

OBITUARIES

Elgin L. Johnson

Nov. 22, 1926 - Dec. 23, 2013

Elgin L. Johnson was born Nov. 22, 1926, to Issac and Elda (Becker) Johnson in Isabella, Okla., and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Dec. 23, 2013, at the age of 87.

Elgin graduated from Goltry High School in Goltry, Okla., with the class of 1945. He was immediately drafted for World War II. After returning from the war he worked for Beech Aircraft in Wichita. He then returned to Enid, Okla., where he worked on the flight line bus-ing pilots and assisting in other flight line duties. In 1977, Elgin moved to Norton where he was employed at the Norton State Hospital until his retirement.

Elgin was a member of the Norton Christian Church and

the Harmsonson-Redd American Legion Post #63. He enjoyed fishing, Blue Jay sports, Oklahoma Sooners football, and Atlanta Braves baseball as in high school his senior year he pitched two no-hitter games.

Survivors include: two sisters, Karen Glenn, and Bernetta Benham and husband, Will, all of Norton; two nephews, Mike Glenn, and wife, Penny, Manhattan, Kan.; and Carl Benham, Ft. Lupton, Colo.; four nieces, Megan Hibbard, and husband, Jon, Manhattan; Sharon North, and husband, Jim, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Carmella Johnson, Wichita; and Holly Benham, of Texas; other relatives and many friends.

Elgin was preceded in death

by his parents, one brother, Larry Johnson, one half-brother, Melvin Schmidt, two brothers-in-law, Chet Johnson and John Glenn, and one nephew, Matt Glenn.

Funeral services will be today, Friday, Dec. 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church. Burial will follow at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Rock in Norton and Manhattan Christian College.

Condolences may be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

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

Tips to winterize your home

Cold winds and temperatures might have snuck up on some people this year before they could take appropriate measures to winterize their homes. Making small adjustments in the home can lead to energy savings and lower utility bills through the winter months, according to Bruce Snead, director of Engineering Extension at Kansas State University.

Finding a balance between being comfortable and conserving energy is key, he said. Some main areas of concentration for winterizing the home include checking the furnace, insulation, and the windows, doors and outlets for leaks to the outdoors. But, having a working programmable thermostat might be the first item on the agenda.

"The thermostat setting determines how much you will spend for heating and cooling costs," Snead said. He recommends that people consider setting it down when they don't need it, perhaps when they are sleeping or gone during the day.

"Each house is unique, but generally every degree you drop on your thermostat might save as much as 3 percent on your heating and cooling costs," he said.

Furnace checks

Snead said that the furnace, whether it is a gas, propane, heat pump or even geothermal heat pump, should be operating at optimum efficiency. This means filters should be regularly replaced or cleaned.

"The more you use the furnace, the more important it is to check it, certainly at least every three months if not more often, just to make sure that the filters are clean," he said. "If you have not had your furnace serviced in two or three years, it would be worth having a service technician do a standard evaluation to make sure everything is still lubricated, operating properly, venting properly and you are getting the most out of the fuel that is being consumed by the furnace to provide comfort in your home."

If people have any combustion appliances, like a furnace, in their home, Snead said they

should have a carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and colorless gas that can cause flu-like symptoms or even death.

Windows, doors and outlets

Leaks to the exterior of the home are one of the largest drains on energy costs. Snead said it depends on how many windows the home has, the orientation of those windows, how old they are, how many layers of glass they have and how tight they are.

"Even if you have leaky, old windows, you can always add an interior layer of plastic, a shrink-fit film," Snead said. "Just choose the proper-sized kit for your window. It can be temporarily installed. It's a good way to maintain the clarity of view of the window, but air tightening by literally sealing the whole window at the surface of the trim."

Another option for people is using temporary caulks, Snead said. If the window is not going to be used at all this winter, the temporary caulks don't bond permanently to the surface but will seal around the window.

If the windows are loose-fitting or decaying because of mold, mildew or moisture, Snead said it is worth having them replaced.

"Properly installed replacement windows would be a significant upgrade in the layers of insulation," Snead said. "It's not just an energy efficiency investment, but it's also an investment in the quality and value of the home. The appearance will be better, and the maintenance will be reduced."

People can take a similar approach for maintenance on doors. Snead said temporary caulking can be applied to doors that are not used over the winter, and if it is a sliding glass door that will not be used, shrink-fit film kits are sized to fit doors as well. Weather-stripping doors, making sure the doors close tightly and using temporary door sweeps might also save on home energy costs.

Snead said if people have outlets on the inside surface of their outside walls, air gaps in the in-

sulation around the electrical box in the wall might allow cold air in and warm air out.

"Put the back of your hand up to the electrical outlet on a windy day, and if you feel cool air coming in, it's probably worth removing the cover plate, placing a foam insulator on the underside of the plate and then screwing the plate back in place," Snead said.

Evaluating insulation

Snead said if the home has not had updates to the insulation in more than 30 years, there is no question that the insulation of that home should be checked and updated.

"You can evaluate the depth that is there and whether or not it would be warranted to add or blow additional insulation on top of that," he said. "One of the things that may be missed in attic insulation is the sealing of gaps and holes in the attic floor, where piping, wiring, and electrical, water and plumbing lines run. Many times this allows for air leakage."

There are two options to consider for insulating crawl spaces, insulating the perimeter wall or insulating the underside of the floor, he said. Insulating the perimeter wall to make the crawl space an insulated space is typically easier than insulating the underside of the floor, and is probably a better long-term strategy. It might keep homeowners from having to do additional insulation around pipes and ducts that convey heated air or water.

Other tips

Snead recommends that people check with their utility provider to see if they have energy efficiency programs or equipment available to help save costs.

Using warmth from the sun by allowing it to shine through windows facing south, east or west might help with home heating, but Snead said make sure to close those blinds, shutters or drapes at night to minimize heat loss.

For more information about energy conservation in the home and beyond, log on to www.engext.ksu.edu.

Sharing the gift of music



Two sophomores from Norton Community High School take time out of their busy teen lives to think of others. Rachel Jones and Briannah Fessler stopped in at the Norton County Hospital to entertain patients with the sound of music. This is something Rachel does on a regular basis and it was Briannah's first time. Patients were visited room by room and were treated to flute music and singing. It is so very nice to see our youth think of others and go out of their way to do good; we are doing something right here in Norton, raising our children. Way to go girls!

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Comments requested on amendment

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) requests comments on the amendment of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) FY 14-17.

The Improvement Program is a project specific publication that lists all Department of Transportation administered projects, regardless of funding source, and includes projects

for counties and cities as well as projects on the State Highway System. The list of project(s) being amended to the Program may be viewed at www.ksdot.org/publications.asp.

The amendment of the Program requires a public comment period of 14 days, which concludes Jan. 8, 2014. To make a comment on this Improvement Program amendment, contact

the Department's Bureau of Program and Project Management at (785) 296-2252.

This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact the KDOT Office of Public Affairs, (785)296-3585 (Voice/Hearing Impaired - 711).

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. 27

Nov. 25-Jairo C. Moreno-Lujan, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Nov. 2-Gus Thomas Peterson, Jr., Lander, Wyo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171

June 14-Stephanie N. Ryan, Norton; Charge: Driving under the influence; 1st conviction, (DUI only) deferred adjudication-diversion; Fine: \$1,141.

Nov. 13-Todd Tyrone Toman, Hill City; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Dec. 5

Nov. 12-Robert Lynn Barnett, Norcatur, Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Nov. 12-Allan Dale Carpenter, Norton; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Nov. 5-Kayla M. Coffey, Norton; Charge: Liability insurance required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$396.

Ashley L. Dietz, Castle Rock, Colo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Oct. 24-Emily R. Glasshoff, Murdock, Neb.; Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Nov. 25-Jordyn McKenzie Gosselin, Norton; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Nov. 3-Elmo Landon Charles Hamblet, Plainville; Charge: Speeding; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$306.

Nov. 3-Elmo Landon Charles Hamblet, Plainville; Charge: Vehicle registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$75.

Nov. 3-Elmo Landon Charles Hamblet, Plainville; Charge: License to be carried and exhibited upon demand; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$50.

Nov. 25-Larry M. Harman, Beaver City, Neb.; Speeding 57 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Aug. 30-Curtis Wayne Johnson, Wichita; Charge: Speeding 57 in 40; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Aug. 3-Michael Ray Lamb,

Goodland; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$193.

Nov. 2-Jeremy William Sproul, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; \$0.

Oct. 30-Joshua Joseph Webb, Elizabeth, Colo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Dec. 12

Nov. 7-Glenn E. Bollig, Norcatur; Charge: Failure to yield

at stop or yield sign; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Nov. 24-James Paul Deatherage, St. Joseph, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Nov. 30-Jared Nathaniel Earhart, Peyton, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 44 in 35; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Dec. 1-Timothy J. Freesmeyer, Macomb, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

A Card Shower is Requested for Veryl VanDerWege's 99th Birthday on Jan. 4.

Cards can reach him at 803 Timbercreek Rd Norton, Kansas 67654

Norton County Horse Council

Will Hold Its Annual Meeting at the 4-H Building in Norton on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Public is Invited

CLUB NEWS

By Beverly Kindler

A holiday theme was the setting for the December meeting of the GFWC Mid-Century Club. A DVD featured winter scenes for the holidays with a background of Christmas carols. Members brought holiday foods for the tasting table. The hostesses, Cheryl Scott and Lynn Nelson, set the tables in burgundy, gold, and white. The meeting was held in Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

Margaret Thomas, president, conducted the business meeting. Reports were given from the GFWC web site, the Kansas Clubwoman and the Clubwoman. Members discussed the options for the use of funds that have been contributed to

GFWC, Sixth District. The vote favored the use of funds for scholarships with emphasis on art and music. Members turned in individual reports of volunteer hours for 2013. Kandis Jackson was welcomed as a new member.

Beverly Kindler was in charge of the GFWC Trivia Contest. Margaret Thomas and Geraldine Packer answered the most questions correctly.

The program was a DVD that told the story of Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber, who wrote the words and music of "Silent Night." The Vienna Boys Choir was featured.

Thirteen members enjoyed the holiday spirit of the evening and were reminded of how beautiful winter can be.



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Dec. 27-Jan. 1 Showing at the **NORTON THEATRE** **Anchorman 2** 2 Hours, 10 Minutes (PG)-13 Friday and Saturday: 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Sunday: 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Monday: 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve, Tues., Dec. 31: 5 & 8 p.m. New Year's Day, Wed., Jan. 1: 7:00 p.m. **The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug in 3-D** 2 Hours, 51 Minutes (PG-13) **COMING SOON** Visit our Website: nortontheatre.com This ad is brought to you by The Norton Telegram