

OBITUARIES

Leonard Cochran Sept. 2, 1926 - June 15, 2013

Leonard Cochran, Oberlin, died Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Decatur Health Systems in Oberlin at the age of 86.

The son of Virgil and Elsie (Horn) Cochran, Leonard was born Sept. 2, 1926 in Decatur County and was raised on the family farm.

Leonard served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. On June 6, 1954, Leonard married Dorothy Schwab in Oberlin where they resided. He was the owner of

LC Cochran Trucking and was a farmer and rancher as well.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Elsie Cochran; infant twin brothers, Rea and Lee; sisters, Wilma Mott and Neva Province.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Cochran of Oberlin; sons Alan (DoAnn) Cochran of Gardner; Ray (Janet) Cochran of Cawker City; daughters, Diana (Joseph) Cochran-Black of Newton; Lori (Jeff) Roe of Norcatur; sister, Leota Jordan

of McCook, Neb.; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 18 at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with Rev. Royce Leitner officiating. Burial will follow at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Summer Recreation Program.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

There's nothing like a brother

Oh, pity the poor girls who have no brother to pester them, to protect them, to baby them and to tell them "Oh, grow up and get over it." They will never know what they're missing. From childhood, I was convinced my big brother, Roger, was something special. Of course that might have been because our father had us firmly convinced they flew the flags on June 14 for his birthday. It was years before I learned it was also Flag Day!

The family tells me "ogie" was my first word. I only recall screaming "Mama, he's lookin' at me," as he teased me through the bars of my crib at nap-time. But I also remember being taken to see "Snow White" and how he patiently took me out to the lobby when I got scared of the witch. He took me on every ride at the carnival and I wasn't frightened as long as he was with me. He was the one who gave me an extra quarter when Dad finally let me go to the skating rink so I could have snacks as well as skate rental.

However, he was also the one who left me blocked in the outhouse with a big rock while he ran off to play ball with his buddies and the same guy who nearly drowned me in the Solomon River, or so it seemed to me, when trying to teach me to swim; he also gave me a leather cowboy vest and Indian chief headdress that I treasured for years; the fellow who hurried home to kill a bull snake that

Child of the '40s Liza Deines



scared Mama spit-less by sunning itself across the back porch steps and the one who put a plastic ice cube with an embedded fly in Ann's lemonade.

There are a couple of "Roger" stories that must be recorded, lest they be lost to history when Ann and I are gone. Both were before my time but told to me on good authority by incorruptible (I hope) family members.

A baby of the Dust Bowl days in Kansas, Roger developed severe asthma that he has battled to this day. As such, he was a picky eater and Mama was always trying to feed him healthy foods, which he invariably resisted. One evening he dawdled over eating his tomatoes until Mama had to go out to do farm chores, leaving him in charge of older sister, Ann. "Now don't let him have peaches," she cautioned, "until he eats those tomatoes." Returning later to find him happily spooning up peaches, she praised him for finishing his tomatoes. "Didn't," he said smugly, "Annie threw 'em in the slop bucket!" That scamp was so eager to get his sister in trouble, he didn't even care he was incriminating himself as well. It was quite a spell before

Sis did him any more favors.

Candy of any kind was a rare treat to children of the 1930's. Coffee used to come in a jar with a single peppermint stick packed in the middle. One child got to break it, the other chose first and it was quite a controversial procedure. So the day that Mama and Dad were given a fancy box of chocolates was a red letter occasion for all concerned. Christmas was drawing near and the folks decided to save the confection for a holiday treat. It was tucked away on a high closet shelf, secure in red cellophane wrappings. Unfortunately that was the year Roger had been given a pocket knife as a birthday gift.

Come the day to open the long anticipated treat, the unbroken cellophane was peeled back and the lid lifted to reveal an essentially empty box with only three or four chocolates marooned in the far corners. A tidy hole had been neatly cut through the bottom of the box. "Roger," my dad said, holding out his hand for the new knife, "let's go discuss this in the barn."

There are a million more tales I could tell, but you can see why these two should be on file for Roger's great grandsons to enjoy in years to come. Happy Birthday, Ogie!

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Department of Agriculture kicks off photo contest

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced its second annual statewide agricultural photo contest. Kansas Department of Agriculture invites Kansas residents to submit photos that capture the special moments, hard work and breathtaking beauty of agriculture across the state.

The contest is divided into five categories, including Farm Faces; Picture Perfect Prairie; Agriculture at Work; From the Land of Kansas; and Rollin' in the Hay, a special category for Kansas youth 19 and younger.

"The department's first-ever agricultural photo contest held in summer 2012 was a huge success and was a great showcase of Kansas agriculture," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "As the state's largest industry, agriculture touches every Kansan every day. With our second-annual photo contest, we want to see how agriculture affects you. From the wheat in the field through the milling and baking processes to the bread that makes your sandwich, agriculture is everywhere around

us. I encourage all Kansans to consider submitting photos for this fun contest."

New to the contest this year, Kansas Department of Agriculture will utilize Secretary Rodman, Kansas Board of Agriculture members and agricultural leaders in the Kansas Legislature as well as the department's social media to judge the photographs submitted. Visit agriculture.ks.gov/photocontest to learn more.

Contest winners will be determined by combining points from the secretary, state board members and legislative leaders with those accumulated on social media sites. Winners will be those with the highest points in each category.

Photos will be judged on creativity, quality and relevance to Kansas agriculture. They will be displayed at Kansas Department of Agriculture and used on the department's website, social media pages and various other marketing materials.

Photos submitted should not be digitally manipulated or enhanced. Digitally manipulated

or enhanced photos will be disqualified. Normal cropping, color correction, etc. are acceptable.

Winners in each category will receive \$100 gift cards and the runner-up participants will receive \$50 gift cards.

Photo entries should be sent in jpg format to PhotoContest@KansasDepartmentofAgriculture.ks.gov. Entries should include: A title and brief description of each photo, when and where the photo was taken, photographer's full name and age, photography category, hometown and Email address

Alternatively, CDs containing photo files and accompanied by all of the required information may be mailed or hand-delivered to: Kansas Department of Agriculture Attn.: Communications 109 SW 9th St., 4th Floor Topeka, KS 66612

Photos must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, July 15. Winners will be announced by August 21, 2013.

Diggin' into chocolate



The Norton Public Library has been holding Fun Night every Thursday evening for grades seven through 12 at 6 p.m., and last Thursday 11 youth attended Chocolate Night. In keeping with this summer's theme, "Dig Into Reading", those in attendance were instructed to make something about digging using nothing but chocolate products. Building materials included brownies, frosting, cookies and much more. Allison Engelbert is seen here with her bulldozer masterpiece made of brownies, Oreo cookies, graham crackers and mini-marshmallows. The best part of the evening came when they got to eat what they made.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Medicare urges seniors to fight fraud

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Shawn Sullivan wants Kansas Medicare recipients to know they will soon see a redesigned statement of their claims for services and benefits that will help them better spot potential fraud, waste and abuse. These changes are being made in an effort to make the elimination of fraud, waste and abuse in health care a top priority.

"The new statement has been redesigned to make it easier for consumers to identify problems with their claims that may indicate potential fraud or other irregularities," Secretary Sullivan said. "We are asking that consumers carefully inspect

their statements to ensure that the claims match the services and benefits they have been provided."

"The new Medicare Summary Notice gives seniors and people with disabilities accurate information on the services they receive in a simpler, clearer way," said Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Administrator Marilyn Tavenner. "It's an important tool for staying informed on benefits, and for spotting potential Medicare fraud by making the claims history easier to review."

Beneficiaries in Kansas will begin receiving the new Medicare Summary Notice this month. The redesigned notice will make it easier for people

with Medicare to understand their benefits, file an appeal if a claim is denied, and spot claims for services they never received. The CMS will send the notices to Medicare beneficiaries on a quarterly basis.

Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers are critical partners in the fight against fraud. In April of this year, CMS announced a proposed rule that would increase rewards up to \$9.9 million paid to Medicare beneficiaries and others whose tips about suspected fraud lead to the successful recovery of funds.

For more information about the Medicare Summary Notice, please visit: <http://bit.ly/SummaryNotice>.

'Mammal Invasion' arrives at museum

Between 60 million and 3 million years ago, following the extinction of the dinosaurs, mammals emerged as a dominant species on Earth.

"Mammal Invasion: After the Dinosaurs" opened at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History on Saturday, June 8, and will run through Sept 8.

The exhibition of robotic

mammals from giant saber-toothed cats to man's earliest known ancestors brings the Ice Age to life.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for youths ages 4 to 12, and \$4 for FHSU students with valid ID.

50th Anniversary

Margaret Ann Lentz and Eugene Wetter were married at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, Pilsen, Kansas on June 22, 1963.



Eugene farms and was a bus driver and Director of Transportation for USD 211 for 35 years. Margaret taught for 38 years in the Norton School District. They are enjoying retirement and continue to make their home in rural Norton. They have two children, Michael and wife Annette, and Diane. They have three grandchildren, Olivia, Abigail, and Jacob Wetter. Please send your best wishes in honor of their 50th Anniversary to: Eugene and Margaret Wetter, 10543 Road E4, Norton, Kansas 67654.

June 14-
June 19

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2 Hours, 21 Minutes (PG-13)

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Man of Steel is a Premiere movie - \$7.00 and \$6.00. No Sunday discount



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LONG FAMILY REUNION

Sixty-five members of the Marion and Lorraine Long family gathered the first week in June at Webster State Park for fellowship and relaxation. Campers included Kenny, Roger, Joe, Rita, Rhonda, Tom, Floyd, Frank, Fred and Gary. Leonard and Gerry, along with some of their spouses, children and grandchildren who were able to attend. Lorraine joined the group Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the pot luck meals, as well as for the Saturday celebration of Mass, officiated by Father Don McCarthy, which was open to all campers at Webster Lake who wished to attend.

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Please Join in the Festivities on

Thursday, June 20, 2013

2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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