

# OBITUARIES

## Elden J. Long

September 14, 1934 - April 29, 2011

Elden J. Long, Oberlin, died at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, on April 29, at the age of 76. He was born Sept. 14, 1934 to Wilber and Jennie (Wilsford) Long in rural Norcatour. He was raised in rural Norcatour and graduated in 1952 from Decatur Community High School.

On Oct. 6, 1956, he married Marilou Berndt in Oberlin. Elden farmed in rural Norcatour and moved to Oberlin in 2007. Elden was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Elks Lodge, Kansas Livestock Association and American Hereford Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Emma Frickey;

and grandson Geoffrey Long.

He is survived by his wife, Marilou, Oberlin; sons, Greg (Mary) Long and Brad (Shanna) Long, both of Oberlin; daughter, Linda (Brad) Wade, Oberlin; sisters, Odetta (Wayne) Marietta, Russell and Wava Williams. Hastings, Neb.; 7 grandchildren; and 1 great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin on Monday with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery. The Memorial fund is to the church or Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

Arrangements were by Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin.

## Ethel Railsback

April 17, 1919 - April 30, 2011

Ethel Railsback, Oberlin, died at the Community Hospital, McCook, Neb. on April 30, at the age of 92. She was born in Decatur County to Clyde and Clara (Kleint) Cathcart on April 17, 1919.

She was raised on the family farm in Decatur County. She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1937 and attended Fort Hays State University, graduating in 1944.

On Aug. 4, she married Gordon Railsback in Oberlin. She had resided in Hays, Great Bend, Denver, Colo., and Oberlin. She was a teacher. Ethel was a member of Prairie Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Elsie Robinson.

She is survived by her son, Tom Railsback, Great Falls, Mont.; daughters, Mary (Mike) Dicke, Bailey, Colo. and Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Pauls Funeral Home with the Reverend Tom Smith officiating. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery. Memorials are to Prairie Chapel Church.

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# Gone with the electronic wind

## Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



to enroll in typing, shorthand and secretarial training, was an exciting step toward that ultimate, if humble, goal.

It was all easy for me; probably because they were the only classes I truly put my heart into. A day that still lives in my memory is the day our instructor told us, "You now know everything any other typist knows. All you have to do is work on speed and accuracy." And I did. At one time I held the record at Brown-Mackie Business School for the fastest speed test on a Royal manual typewriter, 120 words per minute, no errors. All right, so it's not like being Prom Queen or making cheerleader, but it sure looked good on a resume.

Shorthand, which is now completely obsolete, came as naturally to me as breathing and I loved the simplicity of accounting. It

either balanced or it didn't, unlike algebra which insisted on mixing letters with numbers, a procedure still totally confusing to me. In secretarial training we were taught how to type stencils to publish the school newspaper. That ability stood me in good stead for years, first qualifying me for the part time position in a grade school, which paid my way through business school, and later led to years of volunteer church work producing weekly bulletins.

My first full time job was at a federal agency as a clerk-typist. Even though I was the lowliest of the low on the office totem pole, I was simply ecstatic to have an apartment all my own and a salary that covered my bills. Did it cross my mind to complain about walking twelve blocks to work in high heels, eating lunch at Woolworth's and dining on tuna potpies? Of course not, for I was supporting myself at the ripe old age of eighteen and I loved every minute of it. My first purchase, after the rent was paid, was a Royal portable typewriter. It was an extravagant expenditure from a slender bank

account but it was well-used over a lot of years, earning money from contract typing jobs even during my stay-at-home mother years.

The skills that earned a reasonable living for many young women of my generation have all been wiped away by the electronic wonder machines that fill offices today. In 2011 who cares that I could once type a perfectly set up master's thesis with five carbon copies and not a single error? Today these are whipped out on a laptop computer using spelling and grammar checking gremlins that live under the keypad, photocopied and turned in with no sweat whatsoever. And to think I was paid the grand sum of a quarter a page, plus pennies for each carbon copy. Does carbon paper still exist?

Now, understand, I wouldn't give up my laptop Dell with its soft touch keyboard for anything these days. My arthritic fingers no longer have the strength to pound a manual typewriter. Forgive me, however, if I shed a nostalgic tear at the passing of an era that held my sole claim to excellence.

## Senior Menu

**May 4:** Turkey Ala King, corn, strawberries and bananas, biscuit, pudding.

**May 5:** Baked spaghetti, California blend vegetables, applesauce, garlic bread, cook's choice complement.

**May 6:**

Ham and Beans, carrot and raisin salad, cornbread, mandarin oranges.

Requested contribution: \$3 per meal. Please make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project. Guests under 60 must pay full cost of the meal, which is \$5.25 at the site and \$5.75 for home delivery.



## Ruby and Kenny Riemann Together for 50 years

Ruby and Kenny Riemann, Edmond, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on May 14, from 2 until 4 p.m. at St John's Parish Hall in Logan.

Ruby Jones and Kenny Riemann were married May 11, 1961 in Logan. The open house will be hosted by their daughter, Debra and Steve Maikell and grandchildren, Megan, Marissa and Ryan. No gifts, please.

## Student News

Sixty-four students have been selected through an interview process to be orientation assistants for freshman orientation for the 2011 fall semester at Fort Hays State University. Twenty-four of the orientation assistants are returning from last year.

Orientation assistants help new students become familiar with the campus and resources, create a fun and welcoming atmosphere for new students, assist in the Tiger Enrollment process, and answer questions while sharing a great attitude.

Requirements to become an orientation assistant include having a department or faculty recommendation and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants must have attended at least two consecutive semesters on the Fort Hays campus, including the spring 2011 semester. They must be returning students who have demonstrated good academic ability, communication skills and interest in working with new students. Orientation assistants must attend two training sessions, must work the four Tiger Freshman Pre-Enrollment sessions and must work New Student Orientation activities in August.

Gena Myers, Norton, has been selected as one of the orientation assistants.

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Scholarship winners from St. Francis of Assisi are: Bethany Winkel, daughter of Darin and Joanie Winkel, won the Hickert Scholarship of \$500; Kendra Engelbert, daughter of John and Pam Engelbert, won the Parish Scholarship of \$500; Kelsie Morel, daughter of Joyce Morel and the late Phil Morel, won the Tweed Scholarship of \$750; Colton Lowry, son of Curtis and Cindy Lowry, won the Fredde Scholarship of \$500; David Cressler, son of Don and Trish Cressler, won the Meschner Scholarship of \$500; Tanner Morel, son of Pat and Janelle Morel, won the Brantley Scholarship of \$500; Troy Bainter, son of David and Vicki Bainter, won the Meschner Scholarship of \$500; Kayla Lowry, daughter of Curtis and Cindy Lowry, won the Fredde Scholarship of \$500; Zach Bainter, son of David and Vicki Bainter won the Fredde Scholarship of \$500.

## School Menu

Northern Valley School Menu All meals are served with milk.

Wednesday, May 4

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, hash browns, ham, juice, cold cereal. Lunch: Cheeseburger, bun, baked beans, french fries, ice cream.

Thursday, May 5

Breakfast: Cook's choice, cold cereal. Lunch: Chicken strips, roll, steak fries, broccoli, banana cream pie.

Friday, May 6

## Correction

On the front page of the Norton Telegram's Spring Sports Album which was inserted in Friday's paper, Logan senior Brady Tien, the Trojans' star pole vaulter, was incorrectly listed as being a Norton senior.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

April 29 - May 4

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Hop is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - Sunday Tickets \$3

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