

# OBITUARIES

## Gerald Marion 'Jerry' Helberg

Dec. 16, 1937 - Sept. 16, 2012

Long time area resident Gerald Marion "Jerry" Helberg died at his home near Morland on Sept. 16, 2012 at the age of 74.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1937 in Lindsborg to Marion Carl and Joyce Lucille (Peterson) Helberg.

Gerald was an attorney and oil man and on June 3, 1962, he married Leila Faye Conger in Hill City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and

one son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Leila of Morland; son, Tracy Carl Helberg of Penokee; two daughters, Tanya Sue Colson of Lincoln, Neb. and Tara Lee Johnson of Norton; sister, Sandra Armstrong of Lindsborg; ten grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

No formal services will be conducted.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Ronald McDonald House of the donor's choice.

## Spooky Halloween collectibles

The displays of candy treats for Halloween are already appearing in the grocery stores even though that holiday is still six weeks away. In the last ten years, Halloween has become one of the major holidays for decorating and celebrating. Fortunately the emphasis is now on family fun and home or church parties rather than the malicious mischief and rowdy misbehavior that once made October 31 an evening to dread.

Trick or treating in metropolitan areas has been spoiled by the warped tricks of a few spiteful people but it survives in small towns like ours with close, friendly neighborhoods. Some of my favorite childhood memories center around going house to house in WaKeeney with my friends, sporting our homemade costumes, giggling and gathering treats that were often also homemade. Apples were a common offering and fresh cookies wrapped in wax paper. Sometimes you were given a glass of cider or a cup of cocoa. Not these days!

The pumpkin candy buckets we bought at the local dime store have become quite pricey lately. They were manufactured to be temporary containers and most were tossed away years ago. Current high-value items are the German-made cardboard Jack'O Lanterns that were made with a triangular nose cutout. German construction from 1920 or thereabouts is characterized by a cardboard disk base attached to an expanding cardboard lantern with glue, printed blue eyes and cross hatched teeth in a big spooky grin. You'd grin, too, if you'd been bought for less than a nickel and were now worth \$200 to \$300, even in shabby

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condition. American-made candy buckets came from 1930-40 and were usually larger, pressed in one hollow, ridged globe out of thick, composition cardboard like egg cartons. Similar in value, these fellows have applied glass eyes and the teeth in their big laughing mouths are almost always parted with a tongue showing.

Among Halloween collectibles are the small noisemakers that children used to create a din at the door when announcing their arrival. Called pan paddles, these were die-cut metal disks with small strikers on a flexible strip of metal. They could make a head splitting racket when in the hands of enthusiastic little boys. Both these and irritating wooden ratchet devices were made in Japan and sold very well in the 1930's. Celluloid oogah horns were expensive both then and now because they were so vulnerable to damage. Not too many survived and a lot of buyers are looking for them.

No one had "store-bought" costumes and few could purchase masks. My father particularly vetoed the devil and skeleton masks so coveted by the boys of my age. And don't even suggest to him the wax vampire fangs or blackface disguises. Few pretty masks were available, so we made our own tie on black eye masks and depended on raiding our older sisters' makeup and jewelry drawer for

the rest. I was a gypsy many times due to my sister's penchant for big flashy rings, dangly earrings and long strings of beads. A hand-me-down gathered skirt with a peasant blouse, a silk scarf tied around to hide my braids and you could cross my palm with silver for a peek into your future. One year my friend Sharon Ann and I, regally attired in every junky, jangly piece of jewelry we could lay hands on, actually did go out and tell fortunes. We predicted life lines, gloom and terror, imminent romances and huge inheritances with great abandon. I wonder if any of it came true?

Vintage or not, skulls and witches, bats and cats, devils and demons are all collectible items and give a seasonal punch as decorations for a Halloween party. Owls and pumpkins with autumn leaves and fall colors appeal more to me, however, for my family celebrates October 31 as All Saints' Day rather than the pagan Devil's Night. Either way, don't let your little goblins over indulge from their candy haul and remind them, no mean tricks.

**BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY:** Carve a happy pumpkin smile to greet trick or treating guests and illuminate it with a flashlight instead of a candle. Your Jack'O Lantern will be much safer and will last longer, too. And be sure to save, wash, salt and roast those pumpkin seeds for a tasty nutritious treat.

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## Riding for a cause



The Norton American Legion Riders held a fund-raiser Saturday by having a poker run to Hill City, Hoxie, Colby and Oberlin ending their ride at the Prairie Dog State Park for a free will supper. The money raised will be used for future projects and events. There were 22 bikes taking part in the event.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## There's work to be done in the garden

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No matter whether we're ready for it or not, we are rapidly approaching the end of the garden season. After a season such as the one fading away, many of us have a tendency to shout "good riddance." Those of us who are glad to see this season pass on are the same ones that will scream the loudest when the thermometer is reading three degrees above zero. It's an exciting place to live, isn't it? Me thinks it must really be boring to live in Honolulu or Palmer Land, Antarctica where temperatures are basically the same the year around.

But here, as the growing season ends for another year, there is much work to do outside. It's almost time to plant our spring flowering bulbs, flower bulbs you plant now that will provide a bed of brilliant color early next spring. In this area, designated as Zone 5 by the USDA, we have a rather lengthy period of time in which to safely plant spring flowering bulbs. We're talking tulips here, as well as daffodils, crocus, and hyacinth, as well as some others. We're not talking dahlias or gladiolus or other bulbs that are planted in the spring for summer enjoyment. Spring flowering bulbs must be planted in the fall of the year before the ground freezes. In this area of the High Plains, we expect the ground to freeze every year between Dec. 15 and Christmas. The general guideline is that the bulbs must be planted while you can still get a shovel in the ground. Spring flowering bulbs must be subjected to a lengthy period of cold soil

in order to thrive next spring. But also keep this in mind. If you plant them TOO early while soil temperatures are still warm, chances are good that the bulbs will sprout and send up leaves before the ground freezes, and much of the energy stored in the bulb will be lost. When spring comes, the bulbs will probably re-start, but they will not flower as well because of the lost energy.

So, if you shouldn't plant them too early, or you must not wait until cold days of December, when DO you plant the darn things? I don't ever remember seeing a chart with "sure fire" dates on the subject, but if I were doing it, I'd wait until the soil temperature dropped below 50 degrees. I don't think we're there yet.

But right now is the time to buy those bulbs, so that you'll be ready. Always buy "top size" bulbs if you can find them. Those are the big ones. The larger the bulb planted this fall will result in a larger bloom next spring. Guaranteed!

Work up the soil deeply and add some compost if you have some. Forget the bone meal that many gardeners apply at planting time. Bone meal attracts dogs, and other bad things. Plant the bulbs, pointy end up. Plant the large bulbs six or seven inches deep. If the bulbs are small, plant them four or five inches deep. Rather than plant them in rows, just toss a handful of bulbs on the ground and plant them where they fall!

Then forget about them. They are almost guaranteed to provide you with much early spring happiness...for several springs to come.

## CLUB NEWS

Chapter AA, PEO met at the home of SueAnn Stutheit on Sept. 11 with Jean Williams as co-hostess.

Our chapter will sponsor a Cottey College information display at the Norton Community High School College Fair on Oct. 24 in the junior high gym. Cottey is an independent, liberal arts women's college in Nevada, Mo. launched by PEO.

Members were reminded that we deliver Meals On Wheels Oct. 22-28.

Secret Sisters were revealed using descriptive and humorous clues.

The next meeting will be a pot luck salad supper at the new Almena Community Building on Oct. 9. Ada Arford and Elaine Johnson will be hostesses. They will also treat us to a tour of

the new library. Please meet at the Norton United Methodist Church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to pool rides.

PEO is a philanthropic, educational organization that promotes educational opportunities for women and continues to work through six projects of the international chapter.

Call Mike with all your social news.  
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Services will be held for  
**Verbon "Buck" A. Baker**  
December 23, 1942 ~ April 2, 2012  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012**  
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship at Almena Senior Center  
11:00 a.m. - Cemetery Services and Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery in Almena  
12:00 p.m. - Light Lunch and Fellowship to follow at the Almena Senior Center

## Norton Community Center Menu

Monday, Oct. 1-Hamburger gravy, peas, citrus slices, biscuit and no bake cookie.

Tuesday, Oct. 2-Ham and beans, coleslaw with carrots, cornbread and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Wednesday, Oct. 3-Goulash, corn, tossed salad with tomatoes and carrots, bread and cinnamon apple slices.

Thursday, Oct. 4-Liver and onions in gravy, mashed potatoes, wax beans, bread and fruit cobbler.

Friday, Oct. 5- Teriyaki chicken fillet, winter mix vegetables, garden rice, bread and pineapple.

Monday, Oct. 8-Polish sausage with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and apricots.

Tuesday, Oct. 9-Ground beef stew, orange pineapple salad, crackers and pumpkin crunch.

Wednesday, Oct. 10-Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and rosy pears.

Thursday, Oct. 11-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread and cook's choice fruit.

Friday, Oct. 12-Taco salad, peaches, chips and bread pudding.

Monday, Oct. 15-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, bun and strawberries with topping.

Tuesday, Oct. 16-Baked spaghetti, corn, Mandarin oranges, garlic bread and bar cookie.

Wednesday, Oct. 17-Tuna salad, vegetable soup, gelatin with fruit, bread and cook's choice complement.

Thursday, Oct. 18-Meatloaf creamed peas, mixed fruit with bananas, bread and birthday

cake.  
Friday, Oct. 19-Turkey ala king, Italian blend vegetables, pears, biscuit and brownie.

Monday, Oct. 22-Breaded pork cutlet, hash brown casserole, mixed vegetables, bread and applesauce.

Tuesday, Oct. 23-Chili, cottage cheese with fruit, crackers and cinnamon roll.

Wednesday, Oct. 24-Swedish meatballs, green beans, strawberries and bananas, noodles and jell-o cake.

Thursday, Oct. 25-Cook's choice entree, tater triangles or

tots, carrot raisin salad, bread and fruit crisp.

Friday, Oct. 26-Paprika chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread and apricots.


Monday, Oct. 29-Sloppy Joe's, tossed salad and tomatoes, peaches, bun and pudding.

Tuesday, Oct. 30-Ham, seasoned sweet potatoes, 5-cup salad, bread and cookie.

Wednesday, Oct. 31-Baked spanish beef patties, cook's choice vegetables, broccoli, bread and mixed fruit.

For more information call 877-5352.

**Daniel Lee Riemann**  
September 25, 1982 - May 11, 2008



*Dear Daniel,*  
Happy birthday son. Today you would have turned thirty years old. This year you would have watched your sister, Leah, graduate from high school. You would have celebrated your cousin Katie's graduation from Kansas State University. You would have been an uncle on June 14 to Sydney Ann thanks to your brother Wesley. Your brother, Alex, would have asked you to be his Best Man in his upcoming wedding to Katie Haines. And you would still be with us today . . . But for One Drunk Driver . . .  
*Love and Miss You, Mom*

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