# OBITUARIES

#### LaVonne Price Green April 22, 1913 - July 11, 2014

LaVonne Larson Greene, age 101, of Manhattan, Kan., died July 11, 2014 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born on April 22, 1913 in Dows, Iowa the daughter of Arthur and Florence Larson. She was a proud graduate of Coe College and spent her career as an educator.

LaVonne and Everett Price were married on June 12, 1938. They were blessed with two children: Jo Ann and Ron. They enjoyed raising their family in Norton and later moving to Manhattan, Kan.

Later in life, LaVonne was married to Ogden Greene. They had the opportunity to travel the world and take an active role in the Trinity Presbyterian Church and many local organizations.

Family gatherings and the special reminiscing moments were always a favorite. LaVonne shared her quiet strength, keen insight, loving personality, and sharp sense of humor with her family, including five grandchildren



and their significant others and her four great-grandchildren.

She held her friends close to her heart throughout her life. LaVonne often expressed her sincere appreciation to all her friends and loving caregivers/ friends at Meadowlark Hills. Age was never a topic of conversation for LaVonne. Her focus was living each day to the fullest during her entire life.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Everett Price

and Ogden Greene.

LaVonne is survived by her children, Jo Ann Tweed and her husband John, of Colby, Kan. and Ron Price and his wife Barbara of Manhattan, Kan. Also she survived by her five grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 4:00 until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home

Graveside Services for LaVonne will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Meadowlark Hills - Tinklin Point or to the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Memorial contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www. ymlfuneralhome.com.

### Preparing for a Carnival



The City of Norton employees had their work cut out for them on Friday. The Ferris Wheel is seen here as it was set in place for the 2014 Norton County Fair. Norton County residents are very lucky to have a home owned carnival. A lot of love and care goes into putting the rides up so that all who attend the fair can enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Disaster exercise is planned

Multiple major disasters are poised to pummel Kansas, disasters that will require response not only from local agencies, but also from the state, the Kansas National Guard, other states and federal entities.

But it's okay, because we know when they're coming, Aug. 4-7, and it's all just for training.

Kansas will be the host state for Vigilant Guard 2014, a large-scale, multi-state disaster response exercise sponsored by United States Northern Command and the National Guard Bureau that tests the capabilities of emergency response agencies at all levels of government, both military and civil.

"Sometimes, the scope of a disaster can quickly overwhelm the manpower and resources of local responders," said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "That's when they can ask the state to assist. Some disasters are so significant, as with the hurricanes that hit the Gulf Coast and the forest fires out west, that states have to reach out to neighboring states for assistance. That's what Vigilant Guard is all about."

More than 2,000 local, state, and federal personnel are expected to take part over the course of the six-day exercise. The exercise will take place at several locations in the state, including Fort Riley, Overland Park, Salina, Crisis City and Smoky Hill Weapons Range outside of Salina, Topeka, and Wichita.

Planning for Vigilant Guard 2014 has been ongoing for more than a year. The final planning meeting took place June 11 and 12 in Topeka, where the various organizations that will be involved finalized their goals and objectives for the exercise.

"Vigilant Guard gives us the opportunity to test our emergency response plans and capabilities, and to practice integrating the response efforts of civilian agencies and the National Guard, as well as to incorporate help from other states and also federal entities," said Tafanelli.

"The scenario we'll be dealing with in August simulates multiple, large-scale disasters hitting the state all at once," explained Tafanelli. "Since this is Kansas, we can expect it to involve tornados, with the need for search and rescue, medical care, disruption of utilities, train derailments, community security issues, hazardous material contaminations, and other problems. Additional aspects of the scenario include an industrial fire, flooding and even bio-terrorism. With all this happening, we will need to bring in assistance from our neighboring states that have teams speciallytrained to deal with some of these events."

Kansas National Guard organizations participating in Vigilant Guard will include Joint Forces Headquarters Kansas; 35th Infantry Division; 287th Sustainment Brigade; 635th Regional Support Group; 235th Training Regiment; 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment; 73rd Civil Support Team; 35th Military Police Company; 105th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, 1989th Contingency Contracting; and the 1077th Ground Ambulance Company. The 190th Air Refueling Wing and 184th Intelligence Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard will also be participating in the

Joining the Kansas National Guard and civilian responders will be the Missouri National Guard -- Homeland Response Force, 70th Troop Command; and the 7th Civil Support Team;

Nebraska National Guard --Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high- yield Explosives Enhanced Response Force Package; and 1st Battalion, 376th Aviation; Iowa National Guard - 71st Civil Support Team; and Oklahoma National Guard - 63rd Civil Support Team. The U.S. Army Reserve's 1013th Quartermaster Company, North Platte, Neb., will also take part.

State participants include the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas State Fire Marshal, Kansas Search and Rescue Task Force, North Central Kansas Hospital Region, North Central Kansas Public Health, and Mobile Emergency Response Group and Equipment Wichita.

Local and county participants will include Saline County Emergency Management, Saline County Fire Department, Overland Park Fire Department, Geary County Emergency Management, Riley County Emergency Management, Sedgwick County Emergency Management, Sedgwick County Health Department and Cities Readiness Initiative Wichita.

Federal agencies taking part will include the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII, United States Northern Command, Disaster Assistance Response Team - West, National Guard Bureau Joint Enabling Team, FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Analyst, and Fort Riley Emergency Man-

"We sincerely hope that nothing of this magnitude ever occurs that would require such a response in the state," said Tafanelli. "However, this exercise will make us more prepared to protect the health and safety of the people we serve, if it ever

### Five Measles cases reported in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Sedgwick County Health Department have reported two cases of measles in Sedgwick County, that are linked to a recent outbreak of measles in the Kansas City metropolitan area. One case was in an adult who had not been vaccinated, while the other case was in an infant too young to be vaccinated. All those at risk for the disease are being contacted and the investigation is ongoing.

Measles is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. With the creation of the Measles Mumps, Rubella vaccine, measles cases have generally been rare in the United States; however, it still sickens approximately 20 million and kills 164,000 people worldwide each year. There has been a resurgence of measles cases in the United States in 2014. From Jan. 1 through July 3, 554 confirmed measles cases have been reported in 20 states. This is the highest number of cases since indigenous measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

"The best way to keep from getting the disease is by being vaccinated. Protect children by making sure they have the Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine

when they are 12 to 15 months old, and again before they enter kindergarten," said Robert Moser, M.D., Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary and State Health Officer. Measles is highly contagious

and is spread through the air by breathing, coughing, or sneezing. The signs and symptoms of measles typically begin one to two weeks after someone is exposed to an infected person.

Symptoms include: Fever

Blotchy rash on the skin, which spreads from the head to the trunk then to the lower extremities (Measles can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash

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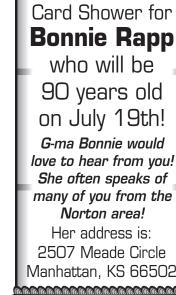
Cough Runny nose

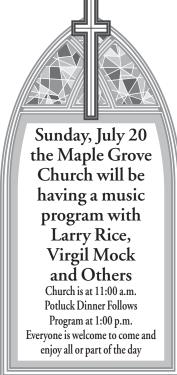
Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis) Feeling run down, achy

Tiny white spots with bluishwhite centers found inside the mouth (Koplik spots)

"If you have a fever, stay home except to see a health care provider. If you need to visit your health care provider, call ahead so appropriate measures can be taken to protect other patients and staff," said Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Sedgwick County Health Department Interim Di-

People at high risk for severe illness and complications from measles include infants and children aged over 5 years, adults aged under 20 years, pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems.





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## GLUB

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the July dinner and meeting on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on Highway 36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, by calling Joy Johnson 874-4706.

"Stars and Stripes Forever" is

the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "Shooting Stars," presented by Connie Lounsbury, Monticello, Minn. Ms. Lounsbury is an author and public speaker as well as community education writing class instructor.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Connie Lounsbury. Ms.Lounsbury shares her writing experiences for oneself and others in "Stars of Glory." She is a writer for Guidepost Magazine and has written a book entitled "Thrift Store

Shoes: A Memoir.' The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.

friends.



Service will be held Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. at the First United **Methodist Church** in Norton

Alta left this world on May 13, 2014 at the age of 92. Come help celebrate her life with family and



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