

OBITUARIES

Donald Edward Wegener

April 19, 1923 - Dec. 21, 2013

Donald Edward Wegener, son of Edward and Louise (Braun) Wegener, was born April 19, 1923, in Norton County, and passed away at his home in Norton County on Dec. 21, 2013, at the age of 90.

Don grew up on the farm northwest of Norton and attended the Immanuel Lutheran School. On Aug. 27, 1944, Don and Norma D. Hestermann were united in marriage in Ludell, Kansas. Don served as a Mess Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II from November 1944 until August 1946. Upon his discharge, they made their home on the farm northwest of Norton where they farmed and raised their family.

Don was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed and later the

Redeemer Lutheran Church of which he was a founding member. He served on the building committee of both churches as they were built and also held many offices in both congregations. In the Norton community he served on the Farm Bureau Board, was a founding member of the Norton County Cooperative Association and an original member of the United Northwest Federal Credit Union.

Survivors include: his wife, Norma Wegener, of their home in Norton County; four children, Barbara Stutz, Axtell, Neb.; Bruce and wife, Cindy Wegener, Norton; Glenda Wegener, Madison, Wisc.; and Sandra and husband, Harvey Pakkebie, Densmore, Kan.; one son-in-law, Wayne Dobesh, of Florida; one sister, Mary Lou Wilner, Princeton, Ill.; several grandchildren

and great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Minnie Wegener, his daughter, Connie Dobesh, one grandson, Wyatt Wegener, one brother, Virgil Wegener, and three sisters, Letha Hofman, Iona Holste, and Roberta Moore.

Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Norton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Condolences can be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

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

A private family burial was held at the Norton Cemetery prior to the funeral service.

Marietta Gilmore

Jan. 19, 1925 - Dec. 21, 2013

Marietta Gilmore, 88, died Dec. 21, 2013 in Norton, after suffering from Alzheimer's for several years. She was born Jan. 19, 1925 in Cairo, Kan., the daughter of Leslie (Judd) L. and Mabel Dale (McGaffin) Fitzsimmons.

At the age of 19, she married Richard Leslie Webster. From this union two children were born, Richard David and Wendy Eileen. In 1960, she married William Edward Gilmore and they shared their lives making their home in Pratt until Bill's death in 2001. She resided at Parkwood Assisted Living and later moved to the Andbe Home in Norton to be closer to her daughter.

Marietta (Mary) spent her childhood in Cairo, Kan. She attended rural schools and gradu-

ated from Pratt High School. She worked at a laundry mat, a chiropractor's office, as a home-maker and as a domestic helper for several elderly Pratt residents during her working years. She had many skills: gardening, candy making, cake baking, and sewing. She could do most anything she set her mind to. Her passions were gardening, canning and pickling her home grown produce. She also enjoyed quilting, of which she did for others for fun. She was a devoted daughter, as she made the trips to Pratt to Cairo, caring for her mother for many years. She was a cat lover and owned many favorites throughout the years, along with caring for many strays that chose her.

Mary is survived by a son, Richard David (Dave) Webster

and his wife Ann, Great Bend; a daughter Wendy (Webster) Sloan and her husband Jon, Norton; six grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother "Jack" Fitzsimmons, and her husband Bill Gilmore.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, Kan. with Pastor John Havens presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Andbe Home Rose Garden, Norton, or to the Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, KS 67124.

Condolences may be left at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com)

Verla Chambers

Jan. 31, 1931 - Dec. 18, 2013

Verla Chambers, daughter of Floyd Edwin and Mabel Loretta (Standley) Coomes, was born January 31, 1931, in Norton, Kansas, and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, Kansas, on December 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Verla grew up in the Norton area and attended the Norton schools. She married Ferris N. Chambers on October 24, 1954, in Norton. They made their home on a farm near Wilsonville, Nebraska, and later moved to another farm south of Wilsonville. Shortly thereafter in 1959, they moved to the Loyal Jenkins farm northwest of

Norton. There they raised their family and farmed and raised livestock. Ferris passed away February 25, 1992. Verla later moved into Norton in 1993.

Verla was a member of the Norton Christian Church and the Cozy Club. She enjoyed her work as a bookkeeper at the Horney's store in Norton and developed her love of music. Her greatest love was her family and especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include: one son and his wife, Curtis and Kim Chambers, Norton; one daughter and her husband, Tamra and Terry Rice, Hendley, Nebraska;

three grandchildren, Angela Squires and husband, Travis, Rosanna Elizondo and husband, Alex, and Christopher Chambers; seven great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Verla was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 23 at the Norton Christian Church. Burial followed at the Norton Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

PUBLIC RECORD

**District Court**

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

**Nov. 15**

Aug. 18-Leta Manning, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$516.

Aug. 18-Leta Manning, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: Liability insurance required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

Aug. 18-Leta Manning, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: Registration required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

Oct. 11-Lesli Nichols, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 83 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$189.

Oct. 25-Nogel Randolph, Evanston, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Oct. 13-Joshua R. Sprague, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt (proof of insurance provided); Found: Guilty; Fine:

\$106.

Oct. 11- Krysti R. Terrell, Colby; Charge: Charge: 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Oct. 12-Mary K. Vanover, Clayton; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

**Nov. 21**

Sept. 1-Joseph R. Babst, Colby; Charge: Vehicles; registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Oct. 31-Sergio Chavarria-Rivas, Calhan, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Oct. 20-Judith Chavez, Kearney, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 69 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Oct. 31-Seth A. Davis, Petersburg, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Oct. 19-Larry D. Fletchall, Norton; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Oct. 18-John Clark Franklin, Smith Center; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Oct. 21-Brooke C. Jarmin, Gothenburg, Neb.; Liability insurance coverage required;

Found: Guilty; Fine: \$396.

Sept. 1-David A. Orme, East Moline, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Nov. 15- Richard Dale Porter, Lenora; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Sept. 17-James Lee Woodyard, Smith Center; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

**Nov. 27**

Oct. 23-Tyler Dustin Berry, Hays; Charge: One-way glass and sun screening devices; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Nov. 24-Melanie Lynn Dupps, Ludell; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Sept. 23-Carlos Hernandez-Angel, McCook, Neb.; Charge: Operate a motor vehicle without a valid license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Oct. 23-Patricia E. Laughlin, Superior, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Oct. 27-Luke W. Leibbrandt, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Andbe Home visitors



Rosalie McMullen's preschool class visited the residents at the Andbe Home on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The preschoolers and residents enjoyed Christmas music, stories and arts and crafts. (Pictured) Andbe resident Bert Benham talks to Karmyn Rutherford about her Christmas tree she made out of pasta.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Workshop to discuss drought

Over fifteen experts in the fields of irrigation, range management, climatology, and drought planning are scheduled to speak at a one-day workshop on Jan. 9, 2014 in Garden City.

Producers can register now for the workshop, which will be held at the 4-H building on the county fairgrounds. Registration and coffee begin at 8 a.m.

The workshop will feature morning sessions on climate forecasts and aquifer management. Separate afternoon tracks will target the specific needs of ranchers and irrigated-crop producers.

Speakers will include range, climate, water and irrigation specialists from New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, areas that have experienced recent droughts. The workshop will also feature farmers and ranchers from across the Great Plains, who will share their experiences and ideas for managing through long-term and extreme drought.

Speakers include: Joel Brown, New Mexico USDA-NRCS rangeland ecologist; Gary McManus, associate state climatol-

ogist with the Oklahoma Climatological Survey; Susan Stover, manager of High Plains Issues at the Kansas Water Office; Julie Elliott, Range Specialist for the NRCS based in Wray, Colo.; John Maddux, crop and livestock producer from southwest Nebraska; Dwayne Rice, NRCS Range Management Specialist based in Lincoln, Kan.; Bill Golden, KSU Ag Economist; Lynn Myers, western Nebraska rancher; Ted Alexander, rancher from south-central Kansas; Jonathon Aguilar, KSU Water Resource Engineer; Jay Winner, General Manager of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservatory District; Klaus Wolter, NOAA Meteorologist; and Freddie Lamm, irrigation engineer at the Northwest Research Extension Center in Colby.

The workshop is a joint effort

by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Finney County Extension-KSU, and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The workshop is open to the public and the only charge is an at-the-door \$10 fee for a bris-ket or pulled pork lunch. Space is limited and participants are asked to pre-register by Jan. 3, at <http://drought.unl.edu/ranchplan>. For more information, please contact the National Drought Mitigation Center at [ranchplan@unl.edu](mailto:ranchplan@unl.edu) or (402) 472-6776.

For more information, please contact Tonya Haigh at the NDMC, (402) 472-6781, [thaigh2@unl.edu](mailto:thaigh2@unl.edu).

Dec. 18-  
Dec. 25

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