

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Irene (Foley) Lyon

May 11, 1917 - Oct. 4, 2013

Evelyn Irene (Foley) Lyon, daughter of Clarence and Mabel Foley, was born one-half mile west of Norcat, on May 11, 1917, and passed away on Oct. 4, 2013, at the age of 96.

Evelyn grew to womanhood in the Norcat community. She attended Norcat Grade School and graduated from Norcat High School. Evelyn was united in marriage to Audrey (AW) Lyon on Aug. 19, 1939. They made their home in the country near Reager from 1939 to 1947, when they moved to Norcat. Evelyn was a member of the Norcat United Methodist Church and Farm Bureau. She

cooked at the Norcat grade school and the Cardinal Café for many years. She was particularly famous for her homemade pies. She loved her family and loved to cook, garden, sew, play cards, and dance.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband, AW Lyon; son, Larry Lyon; brother, Don Foley; and sister, Elsie Martinez.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Penn, Hiawatha; son, Terry (Barbara) Lyon, of Wichita; daughter-in-law, JoAnn Lyon, of Norcat; grandchildren, Carl Lyon (Renee Harmon), of Norcat; Sharlynn (Gene) Mermis,

of Wichita; Kelli (Butch) Nuss, of Wichita; and five great-grandchildren, Riann Mermis, Brier Mermis, Morgann Mermis, all of Wichita; Max Nuss and Hayden Nuss, also of Wichita. She is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

Graveside services and burial were Monday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m., at the Norcat Cemetery in Norcat.

Memorial contributions in her memory can be made to the Eldon Auker Park in Norcat and the Andbe Home in Norton.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, KS.

Vern R. Smith

March 16, 1949 - Oct. 2, 2013

Vern R. Smith, youngest child of Clifford and Emma Smith, passed away at his home in Phoenix, Ariz., on Oct. 2, 2013, at the age of 64.

Vern was born at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on March 16, 1949. He grew up in the Good Hope Community

near Clayton. He attended grade school in Clayton, and graduated from the Jennings High School in Jennings, in 1967.

Vern is survived by his companion, Kay, of the home in Arizona; two brothers, Jon Smith, of Clayton, and Alvin Smith, of the Andbe Home in Norton;

one sister, Arline King, of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister-in-law, Iris Smith, of Norton.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers Bill, Bob, Walt, and Larry.

Cremation was selected by the family with services to be held in Phoenix, Ariz.

Wilfred N. Wagoner

Oct. 14, 1920 - Oct. 3, 2013

Wilfred N. Wagoner was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Sheridan County, to Edward and Kathryn (Schwarz) Wagoner. He passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, in Hoxie, at the age of 92.

Wilfred was raised on the family farm southwest of Hoxie in Sheridan County. He attended Sheridan County country schools.

On Aug. 13, 1942, Wilfred was inducted into the United States Army. He served with Company C, 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division until his honorable discharge on Nov. 19, 1945.

Wilfred was united in marriage to Alice Gassmann on Aug. 5, 1946, in Grainfield. Seven children were born to their union. Over the years, they lived on a farm near Grainfield, in Hoxie, on a farm south of Hoxie, and a farm south of Jennings before moving to Jen-

nings.

For most of his adult life, Wilfred worked as a self-employed mechanic. He later worked for the Decatur Co-op Association delivering propane in the Jennings area. Wilfred was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. His hobbies included camping, fishing, tinkering and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Alice of Hoxie; three sons, Robert and Brenda Wagoner of Colby, Verlan and Ronda Wagoner of Sharon Springs, and Kevin and Colleen Wagoner of Sharon Springs; four daughters, Carol and Cliff Martin of Sharon Springs, Lois and Bill Heilman of Jennings, Shirley Fogarty of Sharon Springs, and Mary and Ron Shipley of Hoxie; four sisters, Doreen Kennedy of Hoxie, Marjorie Bechard of

Windsor, Colo., Eileen Nondorf of Hoxie, and Patricia Foster of Jennings; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Wilfred was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, LeRoy and Kenneth; and a great-grandson, Teryn Haremza.

A vigil service was held on Friday, Oct. 4, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

A mass of christian burial was held on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, with Rev. Mark Berland officiating.

Wilfred was laid to rest at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery in WaKeeney.

Contributions can be made to the Wilfred Wagoner Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were by Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin and Selden.

Don't put the garden tools away just yet

Kay Melia

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It must have been at least 20 years ago when someone handed me some kind of nice looking flower bulb, and when I inquired as to what kind of bulb it was, the answer was something like "Just plant it in your perennial garden, and expect a surprise next summer."

I don't have a perennial garden as such, but I dutifully planted the bulb about this time of the year over on the other side of the peonies, less than a foot or so from the iris. I watched with interest next spring and soon saw that I had a very healthy plant with very nice light green foliage. And then, without so much as a peep and without producing so much as a bud, the foliage completely died back, and I forgot about the nice healthy looking bulb that someone had so kindly given to me.

But wait! Late in July or early in August, something magically occurred. One stalk, then two stalks, and finally three stalks of gorgeous, aromatic, pink blooms appeared where the bulb had been planted in the

spring and given up for dead. The blooms were 4 or 5 inches across and were borne on tall stems. The same thing happened for ten or twelve years until drought and heat finally convinced it to retire. It was always a surprise, thus the name "Surprise Lily" was assigned. I will plant three of them very soon now.

It is correctly designated as "Lycoris" although some seed catalogs still refer to it as a surprise lily. The species is a real wonder in the world of plant life. The J.W. Jung Seed Company sells them for \$5.95 each, or three for \$15.95, plus postage.

Indeed, it is bulb planting time in the High Plains. Spring flowering bulbs...tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and others can now be planted. Personally, I prefer to wait until about the 1st of November when soil temperatures are cooler to insure that the bulbs stay cool and make no attempt to come out of dormancy. But that's a minor point.

If you have not yet purchased your spring blooming bulbs, always buy the largest ones you

can find. Larger bulbs planted this fall means larger blooms next spring. Small bulbs planted this fall will result in smaller blooms next spring. As those small bulbs grow larger the following years, blooms will also be bigger.

And while you're involved in this bulb planting thing, go down to the grocery store and buy the largest bulb of garlic you can find. Remove the cloves individually and plant yourself a row of nature's favorite flavoring agent for next summer's enjoyment. Garlic must be planted in the fall, not the spring, to expect a good crop. Actually, it is best to plant garlic that is sold as seed, but it is sometimes hard to find, and rather expensive. Plant the cloves about 3 inches deep in damp soil just about anytime now, and the green tip of the growing plant will absolutely be the first sighting of green in your garden next spring!

Hey...don't file away the garden tools just yet. Get out there and plant a few bulbs now, and be well paid early next year!

Kids know the importance of roadway safety

Seven-year-old Dashiell Brown of Quinter, 9-year-old Jessica Schroeder of Victoria, and 12-year-old Kallie Leiker of Hays are the Northwest Kansas winners in the 2013 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest.

Each child will receive a bicycle and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas during presentations at their individual

schools, later this month.

Kallie Leiker, who attends Hays Middle School, is also a statewide poster contest winner in the 11 through 13-year old age category. She will receive a family gift package from the Great Wolf Lodge water park in Kansas City, and also a \$50 gas card from QuikTrip Corporation.

A total of 867 kids across

Kansas ages 5 to 13 took the time to think about safety and participated in the contest. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities.

For more information, go to www.ksdot.org and click on the poster contest information.

Engagement

Nathan Whitney and Katie Conwell would like to announce their forthcoming marriage. Nathan is the son of Evan and Barb Whitney, Norton; and Tim and Janet Bennett, Overland Park. Katie is the daughter of Doug and Carole Conwell, Wamego.

Grandparents of the future groom are Leta Koel and the late Raymond Koel, Norton; and the late Wes and Frances Whitney, Norton. Grandparents of the future bride are George and Marge Scheckel, Downers Grove, and Betty and the late Thomas Webb, Overland Park.

Nathan graduated from Russell High School in 1999 and attended Kansas State University. Katie graduated from Wamego High School in 2006 and is a 2011 graduate of Kansas University. Both Nathan and Katie are employed by Murphy Hoffman Company in Kansas City.

The wedding will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Basehor.



Valley Hope elects chairman

The Valley Hope Association (VHA) Board of Directors has elected Dave Hill, of Baldwin City, as Chairman of its Board. Hill has served on the VHA Board since 2005, and as vice chairman since 2009. He succeeds Kansas Secretary of Commerce Pat George, Dodge City, who has been elected Vice Chair.

VHA President Ken Gregoire stated, "We are very pleased to have Dave Hill as our new Chairman. His leadership and experience in the business and finance field as well as his energy and compassion make him a perfect fit for chairing our Board of Directors. He exemplifies total commitment to Valley Hope's mission of providing addiction treatment to those in need."

Hill is President of Mid America Bank with operations in Baldwin City, Wellsville and Lawrence, KS. He is an active member in several community organizations including the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence Home Builders and Baldwin City Economic Development. Hill and his wife, Pam, are former Norton, KS residents where Valley Hope originated in 1967.

George has served on the VHA Board since 2002 and as Vice Chairman will continue to help alcoholics and addicts find recovery, said Gregoire. "His professional roles at the local, regional, state and national levels have allowed him the ability to engage others in his passion for raising awareness about addiction and recovery and play an instrumental role in shaping future policy issues such as treatment quality, discrimination and policies to reduce and prevent substance-use problems."

A native Kansan, George spent

25 years starting and building numerous successful business ventures in southwest Kansas, from his family's automobile dealership to real estate development to professional sports. He is a partner in PATS Real Estate Management and GPL Real Estate Company. Pat also provided leadership to G&G New Car Dealerships, Nueterra Equities, Reggie Jackson Enterprises, Dodge City Steaks and the Dodge City Legend Professional Basketball Team. George

and wife Lori reside in Dodge City with their three children.

The Valley Hope Association is a nationally recognized, non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality alcohol and drug addiction treatment services at an affordable price. Headquartered in Norton, KS, Valley Hope operates nine residential centers and eight free standing outpatient offices in seven states - Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

You Are Invited to the Annual
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Parish Bazaar
 108 S. WABASH - NORTON, KANSAS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013
 SERVING FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
 HANDICRAFTS, FANCY WORK AND BAKE SALE
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 BEGINNING AT 12:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY
MENU: Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings
 Price: \$7.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for Children
 Children 5 Years and Under Free
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Oct. 4- Oct. 9

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2:
 Revenge of the Leftovers 1 Hr, 45 Min. (PG)
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:00 p.m.
Insidious
 CHAPTER 2
 1 Hour, 56 Minutes (PG-13)

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Welcome New Employees to Norton and Bridges Group, Inc!



Mark Krehbiel joined the Bridges team in January 2013 and brings his knowledge of Financial Services to Bridges. Along with providing Life Insurance, Annuities, and benefit options, Mark works in the operations at Bridges.



Sara Lentz moved back to her hometown of Norton in February 2013 from Des Moines, IA. She currently manages the finances for Bridges in addition to being the human resources director.



Aaron Hale is the most recent addition to Bridges. Aaron moved back to Norton from Lawrence, KS in July 2013. He is working in the Crop, Farm, and Commercial departments.

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