

OBITUARIES

Wilma Neva LaSalle Sept. 10, 1914 - Oct. 27, 2011

Wilma Neva LaSalle, daughter of William and Mina (Hayes) Brooks, was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Norton County, and passed away at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, on Oct. 27, 2011, at the age of 97.

Wilma attended rural grade school in Norton County and graduated from the Clayton High School. On July 22, 1936, she married Elden LaSalle in Norton. They made their home on the farm in Norton County where she was a homemaker for over 40 years. They moved to Norton for a short time until Elden's death in 1984. She later moved to Oberlin

where she had made her home for the last eight years.

Wilma was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son and his wife, Ralph and Phyllis LaSalle, Oberlin; three grandchildren, Roger and wife, Jennifer LaSalle, Kim and husband, Ken Carter, Lisa and husband, Jamie Fortin; eight great-grandchildren, Justin and wife, Karen Carter, Casey Carter, Lindsay, Lance, Lauren, and Logan Fortin, Blake and Tyler LaSalle; five great-great-grandchildren, Chandler Sumner, Olivia, Ella,

Jack, and Max Carter; other relatives and friends.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Woodrow and Howard Brooks, and three sisters, Irene (in infancy), Vera Wiltfong, and Olene Hillebrand.

Graveside service and interment were Monday at Clayton Cemetery in Clayton.

Memorials can be sent in Wilma's honor to Clayton United Methodist Church and the Clayton Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Donald Alan Wertenberger Nov. 25, 1951 - Oct. 28, 2011

Donald Alan Wertenberger, 59, of Hays died Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at Hays Medical Center.

Don was born Nov. 25, 1951, in Norton, to Donald "Rex" and Lorene Elizabeth (Esslinger) Wertenberger. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1970 and attended Kansas University. His hobbies included sports, hunting, fishing and gardening. Don married Grace Hamilton in January 2000. He worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 35 years as an Engineering

Technician. He was awarded District Engineer of the year in 2004 and retired in 2005. He was also a member of the Norton Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Grace of the home in Hays; sons, Daniel and Caleb, both of Hays; his mother, Lorene Hessenflow of Hays; a brother, Robert Wertenberger and his wife, Nancy of Hays; sister, Janet Rosenbaugh and her husband, Jeff of Lee's Summit, Mo.; a step son, David Hamilton of Englewood, Colo.; step-

daughter, Tamera Svanes and husband, Dana of Kintyre, N.D.; Robin Pena of Holcomb, and Nancy Daniel and husband Bill of Parker, Colo.; and 13 step-grandchildren; three nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, a sister, Janel Arnold and two nephews.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Hays is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.haysmemorial.com.

Bill Gene Goss March 25, 1933 - Oct. 26, 2011

Bill Gene Goss, son of Leland and Anna K. (Loper) Goss, was born March 25, 1933, in Norton and passed away at the Porter Hospice at the Johnson Center in Centennial, Colo. on Oct. 26, 2011, at the age of 78.

Bill grew up in the Norton and Oberlin communities, attending the schools in Oberlin. On June 14, 1953, he married Donna Witt in Oberlin. He was the owner of BG Welding Services and had worked for the Gates Rubber

Company for 28 years.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Goss, Oberlin; one daughter, JoAnn Class, Englewood, Colo.; other relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

A private family burial will be held in the Norton Cemetery in

Norton.

Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society and Porter Hospice at the Johnson Center in Centennial, Colo.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, on Friday, Nov. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Janis Marie (Boucher) Garren July 27, 1926 - Oct. 18, 2011

Janis Marie (Boucher) Garren, 85, of Hill City, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at Graham County Hospital in Hill City.

She was born July 27, 1926, in Clydesdale to Roy Ernest and Mildred Faye (Power) Strickland.

She married Edward Swanson. She later married Loren E. Boucher in 1951. He preceded

her in death in 1993. She later married Lester Jr. Garren on Jan. 18, 2010. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Hill City; two daughters, Cindy Morford and Stephanie Roda, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Marcelle Allen, Kanarado; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday at Church of God Dining Hall, Fourth and Cedar Streets, Hill City. A private family burial will be held in Lenora South Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Stinemetz Funeral Home of Hill City is in charge of arrangements.

Dinner for a cause



First United Methodist Church held its Chicken and Noodle Dinner Saturday night. The dinner included homemade chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad and homemade desserts. The Church uses the proceeds from the annual fund-raiser to purchase air-time on KQNK-FM to broadcast its Sunday services from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

The big red truck

It was a beautiful Indian summer day in Norton. My teacher husband hurried home from school, which was an unusual occurrence, and asked if I could hold supper a little late so he and his buddy Ron could get a round of golf in before dark. Our twin toddlers loved to be outside but were still at the stage when they had to have constant supervision so a late supper would be a treat for them as well.

Warmly clothed in corduroy rompers and long sleeved shirts, we first set off on a tour of Daddy's garden, stopping along the way to admire bugs and observe a busy ant pile. All around the yard we went, picking up a rock here, a stick there, finishing up at our little sandbox in the back yard under the big elm tree. At the moment playing in sand meant dumping containers of sand on each other, leading to a lot of grit on the bathroom floor when they disrobed and a goodly layer of sand in the bath tub as it was washed out of their hair, but they enjoyed it so much it was well worth the grubby aftermath.

Such a still, warm afternoon was perfect for burning trash in the fifty-gallon barrel at the north edge of the yard. Leaving the babies momentarily I popped into the house for the trash basket plus a pile of old catalogs, newspapers and magazines from the back hall. Oh what a merry conflagration it made when I set a match to the stuffed trash barrel, tongues of fire leaping and blazing in the crisp autumn air.

Now our yard dropped off at the north side into a deep draw that ran between our house and the McMullen home. An early frost had left the draw full of nice dry thistle bushes and ragweed trash. Nice flammable trash. In the twinkling of an eye leaping flames ignited an enormous thistle and in moments the entire side of the draw was ablaze. Panicked, I dashed for the house and the telephone, only to remember just as I hit the porch steps, that I had two babies loose in the yard. I

Table for
five
Liza Deines



burn on out. Let's just go show the little feller there the big truck." And he carried David off to gleefully examine all the fascinating parts of a fire truck, including one quick hoot of the siren.

Out on the golf course south of town Ron looked up from a putt, saw black smoke over Norton and said to LeRoy, "Gee, I sure hope that's not our supper." And they laughed, blissfully unaware, and played on.

The following week David was digging through the box of Little Golden books and, with a cry of delight, came running to me with a book, pointing to a picture of a fire truck on the front. "Truck . . . big red truck!!" he explained proudly. He then pulled me over to the bedroom window, which looked out on the north side of the house and the blackened remains around the burning barrel, then led the way to the telephone on the desk and looked up eagerly, obviously planning a repeat performance of his most exciting day!

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Perhaps this is why open burning is illegal in Norton County today?

**Fraternal Order of
EAGLES**
Eagles Road, Norton, Kansas
Fundraiser for Kansas State Aerie and Auxiliary
President's Charity: Cotton O'Neil Cancer Center, Topeka, KS
Saturday, November 5, 2011
SERVING DINNER FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
**BBQ County Style Ribs, Baked Potatoes, Salad,
Desserts, Rolls, Coffee and Tea - Cost \$8.00**

CASINO GAMES
7:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
Texas Hold'em, Black Jack, Turkey Shoot, Poker,
Roulette, Craps, Wooden Horse Races and More!
**AUCTION FOR PRIZES WITH
FUNNY MONEY AT 9:00 P.M.**
MEMBERS AND GUEST WELCOME

Oct. 28-
Nov. 2

Let's Go
to the
Movie

Showing at the
**NORTON
THEATRE**
Courageous

2 Hours, 19 Minutes (PG-13) Presented in Digital Sound
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Puss in Boots
1 Hour, 40 Minutes
Premiere (PG)

All passes accepted for
Courageous;
No passes accepted for Puss in Boots

Courageous is only \$4.00 per person (NO \$3 Sunday since tickets are already discounted)
Puss in Boots is Premiere Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00 (No Sunday Discount)
Premiering Friday, November 18 - Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I (PG-13)
Halloween Fright Night #1 - Fri Night/Sat. Morning and Midnight -
Scream 4 (R) and Beetle Juice (PG)
Halloween Fright Night #2 - Sat. Night/Sunday Morning and Midnight -
A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) and Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho (1960) (R)

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Celebrating 80th birthday



Ermalea Mason will celebrate her 80th birthday on Nov. 5. To celebrate her birthday, cards and congratulations will reach her at 2415 Ambassador Drive, Salina, KS 67401.

Ermalea is the mother of Todd Mason of Denver, Colo. and Leesa Peterman (Gary) of Salina. Her grandchildren are Tyler Long of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Brandi Obermueller and Dylan Obermueller of Lincoln, Kan.

Accident Report

Oct. 20 - A white 2007 Honda CRV, driven by Joyce Fischer of Lenora, was traveling east bound on Road W when a deer came out of the south ditch and onto the roadway. Fischer was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by officer Larry Land.

Home canning not recommended for some fall foods

Food preservation enthusiasts are advised to freeze, rather than can, pumpkin butter, mashed or pureed pumpkin or winter squash.

The USDA recommendation is science-based, so it is best not to use those old family recipes that have not been tested if you are concerned about serving safe and nutritious foods to your family. Key factors in the food safety recommendation are noted as follows:

*Variation of viscosity (thickness) of pumpkin purees do not allow standard calculations for recipes as far as processing times, and,

*Pumpkin and winter squash are low-acid foods capable of

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supporting growth of Clostridium botulinum bacteria that can cause serious foodborne illness (botulism) and death.

Research on home canning of pumpkin and squash products is ongoing, but results vary and, for now, consumers are advised to freeze pumpkin butters or mashed pumpkin and squash.

When ready to use frozen

pumpkin butter or puree, thaw it in the refrigerator, store it in the refrigerator and use it within one week. Freezer storage can be for up to six months.

More information on safe food preservation in the home is available at your local K-State Research and Extension Office or by e-mailing Tranda Watts at: twatts@ksu.edu

*Call Mike
with all your
social news.
877-3361*

Thanksgiving
Dinner Buffet
A Traditional
Thanksgiving Buffet
with all of the trimmings
**Thursday,
November 3**
at the
Norton American Legion
Serving 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
COST IS \$10.50

*Can't you just taste the
tender turkey, pumpkin pie,
and hot rolls . . . ?*

Members and Guests Welcome