

Obituaries

Mabel Borden

July 10, 1913 - Aug. 15, 2009

Mabel (Tiff) Leibbrandt Borden, 96, Springfield, Mo., formerly of The Dalles, Ore., was born on July 10, 1913, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, and died on Aug. 15, 2009, in Mercy Villa, Springfield, Mo.



Borden

She married Reuben Leibbrandt Sr. in 1931 in Kansas, and Albert Borden in 1952 in Nebraska. Mabel was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God church in The Dalles, and attended Parkcrest Assembly in Springfield. She was honored by her family with parties and family reunions for her 80th, 90th and 95th birthdays.

Through the years Mabel expressed her creativity in many ways. She enjoyed sewing and photography while in Oregon. After moving to Springfield in 1978, she started painting landscapes, doing embroidery and quilting. Mabel even wrote a book about her mother's life in Kansas. Her faith was an important part of her life. She loved her family, prayed for them, and worried about them whether near or far. She had a love for horses and books. She spent her last months reading in the sunroom. Mabel was an independent lady who lived in her own apartment up until the final 6 months

Virginia Helen Hilt

Oct. 3, 1919 - Aug. 29, 2009

Virginia Hilt died peacefully with her family at her side on Aug. 29, 2009, at her home in St. Francis, Kan. Virginia was born to Edward and Rose (Bindewald) Brunswig at their home in Cheyenne County on Oct. 3, 1919.

Virginia was baptized, confirmed and remained an active member of the Lutheran faith at Salem Lutheran Church.

After graduating from German Plains country school, she began working for many neighbors. She worked for a mere 25 cents a day. She would do household chores like cooking, childcare and much more. Over the year's she was able to save \$500.

On Feb. 3, 1940, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Lawrence Hilt, at Salem Lutheran Church. At this time she was able to use her savings to purchase their first car.

Due to the tough economic times, they went to California, Oregon and Washington to find work in the vineyards; however, the appeal of the farm life called them back to St. Francis where they began farming with Lawrence's father.

From this happy union they were blessed with two sons, Leonard, born in 1942, and Alvin in 1947.

Virginia and Lawrence raised the boys on the farmstead northwest of St. Francis until 1974, when Virginia and Lawrence moved into town where she and her husband began several new activities including: gardening, upholstery work, making numerous rugs, blankets and quilts.

when she moved in with her daughter, Judy's family.

She will be greatly missed, with her smiles, sense of humor, and stories of life on the farm in Kansas. But the family said they know she is celebrating in heaven with her Savior and many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by parents Fred and Elsie Tiff; brothers, Freddie and Wayne Tiff; husbands, Reuben Leibbrandt Sr. in 1951, and Albert Borden in 1988.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth and Alice Leibbrandt, David and Marsha Leibbrandt, all of the Philippines, Donna and Marvin Zimbelman of St. Francis, Reuben and Jan Leibbrandt of Oregon, Judy and Virgil White of Missouri; step-children Alan and Cheryl Boyson of South Dakota, Lorraine and Charles Draper of Minnesota; 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Frank and Mercle Tiff of Colorado, sisters, Beulah Stull of Nebraska, Ethyle Sampson of Oregon, Francis Schauer and Esther Tiff, sisters-in-law, both of Colorado; many nieces, numerous cousins; and many friends.

The funeral service was held in Greenlawn Funeral Home South, Wednesday, Aug. 19, and burial followed in Slagle Cemetery, Slagle, Mo. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army or a charity of choice.

Along with this, Virginia also loved to spend many hours crocheting and cooking traditional German foods which will be dearly missed by all her family members.

Despite all her numerous hobbies, Virginia's greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Leonard and wife, Cindy, of Austin, Texas and Alvin and wife, Judy, of St. Francis; brother, Edward Brunswig (Emma) of Haigler, Neb.; sisters, Lois Lippert (William) of Idalia, Colo., Ellen Raile (William), Bernice Zweygardt and Louise Wilson (Larry), all of St. Francis; five grandchildren and one step-granddaughter; seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward J. and Rose Brunswig; brother, Elmer Brunswig; sister, Elsie Burr and her husband, Lawrence Hilt, of 67 years.

Pastor Chris Farmer led the memorial service at Salem Lutheran Church followed by interment at Hope Valley Cemetery on Sept. 1.

Pallbearers were her four grandsons, Rodney Hilt, Mark Hilt, Michael Hilt and Barry Hilt; Ryan Bland, husband of her granddaughter; nephews, Ron Wilson and Bob Lippert and Scott Carmichael, close friend and neighbor.

Honorary pallbearers were Ashleigh Bland, Noah Hilt, Wyatt Hilt, Shayleigh Bland, Seth Hilt, Eli Hilt, Daniel Hilt, Makenzee Belyeu and Courtney Belyeu.

Leland Lampe

Sept. 10, 1919 - Sept. 5, 2009

Leland Edwin Lampe was born on Sept. 10, 1919, to Henry and Lydia (Walz) Lampe at the family farm southwest of St. Francis, Kan. He was the second oldest of five children. He died on Sept. 5, 2009 (just 5 days from his 90th birthday).



Lampe

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Lutheran church all of his life.

Leland grew up on the family farm helping his dad farm with horses, raising livestock and helping with chores. He shucked corn by hand and pitched wheat into the threshing machine for other people.

After the depression, he was drafted into the Army on Nov. 16, 1942, to serve in World War II. He was in the European Theater where he served with the 82nd Airborne Division, 325th Glider Infantry where he was in four major battles (Normandy on D-Day, Ardenners/Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland and Central Europe). He received numerous award medals (Silver Star for gallantry in action, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, Distinguished Unit badge, Presidential Citation, Two arrows for two combat glider landings and one invasion arrow for Normandy, the European, African, Middle Eastern Service Medals). Leland was wounded just as the war ended and was sent to Denver, Colo., to Fitzsimmons Army hospital where he spent seven months.

Leland received his medical discharge on Dec. 12, 1945, and returned home to work on the family farm.

Leland was married to Joyce Bracelin on Dec. 20, 1945, in St. Francis and to this union three daughters were born, Sareda, Darla and Shauna.

In 1959, the family moved to a farm 9 miles northwest of Kanorado and resided there until 1980 when they moved to Burlington, Colo. Leland raised wheat, corn, sugar beets and other crops and retired from farming in 1990.

He then had time for the things

he enjoyed: hunting, fishing and watching ball games. He also enjoyed going to the coffee shop to visit with his buddies and to stay up on the local activities.

Leland was always willing to help his family, friends and neighbors. He greatly enjoyed his family. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Leland had a great love for his creator and Savior. Over the years, he held numerous officer positions in the church and always enjoyed fellowship with Christian friends.

Leland was a lifetime member of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He later transferred his membership to the Burlington Veterans of Foreign Wars. Leland was very proud of his military past and could always be seen wearing and displaying the Airborne logo.

Preceding Leland in death were sister, Ella, and brother, Harvey.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Sareda and husband, Larry Johnson of Frederick, daughter, Darla and husband, Don Carroll of Magalia, Calif., daughter, Shauna and husband, Dean Schreiter of Burlington; grandson, Lance Johnson and wife, Katie and children, Brooklyn, Reid and Bayntun; grandson, Brendon Johnson and wife, Julie and children, Jessica and Ava; grandson, Justin Schreiter and granddaughter, Sydnee Schreiter; sisters Nina Raile of St. Francis, Frances Orth of Burlington, Colo., and sister-in-law Alice Lampe of St. Francis.

Leland was a great and generous man. This country, family and friends are honored to have had Leland as a part of their lives.

Funeral services for Leland were held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington with Pastor Bill Viergutz officiating. Burial with military honors was held in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Memorials may be made in Leland's name to the Burlington Veterans of Foreign Wars or to the Trinity Lutheran Church and may be left at or sent to the Bank of the West in Burlington.

Friends may go to www.lovefuneralhomes.com to leave a message of condolence for the family and to sign the online register book.

Wray fall health fair to be held on Oct. 14

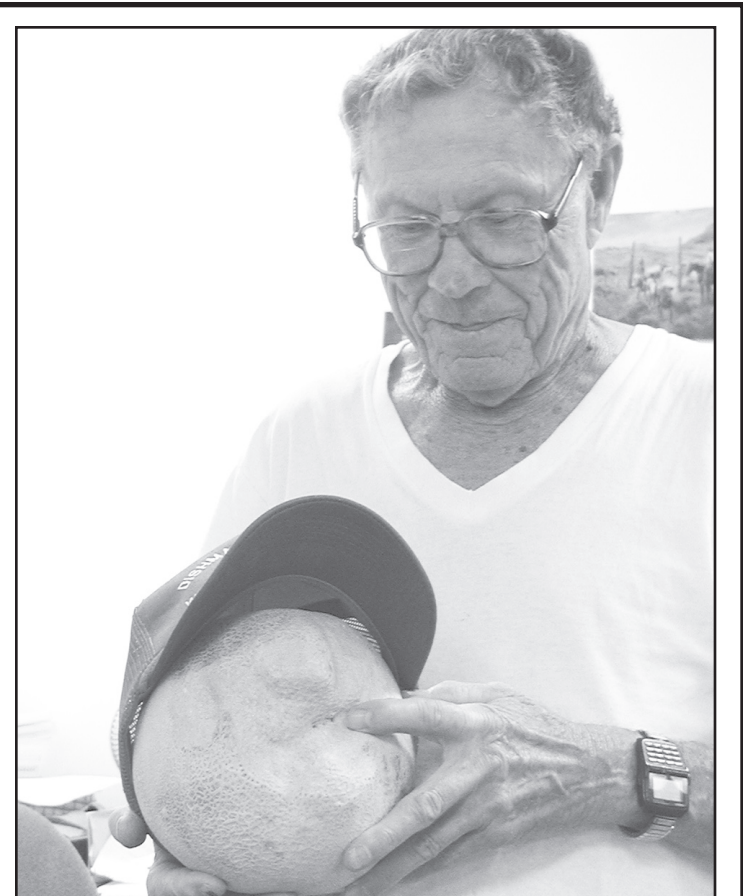
The Fall Health Fair in Wray will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at the Wray Rehabilitation and Activities Center, 700 Main.

The health fair is co-sponsored by the Wray Community District Hospital and Clinic and the Wray Lions Club. It will offer people an opportunity to learn more about their current health status. Blood test results will be available and the Wray hospital medical staff

will be available to counsel participants on their laboratory results.

This an opportunity to improve an individual's health. Those unable to attend, their results will be mailed directly to them after the fair.

Participants are urged to take their results to the next visit with their physician and have him or her review any abnormal results. Questions can be directed to the Cardiac Rehab Department at the Wray hospital at 970-332-2245.



BENNY WEBER found a unique melon that has a 'face' in his garden. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Beecher reunion set for Sept. 19

By Karen Krien
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The Beecher Island Reunion is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20, at the battleground 19 miles west of St. Francis into Colorado. Turn north on Road LL and follow it to a peaceful river bottom area.

The gruesome battle of Beecher Island was fought Sept. 17, 1868, when 50 scouts were surrounded on the island which had long sage grass growing on it. Early that morning, a small tribe of Kaw and Pawnee Indians attacked, rushing down on the camp, shouting, beating Indian drums and rattling hides in an endeavor to stampede the horses. The scouts were prepared and the horses did not stampede.

By the time it was light, there were approximately 1,000 warriors. That did not count the women. The attacks were constant all day and, at the end of the day, one had been killed and there were others injured.

They could tell by the wailing that many Indians had been killed and injured.

That night, two scouts, walking backward with their feet bound in rags to resemble moccasins and wrapped in blankets to resemble an Indian, were able to escape to go for help over 100 miles away. Four other scouts were also able to escape and go for help the next two days.

By the time help came six days later, most of the Indians had left.

Reunion organized
In September of 1898, three men

set off from Goodland. Headed northeast, their goal was to find the site of the Battle of Beecher Island. The men included Chalmer Smith and H.H. Tucker, two of the survivors of the fight; and J.J. Peate, the first to arrive with the rescue party nine days later.

On Sept. 17, 30 years to the day after the battle, they assembled a pile of stones and placed them on the island. Scratched into one of the stones was the inscription, "Battle of Beecher Island, fought Sept. 17, 1868."

Leaving to go back to Goodland that day, these men never expected to return to the island.

Upon his return home to Beverly, Mr. Smith began to wonder about what had happened to the other scouts.

He set about contacting them and making plans for them to meet on the battleground the following September. This was the first reunion.

It was decided that such a reunion should be an annual event. After 110 years, the tradition of gathering at the battle site is still going strong.

The reunion is family oriented. There are games and races for all ages and prizes are given. A black-power shoot and a quilt show are also planned.

Keeping with the Beecher Island tradition, some of the best live music in the area will be heard.

There is plenty of room for camping and people are urged to come out and spend the entire weekend enjoying the great cottonwoods and lazy creek.

BEECHER ISLAND 110th Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 19th

6:30 a.m. Breakfast available from the Idalia FCE Bicentennial Club

9 a.m. Black Powder Shoot sponsored by Idalia Gun Club

Quilt show presented by Beecher Island Helping Hand Club

10 a.m. Pedal Tractor Pull

Food Service from the Wray Lions Club. The Lions will be cooking throughout the weekend

1 p.m. Games & races for all ages culminating with the word famous Dry Land Turtle Race. Bring your turtles early for registration. Prizes will be awarded. Musical entertainment provided by the Singing Seniors.

7 p.m. In the Beecher Island Auditorium: The Stanleytones, a first class bluegrass band from around Denver.



Sunday, Sept. 20th

6:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with the Idalia Lions Club

9:45 a.m. Flag raising ceremony by area Boy Scouts.

10 a.m. Sunday Service with speaker Phil Mitchell.

1 p.m. Crooked Creek: A group of old friends united to create a unique blend of cowboy, western, gospel and country music.

Our traditional song Arikaree sung by Merry Lu Simons. History presentation by Mike Baughn. Drawing for baskets and quilt made by BIHHC.

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Saturday, September 12, 2009
10:30 A.M. CST
Location: Cheyenne County Fairgrounds Building St. Francis, Kansas

Antiques

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blonde dining table and buffet with four chairs and leaves 4-piece blonde bedroom set, queen size with new mattress 3-piece blonde bedroom set, regular size Armoire, nice Chrome kitchen table, 4 chairs and leaves 3-piece bedroom set, dark wood Cedar ward robe, nice Cedar chest Brown recliner, new Rocker recliner Swivel rockers End tables Coffee tables Pole - table & floor lamps Humidifier Air Cleaner Metal Shelving Microwave and cabinet TV's; Stereos Kitchen Carts Assorted pots and pans Kitchen utensils Pictures and frames Culligan water softener 3 sewing machines, like new Glassware Hand tools Shop Equipment Garden hose Dixon riding mower | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 wooden chests Chest of drawers Clothes rack Assorted electric shop tools Assorted foot stools TV Trays Assorted flower pots Bud Vases Luggage Chest freezer Gum cabinet with key Safe with combination 2-corner book case Ping pong table 3-piece bed set with round mirror Large attic fan and vent New bathroom sink Roll-away bed Shutters Christmas decorations Bar with leather cover and 3 leather stools Whirlpool tub Card tables Flatware Assorted dishes Many items too numerous to mention |
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Lots of old games
Butter churn
DeLavel cream separator, complete
Oak chairs
Large old jar with lid
Egg baskets
Wooden egg crate
Old baby bath tub
Old cammer
Cream cans
Topsy wood burning stove
Brunswick treadle sewing machine and cabinet
Old kitchen cabinet with flower bin
Double-wash tubs
Wash tubs
Crockets
Wooden Coke pop case
Assorted wooden boxes
Oak Rocker
Old School books
Old Donald Duck kids rocker (nice)
Wooden rocking horse
Horse collars and harnesses
Porcelain pans
Old enamel kitchen table with three chairs

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*Announcements day if sale take precedence over printed material
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Justice Lodge 180 AF & AM

Classic Iron & Auto Show

September 19th
Main Street, Benkelman, NE

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be available.

Registration: 9 - 11 a.m.
Show & Shine 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Poker Walk: 1 p.m.
Awards: 3:30 p.m.

Parade following the show!!
(All start times are mountain time)

Car Divisions
Classic (1959 & Older - original Intent)
Classic (1960-1976 - original Intent)
2 Seat Sports Car (Any Vintage)
Custom (Any Vintage)
Muscle Car (1964 - 1976)
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