

OBITUARIES

Mary Winifred Bennett

April 16, 1916 - Oct. 8, 2008

Mary Winifred Bennett, age 92, of Hays died Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays.

Mary was born April 16, 1916 at Arma, to Frank C. and Florence (Wright) Hill. She married Galen E. Bennett on May 5, 1940 at Phillipsburg. He died in Jennings on Nov. 7, 1997. She was a teacher and attended North Oak Community Church in Hays.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Bennett and his wife, Merilee, of Lakewood, Colorado, and Mike Bennett and his wife, Dorothy, of Overland Park; a daughter, Susan George of Hays;

seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Kermit George, a brother, Albert Hill; and a sister, Bess Windes.

She taught English at Norton Junior High from 1956-1965 and fifth grade from 1969-1979.

Memorial services were held today at the North Oak Community Church in Hays. Memorials have been established with the North Oak Community Church or the American Heart Association, in care of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral home, 20th and Pine, who handled arrangements.



Desiree Diane McMullen and Kyle Blaine Rohr

Elliott Scott Conard

Nov. 14, 1989 - Oct. 5 2008

Elliott Scott Conard, son of Terry Conard and Michele Donovan, was born Nov. 14, 1989, in Norton, and passed away in Norton on October 5, 2008, at 18 years of age.

He grew up in Norton and attended the Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High schools. He attended the Norton Community High School his sophomore year and the Northern Valley Schools his freshman, junior, and senior years, graduating with the Northern Valley High School class of 2008.

He was a member of the Young Guns and had participated in FFA, Forensics, and Yearbook while in high school.

Survivors include his parents, Terry Conard and Michele Donovan, both of Norton; two sisters, Amanda Majors, Colorado and Misty Lesley, California; two nieces, Hailey Majors, Norton and Sarah Glosson, Wichita; two nephews, Sean Lesley, California and Wyatt Glosson, Wichita; his paternal grandparents, Corky and Wava

Conard, Norton; his maternal grandparents, Tammy and Richard Miller, Norton; his maternal great-grandparents, Eunice Neiltopp and Ben and Wava Donovan, all of Norton; two uncles, Todd and wife, Sheila Donovan, Lenexa; and Aaron and wife, Kara Miller, Norton; four cousins, Tyler Donovan, Olivia, Madeline, and Jacob Miller; special friends, Lisa and Walter Glosson, Wichita; and Billy Vinsonhaler, Salina; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Michael Donovan, his maternal great-grandfather, Kenneth Neiltopp, his paternal great-grandparents, Claude and Ellen Archer, and two uncles, Mert Conard and Corky Conard, Jr.

Services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Elliott Conard Memorial Fund.

Enfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Couple to wed on Saturday

Don and Cindy McMullen of Norton, KS, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Desiree Diane McMullen, to Kyle Blaine Rohr, Ellsworth, KS, son of Barb Rohr and the late Matthew Rohr of Hutchinson, KS.

Desiree is a graduate of Friends University, Wichita, KS, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently employed as a Job/Cognitive Specialist at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility and Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility.

Kyle is a graduate of Friends University, Wichita, KS, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management. He was a member of the US Army and served a tour in Iraq. He is currently employed at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility as the Deputy Superintendent.

The couple will wed on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at the Norton Christian Church. A wedding dance will follow, beginning at 8:00 PM at the American Legion.

FYI

Fourteen members of the Colby Community College International Horse Show Association team, including Melissa Vogt of Norton, competed Oct. 4-5 at the Hunt Show hosted by the University of Colorado in Boulder. The team is coached by Shanda Draper.

"This was our first show of the season," said Draper. "Most of the riders were a little nervous the first day as it was the first association show for many of them. The team was better prepared the second day and we had some excellent rides and high placings."

The western riders will be competing this weekend at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Duplicate Bridge met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor with four tables present. Winning first place were Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges. Second went to Jack Graham and Larry Sumner with Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz coming in third.



Megan Kathleen O'Connor and Frederic Henry Wetter

November Nuptials planned for couple

Megan Kathleen O'Connor and Frederic Henry Wetter will exchange wedding vows in the Sacramento of Matrimony on Saturday, Nov. 8. The wedding will be held at 1:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton, with a luncheon reception to follow in the parish hall.

Fred is the son of John and Verena Wetter, and one of 11 children raised northeast of Norton. He is a 1976 graduate of the Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical School, Goodland. Fred is a lifelong resident of Norton County and enjoys the outdoors and hunting. He is a District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, and a service technician at Roy's Sales and Service and helps with the family farm.

Megan was raised in Colorado and Oregon and is a 1984 gradu-

ate of Oregon State University. She moved to Norton five years ago to work for Valley Hope. She is Director of Development at the VHA corporate office.

Her paternal ancestors from Ireland settled in the Denmore area of Norton County. Megan visited relatives in this area since childhood before making it her home in 2003.

Their great aunts, Loene O'Connor and Marie Wetter, were best friends and school teachers in Norton County in the 20th century.

Megan and Fred met two years ago at St. Francis Church. They plan to reside in Norton.

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Amanda Rose Turman

June 13, 1990 - Oct. 6, 2008

Amanda Rose Turman, daughter of Clayton and Belinda (Shearer) Turman, was born June 13, 1990, in Denver and passed away in Phillips County on Oct. 6, 2008, at the age of 18.

She grew up in the Norton/Almena area and attended the Northern Valley Schools, graduating with the class of 2008. She was currently a student at the University of Nebraska in Kearney.

Amanda had been a member of the Northern Valley High School Dance Team and had been involved in vocal, Kays, and the Junior Pride program.

Survivors include her mother, Belinda Turman, and stepfather,

John Steelsmith, Norton; her father, Clayton Turman, Norton; one brother, Caleb Turman, Norton; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Vernon and Rosie Shearer and Irene Clinkinbeard.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Northern Valley High School gymnasium. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Friday from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home.



Family and friends are invited to Vivian Skrdlant's 80th birthday celebration Oct. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center in Norton. No gifts, please. Cards may be sent to 909 Crestview, Norton, Kans.

It's a boy!



Cope James Railsback

Cope James Railsback, born Sept. 16, was welcomed home by his big sister, Syann Grace, 6. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Proud parents are Jim and Michele Railsback. Grandparents welcoming Cope are John and Brenda Kaus, Rita and Dennis Minshall and Dean Railsback. Great grandparents are Noreen and Verl Crabill, all of Norton.

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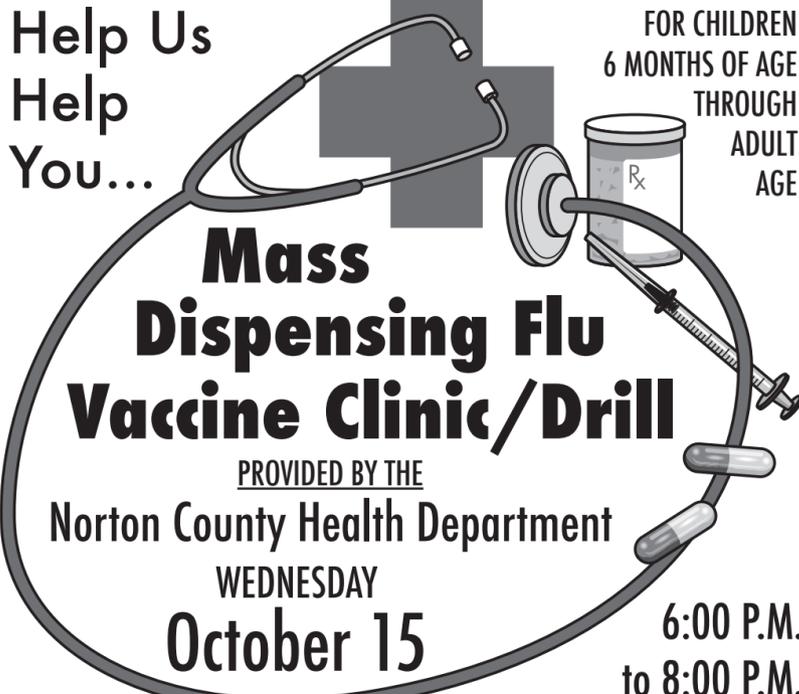
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