OBITUARIES

Elwood L. Bailey Jan. 13, 1926 - Jan. 14, 2012

Elwood L. Bailey of Norton, formerly of Jennings, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 at the Andbe Home in Norton at the age of 86.

Elwood was born Jan. 13, 1926 to Elvin and Mabel (Rohan) Bailey in Kanona and was raised in Jennings.

He attended school in Kanona and Jennings and served in the U.S. Army during World War

On April 9, 1947, he married Norine Fiala in Oberlin.

Bailey resided in Jennings until November 2008, then Nor-

He was a member of the American Legion Post #351, V.F.W., Eagles Lodge and ImChurch in Leoville.

Bailey was preceded in death by his parents, Elvin and Mabel Bailey; brothers, Francis and

He is survived by his wife, Norine Bailey of Norton; son, Charles Bailey of Beloit; daughter, Debbie (David) Graham of Norton; sister, Geraldine Packer of Norton; two sisters-in-law, Mary Carper of Jennings; and Marguerite Bailey of Oberlin; five grandchildren, one stepgrandson and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and at the Immaculate Concep-

maculate Conception Catholic tion Church in Leoville from 5 to 8 p.m.

A vigil service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Mark Berland officiating.

Interment will be at Jennings Cemetery in Jennings.

A memorial has been established with Jennings American Legion Post #351 and the And-Arrangements were made by

Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

More women own farms

In an industry traditionally dominated by men, women have a strong and growing presence in U.S. agriculture. In fact, more and more women are choosing to own and manage their own farms. The 2012 Women Managing the Farm Conference is a comprehensive program designed to give women the insight to manage their farm investment.

The 8th Annual Women Managing the Farm Conference will be held on Feb. 10-11, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

"Farm women who are helping to grow the nation's food supply are being recognized more and more for their contribution to agriculture," says Janet Barrows, Conference Coordinator and Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Frontier Farm Credit. "The conference provides a unique situation to participate with women who see the value and importance of learning ways they can impact issues affecting today's agricul-

Over the two day conference, presentations regarding business planning, health, managing employees and more will be interspersed with opportunities for networking and learning from others attending the conference. The WMF conference has been developed for all women involved in an operation from the full-time manager to the absentee landowner needing a bit of insight about managing their investment.

Keynote speakers include Dana Peterson, National Association of Wheat Growers; Dan Thomson, Veterinarian, K-State Research & Extension; Cheryl Tevis, Successful Farming Magazine; Ed O'Malley, Kansas Leadership Center; and Cheryl Unruh, Author, Flyover People.

Whether a farm owner, partner, or rookie, women involved in agriculture are encouraged to attend this conference. Registration and other details can be

obtained at www.togpartners. com/wmf. The registration fee is \$145, if paid by Jan. 27. The price will increase to \$170 after that date. The Soybean Commission has provided funding for 25 scholarships of \$150 each to cover registration, hotel and/or travel expenses for farm women with limited resources – the scholarship form can be obtained on the website. If you do not have web access and wish to register or obtain further information, please contact The Odyssey Group at 320-224-0154. A block of rooms has been

reserved at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, 400 West Waterman, Wichita, KS 67202, phone 316-293-1234 or toll free 1-888-421-1442, at the conference rate of \$97 plus tax for single/double occupancy and \$122 for triple/ quadruple occupancy. Make reservations by Jan. 23, by calling the hotel directly and mention the Women Managing the Farm conference to receive the conference rate.

Lawson Eugene Bird Sept. 13, 1920 - Jan. 13, 2012

Lawson Eugene Bird was born the fifth child of eight children to Wilber and Eleanor (Cook) Bird on Sept. 13, 1920 on a farm south of Nebraska City in Otto County, Neb. He departed this life Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 at the Golden Age Living Center in Franklin, Neb., where he had been a resident since Aug. 27, 2011. His age was 91 years and four months.

Lawson attended rural schools in Otto County and high school in Walton, Neb., where he graduated with the class of 1939.

On July 3, 1942 Lawson entered the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth. He served overseas for two years and five months. He was engaged in four different campaigns or battles while overseas and received four bronze stars. He served in the European, African, and Middle Eastern theaters. He also received the Bronze Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Arrow Head. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 21, 1945 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He had served with Company C of the 182nd Combat Engineer

Shortly after his entry in the United States Army, Lawson Eugene Bird was united in marriage to Miss Letha Laverne Vermaas on Nov. 16, 1942 in Kansas City, Mo. To this union, three daughters were born, Norma Jean, Linda Raye, and Judy Anne. During World War II, Laverne resided with her parents. After Lawson's discharge from the military the family resided in Lincoln, Neb., where he attended and graduated from the Agnes Beauty School. Lawson worked for Ben Meyers Hairdresser for two years. While Lawson and Laverne resided in Lincoln they operated a beauty shop until 1970. In 1970 they moved to Raymond, Neb. to operate a livestock and grain farm for one year. In 1971, they moved to Norton, where Lawson worked in a hog complex for one year. In 1972, they moved to Shickley,

Neb., where he operated a hog confinement for Cornhusker Farms for nine years. They returned to Norton and he operated the Dick Heaton hog confinement. They retired in 1986 and moved to Republican City, Neb.

Lawson was a member of the American Legion in Lincoln. He enjoyed fishing and made several trips to Canada over a 10-year period. On his 91st birthday, his family took him fishing and he caught the first fish of the day as well as the most fish for the day. He was a man that never met a stranger, thoroughly enjoyed life, and will be long remembered for his keen wit and sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife Laverne on Jan. 10, 2008. In 2007 they had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. In addition to his wife, Lawson was preceded in death by his father; his mother; three brothers, Frank, Seth, and Dale and his wife Marjorie; three sisters, one sister in infancy, Lois in childhood, and Lola Wetenkamp and her husband Woodrow; a brother-in-law, Wally Axburg; and two sons-in-law, Bruce Steiner

He leaves to mourn his passing his three daughters, Norma Steiner of Adams, Neb.; Linda Mc-Farland and her husband Tom of Beatrice, Neb.; and Judy Conrad and her husband Lee of Naponee. Neb.; one sister Lucille Axburg of Waverly, Neb.; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; other relatives, and a host of friends.

It was Lawson's request that he be directly cremated after death and there be a private inurnment in the Naponee Cemetery in Naponee, Neb. at a

Condolences and memorials may be mailed to his family at 407 Harlan Street, Naponee, NE

The Banta-Torrey Funeral Home in Alma, Neb., is in charge of arrangements.

Technical education to get boost

Career and Technical educators and stakeholders joined Kansas Governor Sam Brownback recently for the announcement of his plan to boost the percentage of students who are career and college ready upon high school graduation. The plan, which proposes improvements to career and technical education programs, is part of Governor Brownback's Road Map for Kansas commitments to improve education.

The Governor's proposal would provide a little more than \$20.5 million for student tuition, school transportation costs, incentives to high schools for

certificates earned in key occupations and marketing to increase participation.

Andy Tompkins, the Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents, said the initiative will provide an incentive to high school students to pursue an education at Kansas community and technical colleges while they are still in high school, enabling them to get a jumpstart on being ready to enter the workforce.

The Governor's proposal will now be presented to the Kansas Legislature.

Girl Scouts celebrate cookie sale

Girl Scouts Celebrate Cookie Sale, 100th Anniversary

Sweet Tradition Marks Century of Service and Leadership

Girl Scout entrepreneurs will be out and about in uniform beginning Jan. 21 selling your favorite cookies: Thin Mints; Caramel DeLites; Peanut Butter Patties; Thanks-A-Lots; Peanut Butter Sandwiches: Lemonades: Shout Outs and Shortbreads. This sweet tradition also marks the beginning of Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary celebrations in Kansas.

Girl Scout Cookies are available for \$3.50 per box and all of the proceeds support Girl Scouting in local communities.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country and for many, it is their first entrepreneurial venture. Through participating in the cookie program, girls develop five essential skills:

1. Goal Setting

2. **Decision Making** 3. Money Management

People Skills **Business Ethics** Girl Scout Cookies are only

sold for six short weeks every year, but the benefits for girls last throughout their entire

NEW for the 2012 Girl Scout Cookie Sale: Shortbreads will be available

All cookie packages will include a seasonally focused "Use or Freeze By" date. This packaging addition will help ensure consumers' confidence that their Girl Scout Cookies are fresh.

in specially-designed 100th An-

niversary packaging highlight-

ing the Girl Scouts of today and

yesterday. What better cookie

to celebrate the 100th Anniver-

sary than the cookie that started

it all! Shortbreads are a Girl

Scout classic and part of what

has made the Girl Scout Cookie

Sale what it is today.

To find cookies in your area visit kansasgirlscouts.org or call 888-686-MINT.

Marie Delimont March 22, 1918 - Jan. 12, 2012

Former Norton County resident, Marie Delimont, passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at the Phillips County Retirement Center in Phillipsburg at the age

She was born March 22, 1918. the daughter of James Arnold and Kate (Jones) Kauten.

Survivors include her three daughters, Judy Van Der Veen of Prairie View; Eileen Kunz of

battle with lymphoma.

Joyce was born Dec. 28, 1928

of the late Cyril William Sr. and

Marion (née Hanson) Vancura.

years in Norton, where her fam-

Deere) Implement Company.

Joyce knew every part and piece

of equipment by memory. The

town of Norton remained dear

On April 8, 1955, Joyce mar-

ried James E. Compton, Jr. and

moved to Salina and later to

to her heart to the end.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Leta Harpst of Bellaire; her sisterin-law, Ann Kauten of Norton; eight grandchildren, six greatgrandchildren and four greatgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. in the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg with Pastor Charles Ross and Dr. Robert Kunz officiating.

Inurnment will follow in the Delimont Cemetery.

A memorial fund will be established.

Friends may sign a book from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m Monday and 9

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Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

<u>Jan. 5</u>

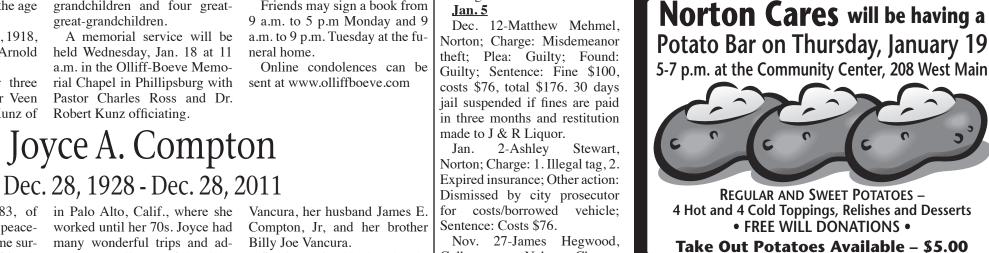
Dec. 12-Matthew Mehmel,

Nov. 27-James Hegwood, Culbertson, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76,

total \$106.

Nov. 11-Randall Willmes, Norton; Charge: Domestic battery; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended by city

prosecutor to battery; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$500 suspended, costs \$76, total \$76.



Jan. 13-Jan. 18 **Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) 2 Hours, 19 Minutes (Presented in Digital Surround Sound) Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 p.

Her family is hosting a Card Shower to Celebrate -Greetings can reach her at 308 N. Brown, Norton, KS 67654 Happy Birthday Mom!

Murel Davis

Lynn, Leslie, Jer and Whitney

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are non-premieres Jack and Jill is General Admission Price of \$6.00 and \$5.00-\$3.00 on Sunday **Visit our Website:** nortontheatre.com

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Wichita. They remained married until his death June 6, 1978. The marriage produced their daughter, Barbara Jean Compton. During Joyce's time in Wichita, she yearned to work outside of the home and her natural love of travel led her to work at a travel agency. She became a Certified Travel Consultant. Eventually, she moved to California and purchased Dale Johnson Travel

Joyce A. Compton, 83, of Sunnyvale, Calif. died peaceworked until her 70s. Joyce had fully Dec. 28, 2011 at home surmany wonderful trips and adrounded by family and friends ventures to all parts of the globe after a courageous longtime with her best friend and beloved sister, Nancy V. Krehbiel, often including Nancy's husband Wilin Denver, Colo., the daughter liam R. Krehbiel in their travels. Joyce and Nancy were in the jungle of Costa Rica when Jerry Joyce spent her high school Rice made his 100th touchdown reception and managed to find a ily owned the Vancura (John sports bar to view the game.

> Joyce served as the president of Western Society of Travel Agents and was a member of SKAL. She has many dear friends in the travel industry who will miss her sense of humor and sense of business.

Joyce loved football, both college and professional and particularly the 49ers. She was also a voracious reader and everyone eagerly awaited her castoffs. Joyce had a great sense of style and was always dressed to the nines. Joyce loved hummingbirds and when her loved ones see a hummingbird, they

will think of her. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Cyril and Marion

Billy Joe Vancura.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Black of Salinas, Calif., her sisters Nancy (Bill) Krehbiel of Pacific Grove, Calif., and D'Maris "Tootie" Smith of Scotts Valley, Calif., and various nieces and nephews.

Joyce's family would like to recognize Lita Fakapalea, Joyce's devoted and loving care giver and the crew at Pathways Hospice who made Joyce feel comfortable and loved during her last months at home. In lieu of flowers the family

requests a charitable contribution to Hospice. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at a later date.

Call Mike with

all your social news. 877-3361