

DEATH NOTICE

Lawrence (Cy) Lemonds

Dec. 17, 2009

Lawrence (Cy) Lemonds, age 94, died Dec. 17. He died from injuries suffered from a fall in his home in Sacramento, Calif. Cy was originally from Norton. He was a gifted athlete for Norton High School in the 1930's. He served in the military during World War II.

Cy lived in Sacramento for several years where he was close to his brother. He is survived by one brother, Dorrance, Sacramento, Calif., and one daughter. Funeral arrangements are pending.

BIRTH

Ana Elaine Schemper was born Nov. 2 to Chris and Heidi Schemper. Ana has an older brother, Eli, and sister, Ava. Grandparents are Elaine Johnson and Doug and Jeniece Schemper. Great grandmother is Wauneta Schemper.



Ana Schemper

The night before Christmas

It's nippy with just enough snow to crunch under the tires on the drive to church. Our sanctuary windows glow with welcoming candle light, for it is Christmas Eve. Joyous voices carry in the crisp night air as rosy-cheeked families arrive in clusters. Warm hugs and cries of delight greet out-of-town relatives and college kids home for the holidays. Organ music drifts across the candlelit snow inviting us into golden warmth.

A jubilant burst of brass from the balcony trumpets forth "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and we all rise. Sunday School angels, tinsel wings shimmering, if slightly askew, proceed down the aisle, followed by shepherds with cardboard crooks and tea towel head-dresses, a flock of kindergarten lambs trotting along with them. Next come regal wise men in gold paper crowns burdened with gifts. Mary and Joseph kneel beside a scrap wood manger, fashioned for the annual pageant by LeRoy and David. A breathless hush falls over the crowd.

And now the age old story of the birth beneath the star unrolls before us in all its simple glory. Sweet children's voices waver through "Away in a Manger." We read the scripture from Luke, punctuating it with "The First Noel." "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World" and then, all too soon, it is time for "Silent Night." Tiny candles, lit one from another, spread through the darkened church as the gentle

Table for five

Liza Deines



melody closes the service. Children clutching brown paper bags of candy and nuts dash around on the snowy lawn while families howdy'n shake before heading home.

Back in our warm and festive house we five gather in the living room, plug in the tree and light every candle. In the flickering light we sing "Happy Birthday Dear Jesus" over pieces of Grandma's applesauce cake. Each child opens one gift and we open Grandma's homemade candy box. Oh, the delicious decisions! Each of us chooses three pieces and revels in the unaccustomed treats, the tree lights, the candles, until bedtime rolls around. Warm wax scents the room as the candles are snuffed.

Half an hour later David sneaks softly back upstairs and he and LeRoy trudge over to the junior high school where Dan's Christmas bicycle is hidden in the depths of the boiler room. They return wearing identical conspiratorial grins, roll the bike into the garage and drape it with an old bedspread. Mysteriously several other packages appear beneath the tree. Off to bed on the night before Christmas, contented and comfortable.

Somehow that comfortable contentment seems to be missing from so many families nowadays,

and I mourn its loss. Through the years the commercial aspect of the holiday season has accelerated to an alarming frenzy and the ante has risen to extremely expensive heights. The peace and joy that came from Christmas Eve at church gets lost in the shopping shuffle.

Yes, we gave gifts and they were reasonably nice gifts for the times, but we tried to keep the emphasis on the joy of giving a carefully chosen gift and off greed and grasping. Kids will be kids but they don't have to become selfish kids. Decorating the sanctuary at church, caroling at the AndBe Home and Christmas Day delivery of Meals on Wheels helped our family focus on giving of time, talents and abilities rather than purchased presents. And we never missed church on Christmas Eve.

That joy of choosing just the right gift for a family member has carried over into adult life. These days I watch with amusement when one of the kids spies and buys an ideal sibling gift in July or September, then must struggle to keep from giving it early just for the pleasure of seeing the reception they know it will get.

Speaking of the children, they would be telling me to get off my soapbox and stop preaching, so I shall, My wish for you is a Christ centered Christmas that will fill your spiritual tank rather than empty your account at the bank and leave you with a joyful heart all through the coming New Year.

Making gingerbread



Tracy Sanson and her granddaughter Skylar Sumner built a gingerbread house at Eisenhower Elementary School last Friday. Kindergartners and one member of their family decorated the houses, made out of empty milk cartons, with frosting, graham crackers and candy.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Police Log

December 10
6:21 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 300 block N. Graves
7:59 p.m. Vehicle stop, Highway 36 and West Ridge
8:20 p.m. Vehicle stop, Bowling Alley
December 11
3:08 a.m. Vehicle checks at car lots
8:58 a.m. Vehicle stop, Loves
9:43 a.m. Report of dog running loose, Pamida
12:10 p.m. Report of vehicle being keyed,
12:44 p.m. Report of vehicle blocking loading dock, Endzone
2:37 p.m. Request for officer to stop at residence, 500 block W. Wilton
3:11 p.m. Welfare check, Park St.
4:45 p.m. Report of individual pushing snow onto their property,
5:22 p.m. Report of vehicle alarm going off, NCHS
6:13 p.m. Vehicle stop, Library
6:25 p.m. Report of individual going to take dog, 500 block N. Graves
9:15 p.m. Vehicle stop, State and Waverly
10:50 p.m. Report of individual walking by house knocking on windows, 400 block Main
10:54 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Norton Community High School
December 12
10:31 a.m. Report of very loud neighbor, 500 block W. Wilton
10:59 a.m. Report of individual pushing wrong button on home security system
12:53 p.m. Report of two stray dogs, 200 block S. Wabash

7:45 p.m. Vehicle stop, State and Waverly
10:43 p.m. Vehicle stop, Race Track
December 13
8:50 a.m. Request for traffic control at Living Nativity,
3:25 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 600 block State St.
8:43 p.m. Report of individual receiving text messages from someone they don't know
December 14
7:10 a.m. Parking citation
8:15 a.m. Traffic control for stuck vehicle, Armory
10:40 a.m. Vehicle stop, Washington
12:35 p.m. Request to contact Kansas C-Post
2:50 p.m. Report on criminal damage to property, vehicle keyed
5:33 p.m. Vehicle stop, 200 block N. State
5:59 p.m. Complaint between neighbors about being too loud, 500 block W. Wilton
7:26 p.m. Vehicle stop, 500 block N. State
7:40 p.m. Vehicle stop, E. Campus
11:18 p.m. Individual arrested for probation violations
December 15
12:00 a.m. Individual in custody waiting on High Plains Mental Health screening
3:26 a.m. Transport individual to Larned State Hospital
5:00 a.m. Release inmate for Sheriff's Dept.
7:52 a.m. Report of vehicle broken down, 300 block W. Crane
10:50 a.m. Request for ride
1:32 p.m. Report of two pheasants dumped on curb, 100 block S. State

1:27 p.m. Report of hit and run, unknown time or place,
3:16 p.m. Report of dog that got loose, 700 block N. Norton
3:33 p.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36
3:42 p.m. One vehicle accident, W. Woodfield & N. Brown
4:10 p.m. Traffic control, State and Warsaw
4:20 p.m. Request for accident information
4:36 p.m. Request for assistance at Dr. Clinic for possible unruly patient
6:46 p.m. Vehicle stop, N. Hwy. 283
7:07 p.m. Vehicle stop, E. Waverly & N. Brown
7:16 p.m. Welfare check, 500 block S. Jones
10:56 p.m. Report of possible gun shot
December 16
5:35 a.m. Parking citation
10:30 a.m. Report of hit and run accident
12:14 p.m. Report of dog loose, Rec. Center
12:15 p.m. Report of individual not wanting contact with another individual
1:00 p.m. Motorist assist
1:30 p.m. Report from individual that another individual charged dish-network to them
2:02 p.m. Vehicle stop, 300 block W. Main
3:00 p.m. Vehicle stop, E. Hwy. 36
4:51 p.m. Request to install child safety seat
4:58 p.m. Request to pick up dog, 500 block N. Graves
7:35 p.m. Vehicle stop, N. State and Wilton
8:41 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 300 block West St.

Accident Reports

December 14 - Clayton Turman, owner of vehicle did not know where or when the vehicle was damaged.
Owner stated vehicle was parked and someone damaged the driver's door and extended cab portion of vehicle.
Damage was over \$1,000.
December 15 - Brooklyn Winkel heading west bound on W. Woodfield failed to let off brakes and slid into street sign causing damage to her vehicle and bending over sign.
Damage was under \$1,000.
December 16 - Vicki Henderson

reported while parked on S. State an unknown vehicle struck the left rear bumper of her vehicle and left the scene without reporting.
Damage was under \$1,000.
December unknown - Lottie

Wiltfong reported her vehicle was hit by an unknown vehicle while parked at an unknown location in Norton.
Damage was under \$1,000.

Senior Center Menu

December 21
Turkey and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, California blend vegetables, bread, apricots.
December 22
Ham, potatoes Romanoff, cranberry salad, green beans,

dinner roll, pumpkin bars or dessert.
December 23
Cook's choice entree, potato rounds or triangles, corn bread, applesauce.
December 24 and 25

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6:00 p.m. Report of vehicle pulling trailer with no tail lights
6:20 p.m. Returned individuals wallet
8:40 p.m. 911 call individual's fighting
December 18
1:59 a.m. Welfare check
8:10 a.m. Report of lost dog, Hillcrest Motel
9:30 a.m. Report of two vehicle accident, 600 block N. Grant
10:18 a.m. Report of individual falling and needing help up, Beaver Cottages
1:36 p.m. Report of dog missing, Woodfield, (located at dog pound)

2:00 p.m. Report of vehicle hitting stop light, traffic control needed
2:10 p.m. Report of dogs running loose, State Street
5:48 p.m. Report of electric meter being hit behind Beacon café
7:21 p.m. Report of domestic situation, N. Norton
December 19
12:27 a.m. Vehicle stop, Library
12:37 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 200 block N. Graves
12:57 a.m. Request to speak to officer
1:16 a.m. Report of dog being wrapped up and barking, 400 block N. Norton

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All Our Family and Friends
Neil and Donna Severns

Dec. 23 - Dec. 29

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

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Sunday: 5:00 and 7:25 p.m.
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All Passes Accepted for Blind Side

Alvin and the Chipmunks Premiere Price of \$7 and \$6; No Sunday Discount
Blind Side is the General Admission Price of \$6 and \$3; Ticket this Sunday

The Princess and the Frog and the Chipmunks will be playing Wednesday, December 23 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, December 24 at 2:30 p.m. Check www.nortontheatre.com for bowl game information.

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