

# OBITUARIES

## Val Gallentine

June 23, 1967 - March 10, 2012

Val Gallentine died on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the age of 44. He was born in Denver, Colo. on June 23, 1967. He was raised by his parents, Jay Gallentine and Viola Gallentine-Van Der Wege. He graduated from Norton Community High School and studied auto mechanics at Northwest Kansas Vocational Tech. He was a sales person for Herl Chevrolet for 22 years. He enjoyed watching sports. Kansas University and the Denver Broncos were two of his favorite teams. He liked taking his dog out pheasant hunting and one of his favorite hobbies was going four-wheeling in his jeep. He rarely missed a NASCAR race or cheering for his favorite drivers. Val loved hanging out with

his friends. He will be missed greatly, but never forgotten.

Preceding him in death were Jay Gallentine, Gary and Gaylen Menges.

Survivors include his brother, Randy; niece, Nichole Gallentine-O'Brien and family (both formerly of Goodland); mother, Viola Gallentine-Van Der Wege of Norton; and sister Connie Lewis of Olathe.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 3 p.m. (mountain time) at Bate-man Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th with refreshments following the service.

Memorials will be designated by the family and sent to Bate-man Funeral Home, P.O. Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735.

## Jammin' to an Irish jig



The Irish band Kelly performed at the East Campus Auditorium on Saturday to a crowd of about 50 people. The performance was sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. Performing (from left to right) Charlene Adzima, Julian Lambertson, Kelly Dougherty, Mike Dugger and Joseph Carmichael. "We had a ball and we hope everyone watching did," said Mike Dugger of the performance. The Kelly Band performs four to five times a month all over the country.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## A stroke of genius and a pink hammer

By Ron Wilson,  
Huck Boyd Institute

Imagine walking into a shop where all the tools are pink. The hammer is pink. The cordless drill is pink. The screwdriver is pink. What happened here? Have you fallen into Candyland? No, this is for real. This is a new business about tools specifically designed to fit women's smaller hands - but beyond that, it's about educating and empowering women and creating opportunities for independent business.

Linda Warner is a consultant for Tomboy Tools, an innovative business and educational organization for women and girls that helps inspire them and builds their confidence in using tools designed just for women. Linda grew up in Minnesota and lived on a farm for years. She came to Kansas on a scholarship to McPherson's Central College, married a Kansan and went on to a career with the State of Kansas, settling near Topeka.

When she recently took early retirement from the state, she helped out in her husband's business, Warner Electric. Linda had always wanted to have her own business as well.

One day she was looking through a country magazine and came across a business name which intrigued her: Tomboy Tools. She found that Tomboy Tools had been founded in Denver in 2000. It started with Janet Rickstrew helping out her friends, who seemed always to need her advice with their home projects. Janet and friend Mary

Tatum created Tomboy Tools. They wanted a unique company that would offer women hands-on education, quality tools and the opportunity to learn, share and earn additional income in a fun setting.

Last fall, Linda contacted the company and asked how many people they had selling for them in Kansas. "Two," she was told - both located in northeast Kansas. "Now you have three," Linda said. "This is just the business opportunity I've been looking for."

Linda explains that the products are top quality tools, ergonomically designed for women as well as being colored pink. There is a full line of products and accessories, from pink hammers and hard hats to garden tools, power tools, automotive supplies, plumbing, and much more. Wow, talk about being tough enough to wear pink.

The sales model is based on a home party plan. For example, a host will invite friends to gather for a fun social time where they will be introduced to Tomboy Tools and have the opportunity to try them before purchasing. At the tool parties, women are taught how to use the tools for various home repairs, gardening, and craft projects.

Of course, a person can also order from Linda online.

"Tomboy Tools is the perfect gift if you are looking for a useful product or unusual gift for that special someone," Linda said.

Tomboy Tools also has a "Pink for a Purpose" initiative which supports worthy causes - the Avon Foundation for Women:

the Breast Cancer Crusade and Speak Out Against Domestic Violence. This remarkable business was even named a Top 100 Brilliant Company by Entrepreneur magazine.

"I'm a country girl," Linda said. "My husband is an electrician. My father and brothers worked in construction, so I'm used to having tools around. But many women may not know how to use tools or may feel intimidated by the power tools. Many women don't know how to unplug a drain, fix a screen or hole in the wall, or even hang pictures. I thoroughly enjoy teaching women how to fix things and how to use the tools, which, in turn, empowers them to become more independent while saving time and money."

Linda works from her rural home near the unincorporated town of Grantville, which has a population of fewer than 200 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, go to [www.tomboytools.info/lindawarner](http://www.tomboytools.info/lindawarner).

It's time to leave this place where all the tools are pink -- an example of what is possible through Tomboy Tools. We commend Linda Warner and all those involved with Tomboy Tools for making a difference by empowering and educating women and creating business opportunities in this creative way.

Every great company starts with a stroke of genius. With Tomboy Tools, it happened to be a stroke of a pink hammer.

## CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women and their guests to attend the March dinner and meeting on Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on east Highway 36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, March 13 by calling Claire Ann Eppinger (877-2785).

"Woodworking Wonders" is the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "Whistle While You Work" presented by Willie Carlin, Norton.

### By Beverly Kindler

There are new floral arrangements at Garden Gate Florals, but these are a different kind, quilted items and resources for quilt projects. The focus of this display is color and flowers.

Members of the Heritage Quilt Club have been making "Blocks of the Month." Lynn Tacha and Linda Fuller were in charge of the project which included designs for the changing seasons as well as holidays. The blocks range in size from six to 15 inches with designs of flowers, bugs and butterflies.

Wall hangings, table toppers and table runners, made with floral designs, were made by

Willie will share his expertise of making something useful and beautiful out of wood.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Anise Foley, Norton. Author of two books, Ward will share his extraordinary life of pain and triumph. In "Designs For Living," an inspiring story is told by a person who values life.

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

Jo Pakkebie, Karla Anderson, Judy Luft, Kay Strevey, Janice Beale, Freda Weyand, Anise Gill and Beverly Kindler. The quilters used paper piecing, applique, embroidery and piecing methods.

The focus on color is highlighted by the quilts made by Lynn Tacha with colorful blocks on a black background.

Quilters expanded their horizons through workshops, trunk shows, guest speakers, books and magazines that feature floral designs.

When you visit the display look for examples of embellishments, embroidery and quilting motifs.

## 'The best is yet to be' is topic for conference on aging

Older, and wiser, yet never too late to learn, and that's why a one-day conference on issues and opportunities associated with older adults and the aging process is recommended for them, their families and caregivers.

The 2012 edition of the regional Full Circle Aging Expo is titled "The Best is Yet to Be," said Tranda Watts, K-State Research and Extension multi-county specialist and spokesperson for the conference planning committee.

The event is scheduled April 27 from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Parish Hall, U.S. Highway 24, in Hill City.

The featured speaker is television personality, Larry Hatteberg, who has titled his presentation "Folks We Should

Know."

Andy Crocker, extension program specialist in gerontology and health with Texas A&M University, will serve as the keynote speaker and offer insight into "Lifestyle Choices and Your Health." Crocker also will offer one of six breakout sessions titled "Give Care, Take Care," with tips for caregivers' need to take care of themselves. Additional breakout sessions include:

-Making a Difference for Survivors and Family Members of Traumatic Brain Injury, presented by Debra Sellers, K-State Research and Extension specialist on adult development and aging.

-New Road Laws -- When to Give Up The Keys, presented by Tod Hileman, Trooper, Kansas Highway Patrol.

-Visiting and Communicating with the Alzheimer's Patient, presented by Jenny Shipman, Alzheimer's Association, Wichita, Kan.

-Tiny Garden, Big Rewards! presented by Holly Dickman, K-State Research and Extension horticulture agent, Ellis County, Kan.

-Aging with a Flair, presented by Virginia Slimmer, retired higher education administrator, Plainville, Kan.

The cost to attend the conference is \$25 per person, or \$40 for two family members. Registration is due by April 20, 2012.

Registration includes conference materials, refreshment breaks and lunch.

A limited number of registrations will be available at the door at a cost of \$35, but lunch and conference materials cannot

be guaranteed.

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and Department of Health and Human Performance, Fort Hays State University join K-State Research and Extension in sponsoring the conference.

This year, a professional development track also is being offered to assist area residents and service providers in earning continuing education credits.

More information about the 2012 conferences is available online: [www.northwest.ksu.edu/fullcircle](http://www.northwest.ksu.edu/fullcircle) or by calling the Northwest Area K-State Research and Extension Office at 785-443-6281 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

## FYI

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, March 22 in the afternoon and all day Friday, March 23.

If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas: vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning, please call to schedule your child for this screening.

Those eligible are children three to five years old. The appointments are approximately 45 minutes in length.

To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by March 21, and ask for Joan Hale.

### SOUP SUPPER

**Sat., March 17**  
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## Special Olympics coming to Hays

Thursday, March 15, starts the games of the Annual Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament in Hays. Presenting sponsor, the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus will be featured in the opening ceremonies that are highlighted by the lighting of the cauldron.

The torch will be carried by members of the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run, with special assistance from the 2011 Most Inspirational Athlete, Christy Lewis of Hutchinson Reno Hawks. When Christy started playing basketball she was shy, timid and would duck from the ball. It is now one of her favorite sports and she enjoys playing defense and going after the ball. Christy is a great example of how confidence is instilled in athletes with practice and competition, and how Special Olympics can bring athletes to their full potential. When Lewis lights the torch on Thursday night at opening ceremonies, the games are officially declared open.

Almost 1,600 athletes and coaches will be in Hays for the tournament. Christopher Ames from Hays is one of five eight-year-olds attending. George McKenzie of Cowley County is the old-

est athlete at 78. He will participate in skills and speed dribble.

This year marks the 36th year the tournament has been held in Hays out of the 41 years of basketball for Special Olympics Kansas. New this year is the addition of Fitness and Exercise classes on Thursday afternoon. As part of the new initiative Shape-Up Kansas, athletes will learn about the value of daily exercise and stretching in addition to their sports training. Four sessions are planned, Step to the Beat, Walk like a Champion, Basketball Beast and Fitness Fanatics. The Shape-Up Initiative is funded in part by a grant from Wal-Mart State Giving Foundation. For more information go to [www.kssso.org](http://www.kssso.org).

The tournament runs March 15-17, and the public is encouraged to attend any of the events.