

# OBITUARIES

## “Charley” Charlene (Kinderknecht) Eastin

May 14, 1951 - Nov. 24, 2012

Charlene Eastin, 61, Norton, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 at Norton County Hospital due to heart complications.

She was born May 14, 1951 in Hays to Charles and Angela (Brungardt) Kinderknecht. She grew up in Ellis.

Throughout grade school and high school she was an organist at St. Mary's Church, Ellis, and played the first English mass. She played accordion in her mother's band, Angie's Polka Band from 1968-1982. She since played with the Ramblin' Andy band and was a favorite at Polka-fests until illness interfered.

She married Eldon Reynolds in 1970 and later divorced. They had a daughter, Tracy and a son,



Christopher. A second marriage to Cecil Kitzke ended with his death in 1998. Charlene married Dan Eastin in 1999 and they happily resided in Norton until her death.

Survivors include husband,

Dan; daughter Tracy and husband Kevin Simon, Topeka, son Christopher Reynolds and grandson Christopher, Norton; three brothers, Charles Kinderknecht and wife Sylvia, Ellis, Tim Kinderknecht and wife Rhonda, Ellis, Cornell Kinderknecht and companion Dave, Texas; three sisters, Cheryl Kinderknecht and companion Lin, Florida, Joyce and husband Vic Munsch, Hays, Janetta and husband Alan Heroneme, Ellis; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Angie Kinderknecht.

Services are pending.

## Marvin S. Steinert

June 26, 1925 - Nov. 24, 2012

Marvin S. Steinert, age 87, of Hays died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, at Via Christi Village-St. John's.

Marvin was born June 26, 1925, in Galatia, Kansas, to Siegmund K. and Katherine (Herd) Steinert. He married Dora Lee Mai on Sept. 5, 1948, in Russell, Kansas. Marvin served his country with the U. S. Army during World War II in Europe as an infantry soldier. He received the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat as well as the Bronze Star with three clusters. He had owned Savings and Loans in Norton and Oakley. He retired as Kansas State Savings and Loan Commissioner of which he had served over 12 years. He was a former City Councilman and Mayor of Norton. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Norton, Masonic Lodge, ISIS Shrine, Knights Templar, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Charter member of the VFW in Russell, American Legion, DAV, and lifetime member of Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Dora Lee of Hays; sons, Terry (Nancy) of Erie, Jim

(Shirley) of Hays; daughter, Mary Ward (Jim) of Warrensburg, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Cindy Hereford, Bobby Steinert, Amy Dutro, Marcie Steinert, Terri Phillon, Jamie Yock and Tim Ward; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara; grandson, Mikey Steinert; granddaughter, Rebecca Steinert; brothers, Lester and Earling; and a sister, Jeane.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine, followed by a Masonic Service at 10:45 a.m. Graveside service and inurnment will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Russell, Kansas City cemetery with military honors by the Russell VFW Post 6240 of which he was a charter member.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

The family strongly requests memorials be given to the Russell VFW Post in his name and memory.

# Norton woman to join church

A Norton woman this weekend became one of the newest candidates for agrégée membership in the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kan.

The Concordia congregation now has nine agrégée sisters who have entered since 2006, with seven women in various stages of candidacy.

The term agrégée, pronounced ah-gre-ZHEY, comes from the French word for “attached to” or “aggregated with,” and it dates to the religious order's founding in France during the mid 17th century.

Based on research into the original constitution and rules for the congregation, written by founder and Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre Medaille, the sisters now recognize that in addition to vowed members of the order, there were also “agrégées.” While an agrégée did not make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, she did profess a vow of fidelity to God and to the congregation and lived according to the rules of the Sisters of St. Joseph. As an agrégée, she was recognized by the local people and the local churches as a sister.

As the modern Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia studied their origins and their original spirituality, they revived that early practice based on what they learned. The Senate of the Concordia congregation approved agrégée membership in 2006.

The first modern agrégée, Rosabel Flax of Ness City, Kan., professed a vow of fidelity to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia in 2008. Other agrégées live and serve in the Kansas cities



of Topeka, Augusta and Chapman, as well as Kansas City, Mo., Grand Junction, Colo., and Fruita, Colo.

The agrégée candidates are from the Kansas cities of Concordia, WaKeeny and Salina, and Douglasville, Ga., and Elizabeth, Colo.

In a simple reception ceremony Saturday morning, they were joined by Denise Ann Schmitz of Norton, who was born in Plainville and has spent most of her life in Norton and Decatur counties. She has worked for USDA-Farm Service Agency for 26 years and has one grown daughter, Shelley.

Agrégées are defined as mature, single Catholic women who commit themselves to active and inclusive love of God and the dear neighbor as expressed in the spirit and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. In almost every aspect, they are viewed as full members of the congregation, meaning they have a voice and a vote on congregational issues.

There are three significant differences, however.

• “Canonically vowed sisters” profess the canonical, meaning governed by Church law, vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. As part of the vow of poverty, an individual sister relinquishes all personal wealth and income; at the same time, the congregation assumes responsibility for her economic well being for the rest of her life.

• “Agrégée sisters” profess a vow of fidelity to the congregation, but it is non-canonical, meaning that it is not part of Church law and is instead a private vow between that sister and the Concordia congregation. It also means that the agrégée does not relinquish her finances to the congregation, and the congregation assumes no financial responsibility for her.

• Also, canonically vowed sisters begin their religious life with a formal “formation” that includes a postulancy and novitiate that are, together, about three years. During this time, they have left their previous life, but haven't yet taken up their works as a Sister of St. Joseph. For agrégées, the period of being a candidate may be about the same length of time, but they do not leave behind their outside lives. Instead, they meet with mentors and study around their regular work and life schedules. And once they have professed their vows, they return to that work and life schedule.

Other congregations of St. Joseph have developed similar definitions or are doing their own studies, but the Concordia congregation is the first to recognize agrégées as full members of the community.

# POLICE LOG

<b>Nov. 5</b> (6) six vehicle stops Activated lifeline Activated panic alarm Traffic control for funeral Welfare check	Parking citation Two vehicle accident Parking citation Assist Sheriff's Dept. with deer accident Report of woman screaming in room 14 Hillcrest Motel, no one in room 14	Found stolen property Keys locked in vehicle (5) five parking citations, non registered vehicles
<b>Nov. 6</b> (2) two vehicle stops Welfare check One vehicle accident with gas meter Report of missing child, child found	<b>Nov. 7</b> (5) five vehicle stops Motorist assist One arrest on warrant out of Texas	<b>Nov. 8</b> (7) seven vehicle stops Activated alarm, Shopko Assist Phillips Co. with deer accident report Dog bite report Report of erratic driver Report of vehicle being vandalized

# Doesn't everybody love a parade

By Ron Wilson  
Huck Boyd Institute

I love a parade. Imagine a big city parade with only horse-drawn vehicles. There are very few of those in the nation and only one in the Midwest - and that parade happens right here in Kansas. The 20th annual Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade [www.lawrencechristmasparade.org/](http://www.lawrencechristmasparade.org/) is the first Saturday in December, and it's the subject of this week's Kansas Profile.

Connie and Don Werner of Horton, Kan. are owners of Werner Wagon Works, which we have previously profiled. Connie and Don are an integral part of this parade in Lawrence.

In 1992, they met Rob Phillips at a draft horse sale in Iowa. Rob was manager of the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence at the time, and he is also a western enthusiast. He went to the horse sale in Iowa and bought a horse-drawn carriage, but had no way to transport it back home. He met Don and Connie Werner who agreed to transport it back to Kansas and a friendship began.

The Werners told Rob and his wife Beverley about an upcoming wagon train reenactment along the Oregon Trail from Westmoreland to Marysville. Rob ultimately joined in. When the wagon train arrived at Marysville, Rob was impressed at the interest shown by community members. It inspired the idea of putting on a parade of horse-drawn vehicles in his town of Lawrence.

Rob took the idea to the Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau director at the time. She was skeptical. “Do you know how much work it is to organize a parade?” she said.

But the idea would not go away. Rob continued to work on it. In the fall of 1993, he announced that the Eldridge Hotel was going to have an all-horse-powered event, including Santa Claus, on the first weekend in December. His first call went to Don and Connie Werner who agreed to help. They and others worked hard to pull together a

parade, and it was a success. Twenty-three horse-drawn vehicles rolled down Massachusetts Street and Santa rode in on a stagecoach.

The parade generated much interest. In April 1994, the Eldridge Hotel was recognized by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce for organizing the parade and it became an annual event.

After the Eldridge Hotel sold in 2004, other sponsors stepped up to support the parade. In 2009, the lead corporate sponsor became none other than Wells Fargo. This old west freight company now has a financial investment subsidiary, Wells Fargo Advisors, which is the lead sponsor. In fact, the company sends the actual Wells Fargo Stagecoach through the parade each year.

On this 20th anniversary, the Werners give thanks for founder Rob Phillips and the original participants in the parade. For that first parade, horse-drawn vehicles and outsiders came from several states and from communities around Kansas. They came from larger communities such as Salina and Topeka,

but also rural communities such as McClouth, population 865; Waterville, population 664; and Oketo, population 86 people. Now, that's rural.

A group of horse-loving volunteers come together each year to help put on this event. For several years, Connie made enough chili and potato salad to feed more than 100 people on the night before the parade.

Don and Connie Werner and their covered wagon will be in the parade, as they have for all twenty years. A friend from Bern, Kansas, Chuck Streit -- a mere 85 years old -- brings his team to pull the Werner wagon.

People come from all over for the Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade. This year, some 10,000 people are expected.

It's time to leave the Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade. We commend Connie and Don Werner, Rob and Beverley Phillips, Chuck Streit, and many others who make a difference by giving of their time and talents to make this dream become a reality. I love a parade.

Nov. 23- Dec. 30

Showing at the

## NORTON THEATRE

### Wreck-It Ralph

(PG) 1 Hour and 58 Minutes Showing in 3D Nov. 30  
Friday and Saturday - 7:00 & 9:15 p.m.  
Sunday - 5:00 p.m.  
Mon., Tues., Wed., Closed  
for remodeling to Digital Cinema

### The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2

Presented in Digital Sound  
2 Hours, 6 Minutes,  
(PG-13)

All passes accepted for  
Wreck-It Ralph; Only Premiere passes  
accepted for The Twilight Saga

Wreck-It Ralph is General Admission Price of \$6.00 and \$5.00 - \$3.00 on Sunday  
The Twilight Saga is Premiere Admission Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00 - No Sunday Discount

Coming to Norton on Friday, November 30- Friday,  
November 30 - 8:00 p.m., Digital Cinema and Surround  
Sound: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part  
2 (PG-13); Rise of the Guardians-in 3D! (PG)

This ad is brought to you by The Norton Telegram

Buy Holiday  
Goodies  
at the

## Cookie and Candy Walk

Wed., December 5  
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Community Center  
208 W. Main, Norton

Come and Select a Variety of  
Cookies and Candy  
Selling Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee  
SPONSORED BY: UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN

*Beautiful Toes*  
for the Holidays

with a Pedicure from  
**Debbie Graham at  
The Razor's Edge**

Call today for an appointment and  
let Debbie soothe your legs, feet and toes  
in time for Christmas & New Year's!

Call The Razor's Edge  
785-877-3956, ask for Debbie  
OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

## NEEDING TO ADVERTISE?

Send your Ad to The Norton Telegram via FAX or EMAIL

All We Need is Your Contact Information!

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**  
nortontelegram@nwkansas.com  
or dpaxton@nwkansas.com

**OR**

**FAX NUMBER:**  
Norton Telegram  
785-877-3732

**THE NORTON TELEGRAM**

215 South Kansas Avenue  
Norton, Kansas, 67654  
Phone: 785-877-3361