

# OBITUARIES

## Lois Marie Frank

Dec. 4, 1937 - Dec. 17, 2004

Lois Marie Frank, 67, Sedalia, Mo., wife of Wally Frank, former Norton resident, died Dec. 17, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia.



Lois Frank

She was born Dec. 4, 1937, in Ottawa, daughter of Dale F. and Hazel M. (Pederson) Bones.

On June 4, 1960 she and Mr. Frank married in Ottawa.

She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and attended First United Methodist Church Celebration Center. She was a 1959 graduate of Kansas State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She was a member of Chi Omega social sorority and Angel Flight at Kansas State University. She taught school in Topeka, for a year before she was married.

She was preceded in death by her father.

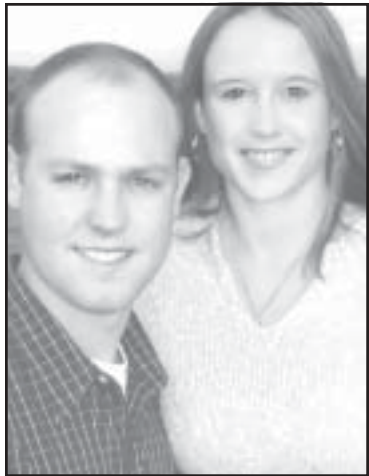
Survivors include her husband, of the home; three daughters, Lori Krenek, Prosper, Texas, Kelly Shepard, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Stephanie Zink, Green Ridge, Mo.; a brother, Dale Bones, Princeton, Mo.; a sister, Evelyn June Gaddis, Bazine; her mother, Ottawa; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Monday at the Methodist church celebration center in Sedalia, with the Rev. Jim Downing officiating.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at First Methodist Church in Ottawa, with Dr. Randy Shepard officiating. Pallbearers were David Bones, Steve Bones, Mark Gaddis, Marlon Gaddis, Brian Shepard and Bob Zink. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Multiple Myeloma Association or the International Myeloma Foundation in care of Heckart/Gillespie Funeral Home, 903 S. Ohio, Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

Friends may sign the guest register online at [www.heckart-gillespie.com](http://www.heckart-gillespie.com).



Kelly Hill and Erin Foley

## Couple plans June wedding

Erin Foley, Lawrence, and Kelly Hill, Norton, plan to be married June 4 at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton.

Parents of the couple are Craig and Anna Foley, Norton, and Bill and Starla Hill, Liberal.

Miss Foley is a 2000 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 2004 graduate of Kansas University with a degree in middle/secondary English education. She is completing her masters degree in education.

Mr. Hill is a 1998 graduate of Liberal High School and a 2003 graduate of Kansas University with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He works for Edward Jones Investments in Norton.

## READERS

— American Family Insurance will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. 12/21

Ryan Wiltfong, Norton, received a degree from Southwest Missouri State University during commencement ceremonies Dec. 17.

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

## CORRECTIONS

In the Dec. 17 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, a story about Heritage Quilt Club said Jerris McMullen announced plans for the annual school quilt project. It should have named Pauline Poage as head of the project. This was a reporting error.

In the same issue, a story about Mid-Century Club was misleading. Darlene McEwen gave the lesson from the book, "The Christmas Candle." The message was, "If we will see things as they truly are, we will find, that all, from great to small, belong to one family." This was a reporting error.

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**THE NORTON TELEGRAM**

# Geraniums mark the grave of the goose that got away

This Christmas story was told to me by my husband's grandma many years ago. In her own words:

Six fuzzball goslings came home in a cardboard box on my lap. The children hung over the front seat and cooed and giggled and poked at them. The goslings gleebled. It was instant love.

I was envisioning financial success, for I planned to sell five geese by Christmas time with one left for a festive dinner. I could sell goose eggs all summer, make a pair of goose feather pillows and feed my family crispy roast goose with raisin cream stuffing and goose gravy.

We put the goslings in the milkhouse for the night until George could get a pen built. The goslings wept. The children wept and beseeched. At midnight the noisy goslings were brought into the kitchen to sleep near the still warm stove. In the morning the children were found all cuddled in their quilts on the floor sleeping peacefully beside snoozing goslings.

George went out to build a pen and coop forthwith. The children helped until they almost sabotaged the entire project. I was forced to bake cookies to keep them out from under his feet.

Weeks went by and the goslings grew and traipsed happily about their pen, losing their fuzz and developing feathers, losing their baby gleeblings and developing penetrating "wonks". The children laughed with glee and grew

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



and prospered with the geese.

The birds were named, of course. Wilhelmina in honor of a cousin; Fat Foot for a deformed paddler; Hoot with his raucous voice; Grace for no known reason; Minor was the little one and then there was Schwartzerschnoot, named for a black spot on his beak. He was everyone's favorite, large and loving with a habit of coming up and laying his face against my apron. He also ate off every geranium I planted.

Mrs. Van de Vere came to the house and offered five whole dollars for a young goose to roast for a special dinner. I sold Wilhelmina. The children wept. Every time we saw Mrs. Van de Vere at church she told us again how delicious that goose was and the children burst into tears. She was overheard to say that Sophie's children were certainly a strange brood.

Fat Foot and Grace met their demise one dark summer night when coyotes attacked, leaving a bloody mess in the pen. The children were inconsolable. They tied black bows on the pen posts and held a memorial. Minor was simply gone one morning and we never knew where or how. I told

the children he had gone into the wide world to seek his fortune. My visions of fortune were fading fast. Still, Hoot brought a good price at Thanksgiving and provided cash for Christmas gifts. I, however, paid a high price in weeping children.

Christmas morning came and George was sent out early with a hatchet to kill Schwartzerschnoot so I could dress him and get him on to roast before we left for church. Amidst forlorn wailing and fervent pleas for mercy I put bread and raisins to soak for stuffing and baked a pie.

No George. No Schwartzerschnoot. No mouth-watering smell of roasting goose. The children followed me outside to search. We found them at the old tree stump in the east yard. George was weeping and I swear to you, so was Schwartzerschnoot. The children wept. I wept.

We had chipped beef gravy on soaked dressing bread for Christmas dinner. The children laughed and talked and ate heartily. George and I smiled at them and each other and held hands under the table. It was the best Christmas dinner we ever had.

EPilogue: Schwartzerschnoot lived to a ripe old age and was buried in the east yard with due ceremony. He left as his legacy enough feathers for pair of wonderful pillows. I planted geraniums on his grave.

## Area club learns how to protect their identity

North Dividers Family and Community Education Unit met Nov. 19 at the home of Sherrill Wendel

Eleven members answered roll call with Thanksgiving plans and what the day means to them.

Mrs. Wendel reported that she delivered baby blankets to the Northwest Family Shelter at Hays.

It was decided for the club's Christmas party on Dec. 15, each member would provide cookies for the Disabled Services of Northwest Kansas for a Christmas gift. The party will be at 2 p.m. at Town and Country. There will also be a gift exchange.

Norton city police officer Toby Kuhn presented a lesson on identity theft.

He said that last year identity theft cost this country \$50 million and most victims were between 18-29.

He advised them to protect their social security numbers and to not put that number on their checks. He added that social security numbers will no longer appear on Medicare cards in 2005.

New officers for 2005 were installed by President Wendel.



**Happy 95th Birthday, Mom!**  
From the Family of Ruth Hake

## MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 20

Wheat	\$3.16
White Wheat	\$3.14
Milo	\$2.85
Corn	\$1.80
Soybeans	\$4.94



**THE NORTON TELEGRAM**  
and the Almena Chamber of Commerce welcome  
**Designer Brands**  
to the business community  
The new business is owned by Kristen and Glenn Brands and is located at 500 Washington Street, Almena. Her hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

## Norval G. Hastings

Oct. 19, 1914 - Dec. 19, 2004

Norval Glenn Hastings, 90, Norton, died Dec. 19 at the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Hastings, the son of Cloyd Elmer and Myrtle (McKain) Hastings, was born Oct. 19, 1914, in Rawlins County.

He attended rural grade school and graduated from Atwood High School.

On Sept. 29, 1940, he and Bernice Ramey were married in Colby. They lived in Hasty, Colo., Junction City, Oklahoma, and Parsons, where he worked in construction. In April 1942, Mr. Hastings was called to the U.S. Army where he was a motor mechanic. He served in the South Pacific and was discharged in December 1945.

In 1951, they moved to Almena, where he ran a repair shop. He later worked at Bennett Motor as the service manager, retiring in 1979. He continued to live in Almena until recently when he moved to the Andbe Home.

He was a member of the Almena United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and Sunflower Pioneer Power Association. He enjoyed collecting engines and going to power shows where he received many awards as an exhibitor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, an infant son, and a sister.

Survivors include his daughter, Doris Cozadd, Winchester; and a granddaughter.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home with Kathy Aeillo officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

Memorials are suggested to the Almena United Methodist Church and the American Legion. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Neva J. Townsend

June 18, 1909 - Dec. 17, 2004

Neva J. Townsend, 95, died Friday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born June 18, 1909, in Ainsworth, Neb., the daughter of Clare G. and Himla (Gusafson) Crook. She lived in Brown County, Neb., for 11 years before moving to Decatur County. She attended Mt. Center country school and Danbury High School.

On July 15, 1925, she married Densel "Sox" Townsend in Norton. She was a homemaker and cooked in cafes in Oberlin.

She was a charter member of the Liberty Star Club, a Cancer Crusader for many years, qualified for the Senior Olympics in bowling and during 25 years of wintering in Arizona, swam over 500 miles.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 1981; a daughter, Betty June Archer; and four sisters, two in infancy, Ida and Lucille Crook and Bernice Copley and Irene Horn.

Survivors include a son, Gary and Lucille Townsend, Danbury, Neb.; four grandchildren; and five

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Mike McVay officiating. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Golden Age Center. Contributions may be sent to 220 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67749.



You're Invited to Our **Open House** ALL DAY  
Wednesday, December 22,  
Thursday, December 23  
& Friday, Dec. 24 Until Noon  
AT BOTH LOCATIONS:  
500 Main — Almena  
202 E. Washington — Norton  
Serving Cookies and Cider  
THE BANK WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON THE 24TH  
Merry Christmas  
FROM ALL OF US AT...  
Almena State Bank  
MEMBER F.D.I.C.

Dear — I love you with all my heart and soul. Everyday for the rest of my life I will show you that with all my being. Together we have made so many wonderful things, K, C & G. We have the rest of our lives to fill our hearts with memories and good things. You complete me. Love Always - "S"