

OBITUARIES

Leona Marie Kauten Delimont

March 22, 1918 - Jan. 12, 2012

Leona Marie Kauten Delimont was born to James Arnold and Kate Ardell (Jones) Kauten on March 22, 1918 in Edmond, and died on January 12 at age 93. At the age of 3, Marie and her family moved to Norton. She attended school in Norton, graduating from Norton Community High School in 1936.

On June 8, 1941, Marie married Charlie Delimont in a simple ceremony. To this union three daughters were born: Leta, Eileen and Judy. Marie and Charlie began their life together on the farm they worked south of Edmond. This was a large challenge for a young woman who was used to life in town, not in the country. In the end, farm life would prove too much of a challenge for Charlie's health and as a result the young family moved from farming to what would become a well known and respected electrical contracting business in and around Norton.

In her late teen years, Marie gave her life to Christ and became a long time, faithful member of the First Baptist Church. She often taught Sunday school and was deeply involved in the ministries of the American Baptist Women of the Kansas Baptist Convention. She also served as a trustee of the First Baptist

Church. Marie faithfully participated in study and worship until her health no longer allowed her to attend.

Marie put her faith to work through her broad and extensive social networking. She never met a stranger. She related positively to others not only through church but also through community involvements including serving as the leader for Judy's Brownie troop, the VFW Auxiliary, Family Community Education (ECE, formerly known as EHU), Triple T, Senior Citizen center, Garden Glow Club and extensive participation and leadership in the Order of Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge. She tirelessly served through Eastern Star for 58 years, not only serving in every office numerous times but also serving more than once as Worthy Matron of the Norton Chapter, and as Grand Representative to Oklahoma from the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

In the early 90s, Marie nearly lost her life to a rare disease, Myasthenia Gravis. Recovering from that near death experience, she struggled with the disease process the remainder of her days. After a long residence at the Phillips County Nursing Home, Marie entered into the

nearer presence of God Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012.

Marie is survived by her daughters, Leta (John) Harpst of Bellaire; Eileen (Bob) Kunz of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Judy (Jay) Van Der Veen of Prairie View; eight grandchildren: Cynthia (Daniel) Enright, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Carolyn (Rick) Haddaway, Wichita; Jacqueline (Jeff) Sechrest, Charleston, S.C.; Tamara (Shawn) Mousel, Lincoln, Neb.; Steve Van Der Veen, Prairie View; Kenberlea (Chris) Atkinson, Dallas, Texas; Cory (Kristi) Van Der Veen, Prairie View; and Stacie (Shane) De Boer, Prairie View; 16 great-grandchildren: Miles, Ian, and Justin Enright; Zackeria, Patrick, Johnathan, Michael Haddaway; Cole, Zane, and Vivian Sechrest; Johnathan, Isaac, and Carson Mousel; Jorryn Atkinson; Alyssa and Gage De Boer; four great-great-grandchildren: Dominick Haddaway, Connor Haddaway, Charlie Hoffman and Jordyn Haddaway.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie, her parents Arnold and Kate Kauten, her brother Willis M. Kauten and her grandson, Chaston Van Der Veen.

Dale L. Brunk

April 7, 1919 - Jan. 19, 2012

Dale L. Brunk, Oberlin, passed away Jan. 19, 2012 at the age of 92 in Oberlin.

The son of Eddie N. and Dollie H. (Logan) Brunk, Dale was born April 7, 1919 in Norcatur and was raised in rural Norcatur.

He attended Rural Norcatur Country School, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, worked in hotel and restaurant management and for the Oberlin Police Department.

Dale married his wife, Nila, and they lived most of their married life in Oberlin and lived in other various locations while working for Motel 6.

He was also a member of the Oberlin American Legion Post #70 and the Elks Lodge.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Nila Brunk; son, Erroll Brunk; son-in-law, Robert Kleidosty Sr.; brother, Eddie Brunk; two sisters,

Vera Brunk and Iva Ferguson; and a grandson, Eric Brunk.

He is survived by a daughter, Janene Kleidosty of Lawrenceville, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Judy Brunk of McCook, Neb.; brother-in-law, Chester (Maxine) Vernon of Lincoln, Calif.; six grandchildren, five step grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and eight step great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 23 at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, officiated by Rev. Linda Willey and burial was at Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials in Dale's memory can be made to the American Diabetes Association and Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Arrangements were made by Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

A requiem for snail mail

What fun it was at Christmas to receive newsy notes and letters with your cards. I am able to travel vicariously through your vacation trips and cruises, to enjoy triumphs of grandchildren's feats in sports and music, rejoice with you on upcoming marriages and sympathize with your various aches and pains and hospital jaunts. Some disdain holiday letters but I love them, particularly since most of us don't write letters on a regular basis. Sadly, an unexpected letter at any other time of year has become rare and will become more so in the future.

Girls of earlier generations were trained from childhood to write letters. Most little girls were given a box of stationery early in life, designated for writing thank you notes. And we did write thank you notes because at our house no gift could be used or played with until the note was in the mail. I recall Mama explaining to me, also, that the note should mention the gift itself, how much you liked it (whether you did or not) and how or where you used it or planned to do so. How long has it been since you received a hand-written thank you note of any kind from a child or even a young adult, much less one that met such exacting standards?

In the 1950's I went through a phase of writing to pen pals, addresses gleaned from a Sunday column in the Denver Post. One was a disabled vet at the Denver VA hospital, another a homesick young soldier in Korea, a

Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



fellow in Australia and one in Devonshire, England. While I never met any of these people, nor ever expected to, their letters sure brightened the day and broadened the horizons of a Kansas school girl. Mama finally put her foot down and said if I was going to send all those letters I must buy my own stamps. After all, they were three cents apiece!

This week the postal service announced another boost in the price of stamps, which brings first class postage to forty-five cents. Projected closings of small post offices, cuts in service and delays in delivery time are anticipated in the near future. A business operating on such a basis would go under in a year. Today's cell phones make it possible to call anyone anywhere for pennies and computer communication is even more economical and easily accessible. Not a wise time to raise rates, much less reduce services, if financial success is the goal. If, however, the aim is to further alienate snail mail postal patrons, it's a perfect plan.

Before computers and cell phones, the rattle of the mailbox lid was an eagerly anticipated event in the day. Walking mailmen are an endangered species

in 2012. They were once our trusted friends, despite the fact that they knew most of our business before we did. While they probably noticed when our bills were past due, they could also be counted on to notify family if something seemed amiss with an elderly patron on their route. They shared our happiness when a long-awaited package from Sears or Montgomery Ward arrived or when they could present a thin blue V-mail letter from overseas during WW II. They brought postcards from Aunt Frona in California and Mama's round robin letter from her high school classmates, mourned with us over draft notices or an ominous envelope from the IRS. We gave them a cup of hot coffee or a glass of cold lemonade, depending on the season, and a packet of homemade candies at Christmas. A kiosk of locked cubicles on the corner is bleakly unfriendly by comparison and inconvenient to boot.

Personal letters, greeting cards, and stamp collecting may soon join free calendars and steam locomotives as quaint anecdotes of things past. Times change and so must we, but I will not soon forget when a postcard mailed in WaKeeney by noon was delivered in Hill City by noon the following day.

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Birthday

Vadis Madden will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Friday, Jan. 27.

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Spuds for bucks



Norton Cares held their annual Potato Bar fund-raiser last Thursday. JoAnn Boston attended and is pictured filling her plate with a potato and three choices of toppings, vegetables and a dessert. A free will donation was taken and by the end of the night, \$2,200 was raised.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Free e-file tax help available

Starting last week, free e-file income tax preparation help is now available at sites across Kansas.

One of the largest sites will be at the Docking State Office Building, 915 SW Harrison St., Room 163.

The assistance sites are a partnership between the Kansas Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Community trained and certified volunteers will be on site to help complete electronically filed federal and state individual income tax returns and limited Kansas homestead claims and property tax relief claims. The program offers tax help to low- and moderate-income people, generally earning \$49,000 or less, who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

The volunteer tax preparers can help with special credits, such as earned income tax credit, child tax credit and credit for the elderly or the disabled for which some filers may qualify.

The Docking site will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday through the April 17 filing deadline.

AARP Kansas also offers tax-aid through the IRS-sponsored tax counseling for the elderly program at additional sites throughout Kansas. Those sites provide free tax help to people who are 60 years and older.

Items taxpayers should bring with them to have their tax returns prepared include a copy of last year's federal and state income tax return if they have one, photo identification and birth dates and social security

cards for the taxpayer, spouse and any children in the household born before Dec. 31, 2011.

Also needed will be wage and earning statements such as W-2 forms from all employers, W-2G gambling income, and 1099(R) from pension, annuity, retirement or profit-sharing plans, IRAs, and insurance contract distributions, interest and dividend statements from banks (form1099INT), unemployment insurance benefit statements received any time in 2011 (1099-G), and all other 1098 and 1099 forms.

Additionally, forms such as statements received from a mortgage company during 2011, college expense information for college students, and any other relevant information about income and expenses such as total amount paid for day care and the day care provider's federal identifying number, and any notices sent to the taxpayer by the IRS in 2011.

Workers with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers should bring the identification card sent to them by the IRS.

Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms if they are filing jointly and bank routing numbers and account numbers must be provided to have the refund deposited directly into a checking or savings

account.

The department's year-round Taxpayer Assistance Center is located in room 150 of the Docking Building. It also offers Kansas income tax return and homestead claim assistance and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No appointment is required at either location, assistance is provided on first come first served basis. For more information, call the Kansas Department of Revenue, 785-368-8222.

To locate the nearest assistance site, call 1-800-906-9887. A list of AARP Kansas Tax-Aide sites is available by calling 1-888-227-7669.

Accident Report

Jan. 10-A white 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Christopher L. Basgall of Lenora, was traveling west bound on Highway 9 when a deer, entered onto the roadway from the south ditch. Basgall was unable to avoid striking the deer causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

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