

# OBITUARIES

## Leo Mathias Noel

July 10, 1927 - Dec. 6, 2011

Leo Mathias Noel, son of Jacob "Jake" and Anna (O'Connell) Noel, was born July 10, 1927 on a farm northwest of Logan that was homesteaded by his grandfather, John Noel, Sr. He died on Dec. 6, 2011 at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg, at the age of 84.

Leo was raised on the family farm northwest of Logan and graduated from Logan High School in 1945. After graduation he helped his father on the farm and ran the township road grader. In 1950 he was drafted into the Army and served in the motor pool in Company M during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in October 1952.

On May 25, 1953 he was united in marriage to Genevieve "Jean" Noel at the St. John's Catholic Church in Logan. They started their married life on his Uncle Frank's farm northwest of Logan. To this union, five chil-

dren were born: Thomas, Karen, Katherine, Anna and David.

In 1965, the family moved to Logan where Leo started working on the Pulling Unit for Shirk's and later for Patterson's. He then went to work for Petroleum Management as a roustabout and pumper until 1986. In June of 1986 they bought the liquor store from the Janderas and ran the store until Leo retired in 1992.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Ralph DeFors American Legion of Logan and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Myers-Hesler Post of Phillipsburg. Leo was also an honorary member of the Logan Fire Department after serving 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Katherine; brothers and their wives, James and Helen, Charles and Geraldine, Max and Aileen, Francis, and sister, Jeannette

and Lawrence Lohrmeyer.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve; his children and their spouses, Thomas and Linda Noel of Sidney, Neb.; Karen and Floyd Long of Kimball, Neb.; Anna and Dale Brophy of Commerce City, Colo.; and David and Brenda Noel of Sidney, Neb.; sister-in-law, Mary Noel of Marysville, Mo.; ten grandchildren: Jessica Webb, Melissa Noel, Kimberly Noel, Jacob Noel, Tim Long, Samantha Long, Sean Brophy, Michael Brophy, Jason Noel and Tyler Noel; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday, Dec. 9 at Logan Funeral Home and a mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, Dec. 10 at St. John's Catholic Church. Interment was at Pleasant View Cemetery in Logan.

Memorials can be sent in Leo's name to Logan Ambulance Service.

## Laurena Louise Klotz

Feb. 21, 1915 - Dec. 10, 2011

Laurena Louise Klotz, daughter of August and Katherine (Braun) Wegener, was born Feb. 21, 1915 in Norton and passed away at the Lexington Park Home in Topeka on Dec. 10, 2011, at the age of 96.

On March 3, 1915, in the home of her parents, she was given new life through Holy Baptism. She received her early education through Immanuel Lutheran Church of Norton and continued her education at St. John's Lutheran Church in Culbertson, Neb., where her oldest brother, Arthur, instructed and confirmed her in her Christian faith. At the age of 17, she taught school at the Immanuel Lutheran School for two years. In 1969, she received her GED through Norton County High School.

Laurena was married to Martin Klotz on Oct. 20, 1937, in her parents home. Laurena and Martin enjoyed a long marriage of 53 years and were blessed with two children, Janice and Paul. Martin passed away in 1990. She spent the last year enjoying the company of her son, Paul, and other new friendships as she resided in Topeka.

Laurena was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. She worked hard as a wife to a northwestern Kansas farmer but still found time to spend with her children, take care of her aging parents, and later worked and volunteered her time at various places around Norton County. She delighted in being active in church and showed a deep love for her grandchildren and great-grand-

children.

Laurena is survived by her son, Paul Klotz, Topeka; her son-in-law, Robert Hanson, Norton; five grandchildren, Susan, and husband, Greg Shilling, Westphalia; Yvonne, and husband, Mark Beer, Falls Church, Va.; Stephen Hanson, Overland Park; Andrew, and wife, Renee Klotz, and Charles Klotz, all of Durango, Colo.; six great-grandchildren, Matthew and Bethany Beer, Camille and Cameron Shilling, Lucy and Conrad Klotz; two sisters-in-law, Lena Hopfer and Hilda Friebus, both of Washington State; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends around the United States.

Laurena was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter, Janice Hanson, and all her brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod in Norton.

Interment will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Norton.

Memorials can be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Condolences can be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Clifford D. Schoenthaler

Nov. 21, 1932 - Dec. 8, 2011

Clifford D. Schoenthaler, son of Martin and Louise (Beljung) Schoenthaler, was born Nov. 21, 1932 in Ellis and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton on Dec. 8, 2011, at the age of 79.

Clifford attended the schools in Ellis and attended trade school for welding. He was also a mechanic in the U.S. Navy. On Nov. 22, 1970, he married Carol Smith in Larned. They made their home in Larned for 14 years before moving to Norton where they have lived for the past 30 years. Clifford was a true handyman and his talents as such will be missed.

Clifford was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church where he served as a trustee. He was

a musician and loved music and enjoyed fishing. His greatest pride and joy in life was his family and spending time with them on the family farm.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Schoenthaler, Norton; his children, Clinton, and wife, Lizzetty Schoenthaler, and Terry Haynes, and husband, Steve Jeltz, all of Norton; Jim Hall, Lawrence; Dana and husband, Mark Stenzel, Bazine; Darin and wife, Joy Hall, Shawnee; one brother, Marty Schoenthaler, Douglas; 10 grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 12 at Enfield Fu-

neral Home.

Interment was held on Monday as well, at Ellis Cemetery in Ellis.

Memorials can be sent in his name to Norton County Hospital and Hospices Services of Norton County.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

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## The champion



Elmwood Park Speedway held its 2011 Race Banquet at the American Legion on Saturday evening. Brian Conness of WaKeeney was the Sports Mod Track Champion. Also pictured are Tanner Portenier of Lucas, who finished sixth in the standings and Rick Schwab, Elmwood Park Speedway Track promoter. The evening included a social hour, dinner and the awards ceremony. The 2012 race season is set to begin at the end of March.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Cam Preuss, Moran, Wyo., formerly of Norton, and April Duncan, previously from Saxtonburg, Pa., were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 2011.

The outdoor, afternoon ceremony was held on the grounds of the Succop Conservancy in Butler, Pa.

A reception will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18 in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton Christian Church from 2-4 p.m. Cake and cookies will be provided and Cam and April will be available to visit with guests.

The reception is hosted by Darrell and Sandy Preuss, Dan and Tanya McGee, Kate, Jaden and Kelsey.



## BIRTH

Julie and Jon Sanko welcomed newborn Brook Evelyn into the world on Nov. 23, 2011 at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Neb. Brook weighed seven pounds, two ounces at birth. She will be welcomed home by her siblings, Spencer, Anabelle and Rudy.

Grandparents are Ted and Connie Sanko of Norton, and Ernest and Twila Griffiths of Scottsbluff, Neb.



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## Community Calendar



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Dec. 9  
Dec. 14

Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Arthur Christmas**  
(PG) 1 Hour, 47 Minutes  
Presented in Digital Surround Sound  
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  
**New Year's Eve**  
2 Hours, 8 Minutes (PG-13)  
Only Premiere passes accepted for New Year's Eve  
All passes accepted for Arthur Christmas  
New Year's Eve is Premiere Price: \$7.00 and \$6.00 (No Sunday Discount)  
Arthur Christmas is General Admission: \$6.00 and \$5.00 (\$3.00 on Sunday)  
Premiering in Norton Friday, Dec. 16  
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked  
Premiering in Norton Wed., Dec. 21  
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

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Thursday, December 22

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