

## OBITUARIES

### Eric E. Bell

March 6, 1972 - September 8, 2010

Eric Elwyn Bell died Sept. 8 at Norton County Hospital in Norton at the age of 38, as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

Eric was born in WaKeeney on March 6, 1972 to Elwyn Eugene and Karen Marie (Stull) Bell. He was a longtime area resident.

Survivors include his parents, Elwyn and Karen Bell, Dresden; two sons, Justin and Kyle Bell, Norton; special friend, Deena Wente, Norton; three brothers, Mike Bell, Kirkland, Wash., Rod Bell and Shawn Bell, Phoenix,

Ariz.; two sisters Kim Schneider, Gorham and Mona Chase, Lamesa, Texas; eight nieces and nephews; three grand nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. at Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City with Phillip F. Stinemetz officiating. There will be a private family burial in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Hill City.

Memorial has been established to the family.

Arrangements are by Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City.

### Dean D. Mulder

Dec. 31, 1927 - Sept. 14, 2010

Dean D. Mulder was born in Prairie View on Dec. 31, 1927 to Ira J. Mulder and Hazel U. Harper Mulder and died on Sept. 14 at his home in Silver Springs, Md. at the age of 82. He attended Liberty Country School in Beaver Township, Phillips County and Timberlake Country School in Grant Township, Norton County. Dean graduated from the Norton Community High School in 1945.

He was appointed to West Point from the 6th Congressional District. His West Point classmates recall: "From that Kansas farm via Kansas State, Korea with the Infantry and the USMAPS to West Point, Dean has come a long way; he knows what he is working for; and he is sure of the attainment. His inherently friendly manner, his industrious nature and his well-distributed abilities assure that success. Dean's efficient wrestlers approach gives him a pinning hold on his future in the service."

During his cadet days, Dean was a member of the Wrestling team all four years and captain of the team his first class year; was with the Debate Council and Camera Club yearling and cow years; with the Spanish club yearling; and was a Cadet Sergeant his first class year. Upon graduating, Dean went in the Artillery and after completing the Basic Artillery Course at Fort Sill Okla. reported with the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion during 1951 and 1952. His next assignments were with the 108th Field Artillery Battalion, 28th Division in Europe 1953-1955; the 101th Airborne Division 1956-1958; the Artillery advance course 1958-59 and graduate school USC 1959-61. While he was stationed abroad, he met and married Army nurse Nancy Warren in Jan. 1954.

In 1961, Dean earned a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Southern Calif. and was then assigned to Staff and Faculty of the Artillery and Guided Missiles School, Fort Sill, Okla. where he served from 1961 to 1964. His next assignments were to the 82nd Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea 1964-65 and to the Army's Foreign Science and Technology Center at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. 1965-68 where he was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Dean went to Fort Benning 1968-70 and served as the Deputy Commander of the Center Troop Command, Executive Officer of the 2nd Training Brigade and the commander of the 9th training Battalion. He received the Commendation Medal for distinguished service.

Dean was appointed Commanding Officer of the 6th Psychology Operations Battalion in the Republic of Vietnam. He received a second Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and two Air Medals for meritorious achievement. On return to the states, Dean was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. where he served from 1971 to 1976 and was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal. While with DIA, Dean earned a second Master of Science degree from the American University. Dean retired from the US Army in 1976 as a Lieutenant Colonel and became associated with Greenbelt Homes. In 1976 he became a Real Estate Broker until he was appointed Plans Examiner with Prince George's County in 1980. He retired in 1996.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Susan Mulder Tomanek.

Survivors include his wife Nancy of the home; son Steve, Anchorage, Alaska; son-in-law Uwe Tomanek and wife Louise, Newark, Del.; grandchildren Lisa Tomanek, Christina Tomanek and Michaela Mulder; brothers James and Arlene Mulder, Fremont, Neb. Darrell Mulder, Logan and Gary and Doris Mulder, rural Logan and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Viewing was held at the Robert E. Evans Funeral Home on Sept. 19 in Bowie, Md. Final services with full Military Honors will be held on Jan. 4, 2011 at Fort Meyers with burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association and can be sent to: Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, 16000 Annapolis road, Bowie, MD 20715.

Condolences can be sent to Nancy Mulder, 3142 Grace Field Road, Apt. 106, Silver Springs, MD 20904-5854.

Arrangement are by Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, Bowie, MD.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Marcella Wahlmeier

September 22, 2010

Marcella "Sally" Wahlmeier died at her home in Salina, on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Survivors include her children, Michaelene Morgan, Bella Vista, Ark.; Ivan Bohl, Norton; Marla Schmidt, Manhattan; Jim Wahlmeier, Concordia; Susan Bechard, Salina; Pat Wahlmeier, Hastings, Neb.; Jeanette Nelson, Salina; Diann Dinkel, Chandler, Ariz.; Stan Wahlmeier, Burlington; Sheri Holmes, Claflin and Mark Wahlmeier, Colby; other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. All services will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton. Rosary services are scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. with Mass of the Christian Burial on Monday, Sept. 27, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be held in the Norton Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton and condolences may be sent to their website: [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Community Calendar corrections and changes—call Harriett 877-3361

# Tailgate food safety hints

## Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



A familiar sight in rural America. Using the tailgate on the pickup as a serving table for meals in the farm field and is likely to be replicated in parking lots surrounding athletic fields across the country this fall.

Whether a home-style meal or pre-game feast, keeping food safe to eat need not be difficult. Here are some tips to keep party foods safe and guests healthy:

Purchase and prepare enough food to feed guests, but not so much as to have leftovers that will spoil during the game and need to be discarded.

Prepare as much food as possible at home. For example, prepare chilled foods in advance; cover or wrap and chill well before placing the chilled food in an ice chest or cooler shortly before leaving for the party and game.

Ask out-of-town guests to bring non-perishable foods such as crackers, chips, fruit or disposable tableware to reduce opportunities for party foods to spoil.

Keep raw foods and cooked foods in separate coolers to pre-

vent cross-contamination, and dedicate an additional cooler for easy access to beverages without jeopardizing other cooled foods. Note: The temperature in a cooler can change each time the cooler is opened.

Use plenty of ice: block ice, then cubes, then crushed ice for slower melting.

Wash hands before and after handling raw and cooked foods, and before and after eating, playing catch, etc.

If water is not readily available, pack a jug of water, bar of soap and paper towels, single-use packaged towelettes, hand sanitizer gel, or older terry towel cut into squares, moistened and used with a bar of soap.

Transport food coolers in the air-conditioned passenger area, rather than a trunk or truck bed; cover with a blanket, and place in shade, out of direct sunlight.

Do not judge meat doneness by color; include a food thermometer when packing kitchen essentials for a tailgate picnic or party.

Keep hot foods hot, and check recommended internal temperatures with a food thermometer. An internal temperature of 160 degrees F is recommended safe for hamburgers; 165 degrees F for poultry, and brats and hot dogs should be piping hot.

If bringing carry-out foods such as pre-made hoagies or fried chicken, keep them at appropriate temperatures for safety. They are susceptible to contamination that can cause food-borne illness.

Use separate utensils and serving plates for raw and cooked foods to prevent cross contamination.

If the outside temperature is 90 degrees F or above, perishable foods should be discarded after sitting out for one hour; in

temperatures below 90 degrees, the food safety window extends to two hours, unless the food has been sitting in direct sunlight or otherwise looks suspect.

Make plans for protecting leftovers (wrapping and storing in an ice chest out of the sun is an example) or discard them.

Pack clean-up materials in a tailgating kit for the season.

Discard suspect foods. Food-borne illness can become apparent within as little as 30 minutes after eating a suspect food, but may not become apparent for several days or weeks.

Symptoms of food-borne illness, which are often mistaken for the flu, include an upset stomach, diarrhea, chills, fever or headache.

If food-borne illness is suspected, seeking medical advice is recommended.

More information on food and food safety is available at your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may e-mail Tranda Watts at [twatts@ksu.edu](mailto:twatts@ksu.edu).

## Accident Log

**Sept. 12:**  
A 1998 Dodge pickup driven by Tyler Esslinger, Norton, was traveling north bound on E8 Road. While maneuvering through curves, he lost control and left the roadway. Esslinger stated that he didn't really know what had happened. He said that he wasn't traveling very fast because he knew curves were coming up. The investigating officer, Deputy Adam Wahlmeier, reported he was unable to take accurate measurements because the vehicle was moved from scene. There were no reported injuries. The vehicle sustained considerable damage.

**Sept. 14:**  
A 1997 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Kathleen Tams, Alma, Neb., was west bound on Highway 383, when a deer ran out of the north ditch onto the highway. Tams was unable to avoid striking the deer causing damage to the vehicle.

There were no injuries reported. The accident was investigated by Deputy Larry Land.

**Sept. 16:**  
A 2007 Toyota Tacoma pickup driven by Cynthia Shirley, Norcraft, was west bound on Highway 36, when a deer ran out of the north ditch onto the highway. The driver was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the front of the vehicle. There were no injuries reported. The accident was investigated by Deputy Larry Land.

**Sept. 20:**  
Christopher Davis was driving a 2000 Oldsmobile south bound on Highway 283 at mile marker 200. A deer entered the highway from the west and stopped in Davis's lane of travel and he was unable to avoid the collision. No injuries were reported. Damage was done to the front of the vehicle. The accident was investigated by Deputy Adam Wahlmeier.

## FYI

The Norton Public Library will have Monday at the Movies on Monday, Sept. 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. We will be showing a romantic comedy entitled "Catch and Release" starring Jennifer Garner.

Monday at the movies is held on the last Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments are served.

There were three tables at Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday. First went to Myron Veh and Jerry

Moritz and second to Jackie Porter and Janice Persinger.

Western Kansas Low Vision Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Sternberg Museum in Hays. The fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free of charge to any interested individuals.

For more information, please contact the Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired at 785-628-6055 or 785-625-3937.



Danielle LeClair and Jared VonFeldt

## Couple plans fall wedding

Starla LeClair, Norton, announces the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter, Danielle Nicole LeClair, to Jared Michael VonFeldt, son of John and Lita VonFeldt, Hays.

Grandparents of the couple are Joe and Kandi Sproul, Edmond; Lloyd and Glenna Sproul, Norton; Judy LeClair, Duluth Minn.; Josepha Dome and the late Leonard C. Dome, Victoria; and the late John and Irene VonFeldt, Victoria.

The bride elect is a 2006 graduate of Norton Community High

School and a 2007 graduate of Hays Academy of Hair Design. Danielle is currently enrolled at North Central Technical College and is pursuing a career in nursing. She is currently employed at St. Johns Nursing Home in Victoria.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Victoria High School and is currently attending North Central Technical College for a career in welding. Jared is employed at VonFeldt Farms.

An Oct. 23 wedding is planned at The United Methodist Church in Hays.

## Be sure to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall

HOME BASED  
**BUSINESS EXPO**  
Saturday, October 2  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
at the National Guard Armory in Norton  
Avon, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef,  
Tupperware and Many More  
LUNCH STAND BY NORTON EAGLES

Intermediate and Microsoft Excel Classes  
**INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER SKILLS**  
Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Thursday, Oct. 7  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - \$79.00 Per Person  
**MICROSOFT EXCEL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 21  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - \$79.00 Per Person  
**Norton Technology Center**  
103 S. State, Norton, Kansas  
**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
Call 785-874-4844 or [kimmcs@ruraltel.net](mailto:kimmcs@ruraltel.net)

**Sunday Buffet**  
September 26 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Norton American Legion**  
MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME!

Sept. 24-  
Sept. 29  
Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps**  
2 Hours, 27 Minutes (PG-13)  
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  
**Vampire's Suck**  
1 Hour, 30 Minutes (PG-13)  
All passes accepted for Vampires  
No passes for Wall Street  
General Admission: \$6.00 and \$5.00 for Vampires/\$3 Ticket Sunday  
Premiere Price: \$7.00 and \$6.00 for Wall Street/No Sunday Discount  
Check the Theatre website for Upcoming Events  
[nortontheatre.com](http://nortontheatre.com)  
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