

OBITUARIES

Ruth A. Nelson

1915 - June 13, 2011

Ruth A. Nelson, of Yakima, Wash. was born in Densmore, in 1915 to Garfield and Ada (Burnap) Archer.

Ruth died Monday, June 13 at the age of 96. She was born in Densmore, KS to Garfield and Ada (Burnap) Archer.

She moved to Ballard, Seattle in 1946, and worked as a teacher and the Director of Counseling for the Seattle School District until her retirement in 1976.

She traveled the world after her retirement and enjoyed the adventures of different countries.

Ruth was a connoisseur of the Seattle symphony and opera. She enjoyed meeting people and could become an instant friend to anyone. Ruth is survived by her son, Rodney D. (Kathy) Wooger, Yakima, Wash.; six grandchildren, Pamela (Tim) Nelson, Chatsworth, Calif.; Kenneth Wooger, Langly, Wash.;

Kimberly, Gregory Wooger, Kingston, Wash.; Chad Stoddard, Yakima, Wash.; Michael (Samantha) Wooger, Seattle, Wash.; and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Nelson of 49 years and two brothers, Glen Archer Sr. and Vern Archer.

A Celebration of Ruth's life is being planned for a later date. Arrangements are by Langevin-Mussetter Funeral Home.



Snack Time

Not only does the Norton City Swimming Pool offer the best and fastest way to cool down on these very hot days but while you are there stop at the counter and get a cold drink or a candy treat. Lifeguard, Josh Gallentine takes drink orders from LeAnn and Lily Beikman.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Bless and teach the little ones

Psychologists tell us the first seven years of a child's life are their most important learning years. I agree wholeheartedly, but let me caution you parents not to wear yourselves to a frazzle trying to teach them everything you think they need to know. They learn when they learn and sometimes you don't even notice. Like the old song says "just doin, what comes naturally" is the best tack to take.

As young parents we were continually surprised at how quickly babies change into little people with opinions, likes, dislikes and personalities all their own. No matter how much Dr. Spock I read, our kids were always one step ahead of us, if not two or three.

Fascinating, those first days at home with our twins. We put them in one crib for the first week or two as Dr. Cooper recommended. It was such fun watching them find their fingers and toes and then each other. As the weeks passed they learned to roll over and then sit up. Just as one would master it, the other would topple over on them. Later, out in the

Table for five

Liza Deines



wide world of the living room, television drew their attention but not nearly so much as the vacuum cleaner, which was a source of great consternation. When I switched it on they'd huddle together, wide-eyed and terrified in their playpen.

Crawling brought new challenges to me as well as them. Keeping them off the hot floor furnace grate and away from the basement steps led to a move to a house with wall registers. That presented a new challenge when we found David stuffing crayons, old envelopes and my recipe cards into his "post office". I guess I asked for that one when I taught them to put letters in the mail box slot.

In the new house they also learned about low windows and spent hours standing at the sills peering into the mysterious out-

door world. David soon figured out how stretching his arms across the window frame blocked his sister from looking out. Joan learned to bite those blocking arms, which, I suppose, seemed perfectly logical to a two year old. It was effective, too, until we made a few new rules.

The year the twins turned three Grandpa and Grandma gave them peg boards and hammers for Christmas. We noticed very quickly that David understood how to use the hammer within moments so we were concerned when Joan did not. Several days of incessant pounding later I found Joan pounding happily away using her left hand. We had no idea she was a leftie until that day. Why don't babies come with operating instructions?

Reading being my favorite pastime, all our little ones were introduced to books very early in life. They would sit on the divan with me and we'd read Little Golden books. One day I noticed them, side by side on the divan, reading to each other. If one couldn't get a word, the other could. Never knew how or when they learned

to read. Joan wrote her name in a coloring book the summer she was three going on four. The "J" was backward, but LeRoy and I were still astonished. David took a look and said, "My name has more letters." LeRoy asked him how he knew that and he proceeded to spell the two names with alphabet blocks. "See," he said "she has four but I have five and I have two that are alike." When did he learn to count, much less learn one-upmanship?..

How can you live with children and never even see them learning? Dan came along seven years later and had the advantage of an accelerated course, conducted by his older brother and sister. He crawled and walked early because there was always a sibling to help him along. The one exception was reading. Although both the children and I read to Dan, he didn't seem to pick it up. That is, until he was vision screened for kindergarten. He got his first glasses at age four and, within a week, was reading to us.

Bless the little ones. Sometimes I wonder who is teaching whom in those early years!

Big Horse Productions will be in Phillipsburg

Big Horse Productions is one of the specialty acts for the 2011 Kansas' Biggest Rodeo.

Described as a combination of vaulting, theater and circus bareback riding, Big Horse Production's founder, Erik Martonovich, brings eight Belgian geldings and four riders to Phillipsburg to perform. Erik roman rides the matched Belgians as the other riders vault from horse to horse, standing on them, and trick riding as Erik drives the team.

Martonovich started riding at age three. By the time he was five, "I was bored sitting on my pony so I started doing tricks on my own." His parents decided they should "send me somewhere (for lessons) so at least I wouldn't kill myself." He started vaulting lessons at age six, and as an adult, competed on the United States Equestrian Team from 1996 to 2002. In 2000, the U.S. team won the world championship at the World Equestrian Games. He has won seven national titles and

numerous individual titles.

The eight Belgians that travel with Big Horse Productions weigh a total of 20,000 pounds. The smallest is 18 hands, with the tallest at 19.1 hands. "One of the cool effects is that the bleachers shake as we come by," Martonovich says. In 2002, one of Erik's horses was the first draft horse to ever compete at a World Equestrian Games. The wheel team is named Comet and Doc; the next team is Rico and Travis; the third team is Zeus and Badge, and the lead team is Red and Lance.

Big Horse Productions entertains at a variety of events. They have performed for fans at natural horse trainer Pat Parelli's shows, and have worked with the Arabian Nights Road Show/Black Stallion Literacy Foundation. In March of this year, they entertained rodeo fans at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. They are just starting to work rodeos, so Big Horse Production's trip to Phillipsburg is their first time at a Kansas rodeo.

Performing pavement tests in area this week

This week (July 18-22) the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) may be conducting pavement evaluation tests on portions of K-18 Highway in Graham County, US-36 in Decatur County, and US-183 in Phillips County - which include the use of a pilot car operation to control traffic.

Specifically, these annual surveys called

Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) tests are performed by the agency each year.

The survey measures the quality of pavement and certain aspects of deflection upon the roadway.

Kansas Department of Transportation technicians will be working in four-mile segments while performing the tests. The traveling pub-

lic should expect a minimal wait of 15 minutes or less while the survey is underway.

For questions concerning the Falling Weight Deflectometer survey, contact Kansas Department of Transportation District Three Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

Wedding Anniversary

The children of Jim and Betty Pfannenstiel are celebrating their parents' 40th Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Pfannenstiel were united in marriage July 17, 1971. The couple celebrated their anniversary in South Dakota, visiting the Black Hills.

Children of the couple are Jeff and Christine Pfannenstiel, Columbia, Mo.; and Dustin Pfannenstiel, Norton.

Grandchildren of the couple are Conner, Cooper, and Chloe Pfannenstiel, Columbia, Mo.



Poultry testing for Norton Fair

Routine surveillance of Avian Influenza as well as monitoring for Pullorum for infectious diseases of poultry will be required for chickens exhibited at the Norton County Fair. Testing of the birds will be done Friday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to noon at the livestock barn at the Norton County Fairgrounds.

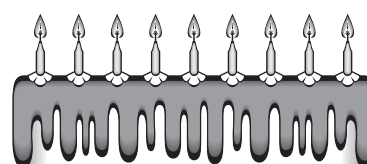
The Fair Association and state health officials urge all those entering chickens to have the birds tested. Birds over 4 months of age are to be tested. Turkeys, game birds, guineas and water fowl need not be tested.

Call the extension office to sign up for this free test at 785-877-5755.

Celebrating 65 years



Doug and Doris Johnston were united in marriage July 21, 1946. Their children are Cindy McMullen, Norton; Dr. Bruce Johnston, Dodge City; and Jeff Johnston J.D., San Francisco. They also have 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. They will be celebrating by entertaining a group of friends to a champagne dinner on Thursday, July 21, 2011.



The family of Opal Hickman is requesting a card shower for her, celebrating 90 years!



Greetings can reach her at:
Opal Hickman
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1189 So. Egrew Ct.
Erie, CO 80516

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS
1:30 P.M. POKER RUN TOURS
1:30 P.M. PRAIRIE MEADOWS, BIEBER COTTAGE TOURS
2:45 P.M. AWARD PRIZES
3:00 P.M. TURTLE RACES
3:30 P.M. DREAM TO REWARD PROGRAM
4:45 P.M. RECEPTION - BIRTHDAY CAKE AND PUNCH
5:15 P.M. CLOSING CEREMONY