knack of kneading, not a few to whom a successful supper is a surprise to the cook as well as to her long-suffering family. This sisterhood, known far and wide as The Little Sisters of Kitchen Desperation, includes my friend Barbara. The following is her entry in the 2011 Hall of Flame competition.

ON THE WINGS OF AN ANGEL . . OR NOT

Being raised by a mother who didn't cook and being married to a Baptist minister who grossed $35 on a good week puts quite a burden on a new bride. If Barbara could afford to buy anything to cook, she didn't know what to do with it. She struggled and burned, served up Shoeleather Steak, scorched many a pudding and potato, resorted often to soups created from unidentifiable bits and pieces. Fortunately her husband was a patient man with a cast iron digestive system. He smiled; she persevered.

All too soon it was her turn to serve lunch to the deacons and elders group, which met monthly at homes throughout the congregation. Her husband assured her that sandwiches, salad and a cake would do just fine. She had, after a few failures, learned to make respectable Jell-O. Pressed chicken sandwiches were easy enough and economically feasible since they raised chickens in the back yard of the parsonage. Plenty of eggs, too, so angel food cake was a logical choice. Of course Barbara had never made one, but how hard could it be?

Luncheon looming on the next day's horizon, Barbara spent the day ahead of time cleaning and cooking. Morning flew by working on the salad and on boiling, boning and dicing chicken. Wisely, she dedicated the entire afternoon to the cake. Recipe at the ready, she set the eggs out to warm to room temperature as directed, measured and triple sifted, preheated the oven, readied the pan. Separating eggs turned out to be a bit more challenging than expected but she finally achieved the requisite dozen egg whites. Lacking an electric mixer, she took her lattice whisk in hand and began to whip. And whip. And whip. And whip some more until at last the result looked somewhat like the picture in her cookbook. Flour folded gently in, pan cautiously filled and slipped into and later delicately lifted out of the oven, cooled on a bottle neck and . . . miracle of miracles, a perfectly beautiful angel food cake emerged! Flushed with success as well as oven heat, she put together a fluffy frosting to complete her angelic creation.

Pretty as a picture, the cake, on a wedding gift cake plate, was fit to display on the buffet in the dining room. She was proceeding to move it there just as her husband came through the front door. In only one fleeting moment of inattention, her toe caught on the doorsill, balance was lost, and the world's loveliest cake took flight, landing splat upside down on the floor. Barbara shrieked "Damnation!" collapsed on the floor and burst into tears. Her preacher husband hurried to sit down and hug her. "Well, honey,"he said, "that's the first sign I've seen that you're just a sinner like the rest of us." He swiped up a handful of ruined cake, ate a few bites, licked frosting off his fingers and said, "Purty good cake, Barb. I believe we'd better make another one." And they did, finishing it around midnight.

EPILOGUE: Deacons and elders alike decided the new preacher's wife put out a pretty good lunch next day. They raved about her wonderfully light angel food cake and if they wondered why the preacher winked at his relieved wife, they never asked. Which only goes to prove, once again, that with God all things are possible.

Police Log

January 24
5:00 a.m. Hotel checks
1:38 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
8:40 p.m. Report of individual walking in alley with flashlight

January 25
3:30 a.m. Building checks
8:18 a.m. Two vehicle accident
9:57 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
1:21 p.m. Two vehicle accident
3:39 p.m. Request for extra patrol
4:30 p.m. Report of dead dog that had been hit on highway
4:45 p.m. Two vehicle accident
5:47 p.m. Request by parent to check on juvenile while parent is at work
7:45 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter

January 26
9:24 a.m. Request for accident report
10:43 a.m. Report of vehicle parked in handicap parking space
12:00 p.m. Request for welfare check
1:32 p.m. Civil standby
2:45 p.m. Request for welfare check
4:24 p.m. Report of missing dog
4:45 p.m. Civil standby
4:54 p.m. Report of damage to fence

January 27
6:42 a.m. Report of semi leaking fuel, Diamond Shamrock
9:00 a.m. Report of missing dog
1:23 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case
2:14 p.m. Report of found dog
4:46 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
7:49 p.m. EMS assist

January 28
6:50 a.m. EMS assist
7:38 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
2:36 p.m. Request to investigate suspicious vehicle
4:30 p.m. Report of individual driving around with missing dog
4:35 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning individual threatening them
4:38 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
8:20 p.m. Report of individual threatening to shoot them

January 29
2:04 a.m. Vehicle stop, DUI arrest
8:17 a.m. Welfare check
9:45 a.m. Report of vehicle broken down in front of residence
10:11 a.m. Report of gas skip, Loves
10:36 a.m. Gas skip taken care of
11:05 a.m. Report of large metal coil in roadway

January 30
1:48 a.m. Request for assistance by NCH
2:05 a.m. Request to find individual walking in cemetery
2:40 a.m. Activated alarm, The Bank
3:21 a.m. Vehicle stop, DUI arrest
7:57 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle

Eighteen vehicle stops were reported from Jan. 24 to Jan. 30.

January 31
1:41 a.m. Report of someone knocking on back door
7:55 a.m. Report of coon sitting by porch
10:32 a.m. Report of dump trailer parked too long on street
11:33 a.m. Report of individuals yelling at each other
12:25 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
1:21 p.m. Report of money lying on car seat
3:59 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls
4:33 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
5:10 p.m. Civil standby

February 1
7:11 a.m. Report of water leak
9:13 a.m. Request for civil standby
12:31 p.m. One vehicle accident
12:32 p.m. Request for civil standby
5:28 p.m. Activated alarm, 1st Security Bank
11:40 p.m. Activated alarm, 1st Security Bank

February 2
12:36 a.m. Parking citation
12:55 a.m. Motorist assist

February 3
1:39 a.m. Request to investigate suspicious vehicle, Loves
3:39 a.m. Car lot checks
9:14 a.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
3:26 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
3:35 p.m. Motorist assist
4:58 p.m. Report of missing dog
5:00 p.m. Dog found
8:20 p.m. Report of stuck vehicle causing traffic hazard

Twenty nine traffic stops were reported by the Norton Police Department between Jan. 24 and Feb. 3.

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