# OBITUARIES

#### Ronald Pierre Marble Jan. 16, 1930 - Oct. 31, 2012

Ronald Pierre Marble was born Jan. 16, 1930 in rural Alexandria, Neb., to Fred and Nellie (Saltzman) Marble. Ronald died Oct. 31, 2012 at The Ambassador nursing home in Lincoln, Neb., at age 82, following months of dialysis and chemo-

Ronald attended rural Nebraska grade school near his family farm and 9th and 10th grade in Beaver City, Neb. He enlisted in the army with his best friend, Dale Volgamore, and served in Germany and Austria and was discharged early on April 23, 1949 due to his father's debilitating illness.

He married Virginia Dixon on June 20, 1953 in Alma, Neb. They lived in Oxford, Neb., Orleans, Neb., Henderson, Minn., and Shickley, Neb. During this time they raised son, Kenneth, and daughters Katherine and Kaylyn. Virginia died Dec. 27, 1995. Ronald married Ila (Hoover) Courtain on Feb. 15, 1997. They made their home in Shickley, Neb., Norton, and for

a brief time Kearney, Neb. As a lifelong farmer, Ronald also worked at other jobs to supplement his income. Employment opportunities included: hired hand on farms, auctioneering, Green Giant plant, custom hay baling, school bus driver, grain elevator operator, Cornhusker Farms, and Norton Correctional Facility.

Ron loved to talk to anyone and everyone. He immensely enjoyed his family, step-family, and many friends and relatives. He always said a stranger was only someone he had not met

Ron was predeceased by his parents, wife Virginia, infant daughter Karen, brothers Raymond, Royce, and Fred Jr, and sister Rouene Mayo.

Ron is survived by wife Ila of Norton, son Kenneth (Kathy) of Prosser, Neb., daughters Kathy (Bob) Sechrest of Valparaiso, Neb., and Kaylyn Hunter of Seattle, Wash., sisters Deloris White of Lexington, Neb., Roberta (Richard) Martin of Beaver City, Neb., and Vernita (Corky) Bottger of Tekamah, Neb., five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three step-daughters, 15 step-grandchildren, 16 stepgreat-grandchildren, many other relatives and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Shickley, Neb. with interment in the Shickley Public Cemetery, Reverend Dorothy Aspegren officiating and Farmer and Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

## Getting an education



Dave Fischer, Technology Consultant for Northwest Kansas Library System, taught a beginning computer class on Monday at the Norton Public Library. The students (pictured from left to right) were Cynthia Collins, Shirley Erbert, Donna Millan and Wilma Wiseman. The introductory computer class was arranged through the Norton Public Library.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## DEATH NOTICE

# Gayle Noone-Dean

Nov. 6, 2012

Logan resident, Gayle Noone-Dean, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 at Logan Manor in Logan, at the age of 84.

Survivors include her sons, Tom Noone of Hays, and Robert Noone of Logan; daughter, Kay Davis of Catherine; brother, Homer "Pete" Thompson, of Moore, Okla.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Nov. 9 at St. John's Catholic Church in Logan, with Father George Chalbhagam officiating. Burial followed at Densmore Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Logan

Logan Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-

#### Operation Christmas Child to hit milestone

While most people in the U.S. are preparing for holiday activities, Norton and surrounding area volunteers with Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, are filling shoe box gifts with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for needy children overseas. This year-round project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, is ramping up for National Collection Week (November 12-19). Norton and surrounding area individuals, businesses, churches, schools and community groups have set a goal to collect 250 gift-filled shoe boxes.

Anyone can drop off a packed shoe box at the Norton-area collection site: First United Methodist Church at 805 W Wilberforce Street Norton, KS 67654 Phone: 785-877-2196.

Hours of Operation:

November 12 through November 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and November 19 from 8a.m. to

In 2012, Operation Christmas Child expects to reach a milestone collecting and delivering shoe boxes to more than 100 million children since 1993. During that time, Operation Christmas Child has collected more than 94 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to suffering children in more than 130 countries. This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect another 9 million giftfilled shoe boxes. Through the

power of a simple gift and the message of hope, children learn they are loved and not forgotten. For many children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received. Operation Christmas Child

uses tracking technology to allow participants to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be given to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out the destination country, use the "Follow Your Box" donation form found www.samaritanspurse.org/

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call the local area volunteer, Kandis Jackson samaritanspurse.org/occ.

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vation Program signup began on

Oct. 15, 2012 and will continue

through Nov. 15, 2012. Kansas

has received \$6.1 million in

Emergency Conservation Program allocation to help produc-

Wilma and Jim Mader are happy to announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Kathleen Rose, born Nov. 1, 2012 weighing eight pounds, seven ounces. Proud parents are Tracey and Stacy Mader. She has two sisters, Jacklon and Raquel, welcoming her home.

Hunter's breakfast, pancakes, bacon and eggs, will be served Nov. 10 at the former Masonic Hall from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free donation appreciated. Hunter's supper served at the United Methodist Church from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children age four and under free. Adults and children \$7.

The date has been changed for the Sunflower Senior Dinner from Nov. 13-15. There was a conflict with the Tuesday Study Club meeting. City council meeting was Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center.

Drought assistance deadline nears Adrian J. Polansky, State Ex- in approved Counties by filing an application for cost-share assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15, 2012 at their local Farm Service Agency. The Emergency Conservation Program is being implemented to assist in providing access to water because of an extended period of severe drought. The local County Committee must ensure that the extent of the need is severe enough to necessitate Federal assistance.

Participants can receive costshare assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost for temporary measures and 50 percent of the cost for permanent measures for approved emergency conservation practices. Practices approved are EC6, Drought Measures (example: constructing and deepening wells, installing pipe to another source of water because primary source is inadequate) and EC7, Hauling Water for Livestock (example: hauling water, tanks and troughs).



Worship Service Sunday at 10:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Abbie Ponstein of Teens for Christ Connection. **Almena** 

Congregational Church ALMENA, KANSAS



### 24 hour gas service available at Ag Valley Co-op

In an effort to provide more convenient service to our customers, Ag Valley Co-op has recently upgraded the gasoline pumps at all our fuel locations. The total cost of this upgrade was in excess of \$800,000.

Along with the new pumps, a CardTrol system has been installed. This allows customers 24 hour convenience to fill their vehicles with gasoline or diesel. This system is accessible by either using your Ag Valley Gas Card or a Major Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover,

is apply for a credit application at any Ag Valley Location or at: Maywood, Oxford and Norton.

American Express, etc.) All the customers need to do

www.agvalley.com. Once they are approved they will receive an Ag Valley Fuel Card that will work at any of the 11 Ag Valley Fuel Locations: Arapahoe, Bartley, Cambridge, Curtis, Edison, Holbrook, Indianola, Lebanon,

On Thursday evening, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m., the Norton Public Library will host a Pajama Night for preschool through second grade children. There will be many special activities that evening to celebrate the annual Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week. Mary Boller, NWKLS Children's consultant, will explain the "6 by 6 Ready to Read" program. Jane Burton, USD 211 school librarian, will read the featured book, Lola Loves Stories, by Anna Mc-Quinn, as well as other books. Rosalie McMullen will lead a dance and Terry Hillman will share a craft. A bedtime snack of cookies and milk will be served. Children and parents attending are welcome to wear their paja-

vorite stuffed animal or pillow. The Norton Public Library is proud to participate in Kansas

mas and slippers and bring a fa-

Reads to Preschoolers, a statewide reading initiative supporting early childhood literacy. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is a one-book/one-state intergenerational reading project to highlight the importance of reading to children. The goal is that every Kansas child from birth to age five is read to during Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week in November (Nov. 11-17). Please come join us for Pajama Night.







Saturday, November 10 **OPENING TO CLOSING** 

Delicious Pie (or Dessert) and Coffee Homemade Chicken and Noodles Barbequed Brisket Sandwiches and Chips All Money Raised Will be Donated to the

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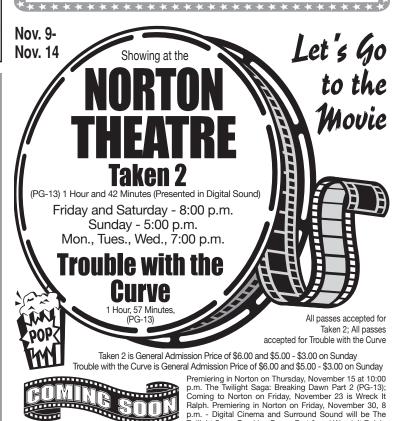
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or Christal Rose at 785-871-2031



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