

OBITUARY

Nina Phillips Wright Sept. 25, 1920 - June 12, 2004

Nina Phillips Wright, 83, died Saturday at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colo..

She was born Sept. 25, 1920, in rural Hamburg, Iowa, to Ormas Wesley and Myra (Davis) Smith. She married James (Willie) Phillips on April 19, 1939, and they had six children. After Mr. Phillips' death, she married Omar Wright of Norton on Nov. 20, 1982. They lived in Craig, Kan., and Lakeside, Mont.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, being with her family and baking, and was well-known for her gifts of homemade specialties.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her parents, an infant

brother, sister Aileen Wright, son Myles Darren, grandson Darren and granddaughter Sonja.

She is survived by her husband Omar Wright, Meeker, Colo.; her children Floy King, Rock Port, Mo.; Sharon Durham, Lakeside, Mont.; Carole Aspedon, Van Buren, Ariz.; Norman Wright, Procter, Mont.; Wayne Phillips, Hamburg, Iowa; Joan Feagins, Dayton, Wyo.; Robert Phillips, Rock Port, Mo.; Don Phillips, Wichita; 27 grandchildren; and 53 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at First Christian Church in Craig today (Tuesday). Final burial was at the Hamburg Cemetery.

Ceremony planned for August

Crystal Elaine Slipke, Downs, and Brady Eugene Cline, Lansing, are engaged to be married.

They have set Aug. 14 as their wedding date. The ceremony will be held at Seven Dolars Catholic Church, Manhattan.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Kathy Slipke, Downs, and Wendell and Gayle Cline, Lansing.

Miss Slipke is the granddaughter of Miriam and Edwin Slipke, New Almelo and Donald and Elaine Mann, Norton.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Downs High School. She is a student at Kansas State University, pursuing a degree in graphic



B. Cline and C. Slipke

design.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Lansing High School and a 2001 graduate of the Manhattan Area Technical College welding program. He is employed by Absolute Welding and Fabrication, Manhattan.

Friends are as precious as the rarest collection

You are a collector.

Yes, even those of you who disdain such fripperies or those who live in limited space and say you collect nothing. Each of you possesses a unique collection — your circle of friends.

It may be a very small collection or it may be large. Maybe it is static or perhaps constantly growing and enlarging.

It may consist of just a few intense friendships or it may include many passing acquaintances. And like all precious collections, it must be dusted, polished and maintained.

In the past month I have lost two dear friends of long-standing and it has been hard to bear.

It reminded me to dust and maintain those who are close and important to my life. Losses become a part of daily living as you get older but if you have happy memories it helps sustain you and it helps you give comfort to others in their times of sorrow.

Friends come in many guises over long periods of years.

No friend can be closer than a dearly loved sibling or your children for they share family ties and jokes that mean nothing to anyone but family.

School friends also share times that only someone of your age and era will remember. I stay in telephone touch with a couple of grade school through high school girlfriends and when we talk it's 1956 all over again.

We can chatter for hours and always hang up laughing. Thank goodness for low long-distance rates and free weekend minutes. Internet access has helped some of us lazy letter writers maintain a part of our collection that might otherwise have withered away. With the help of E-mail a friendship collection can stretch coast to coast.

Working companions make up a major group in a friendship collection, as well as club chums, fishing friends, bowling team bud-

Collector Chat Liza Deines



dies and your church family.

Even an exercise class allows for some conversation between the wheezing and groaning as you sweat toward a collective goal.

Some of our dearest friends have paws, ears and tails, fins or fur, feathers and beaks. They never fail to greet us with unquestioning joy when we come home. And all they ask is food, love and a scratch behind the ears.

Some friends accumulate through common interests such as bridge or auctions, quilting or shopping. A shared enthusiasm for a favorite author or a passion for movies creates some specialized companionships.

A favorite friend is always ready to accompany me to museums, book reviews, historical sites and lectures no one else would enjoy but us.

Another shops at just my speed, which has been seriously reduced in recent years.

A third is always willing to explore a new antique shop and/or lunch spot.

No one ever has too many friends and when one leaves your world, there's a hollow spot in your heart. This past week I renewed some old friendships and I hope made some new ones at a little gathering. Don't neglect making that telephone call or lunch date until next week or "when I'm not so busy".

Days fade into weeks, months into years and then someone is gone and you are filled with regret that you didn't make the effort to stay connected.

MY MAMA SAID: New friends are silver, old are gold; make some new but keep the old.

BIRTHS

Cora Marie Coufal

Marty and Amy Coufal, Hanover, are the parents of their first child, Cora Marie Coufal, born May 22 in the Marysville Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Vir-

ginia Minge and Floyd and Linda Rettig, Hanover.

Great-grandparents are Marjorie Minge, Willard and Verla Rettig, Hanover; Erma Belden, Norton; and Leroy and Letha Morgison, Lawrence.

Logan Dale Schwab

Logan Dale Schwab was born May 8 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. His parents are Brad and Teresa Schwab, Lawrence. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. The Schwabs



L. Schwab

have another son, Loudon Robert, 2.

Grandparents are Karen and Allan Carpenter, Norton, and the late Robert L. Schwab; Sharon Broyles, Lenora, and the late Dale R. Broyles.

Great-grandparents are Veda Heisel, Lenora; Mildred Schwab, Norton; Charlotte Broyles, Logan; and Gloria and Leo Goodale, Phillipsburg.



S. Teeter and M. Allender

Marriage to be on July 24

Melissa Allender and Shaun Teeter, both of Hutchinson, are planning an outdoor wedding for July 24 at Norwich.

Parents of the couple are Steve and Caroline Allender, Norwich, and Mark and Pam Teeter, Hays.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Don and Mary Vornauf, Harper; Nora Ellen Allender, Norwich; and the late Lowell "Bud" Allender.

Grandparents of the bridegroom are Henry and Dorothy Skinner, Norton, and Bill and Linda Teeter, Little River.

Great-grandmothers are Acelee Ellwood, Windom, and Mary Ailene Rogers of Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Allender is a 2001 graduate of Norwich High School. She attends Hutchinson Community College where she is majoring in nursing. She works at Rice County Hospital in Lyons.

Mr. Teeter is a 2002 graduate of Hays High School. He is a student at Hutchinson Community College where he played football for two years. He is a construction science major and works for Boyd Promotions, Hutchinson.

READERS

Carol Barta, LaCrosse, is the new Consultant/Members Library Services Coordinator for the Northwest Kansas Library System. Ms. Barta is also the Kansas Chapter Counselor to the American Library Association.

munity College, Concordia.

— **Steak and seafood nights, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.**

Shana Persinger, Norton, and Philip Henrickson, Logan, were listed among the students names to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Barton County Community College in Great Bend.

Amanda Husted and Carissa Lacy, both of Norton, were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Cloud County Com-

Norton women's club to meet on June 24

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the June dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, at the Town and Country Kitchen on East U.S. 36.

The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll (877-3042) by next Tuesday.

"Shaping Up To A New You" is the theme for the evening. "Set The Pace" will be presented by April Karnopp, Norton, as she shares tips on

how to benefit from working out at the gym for a much healthier you.

The Norton After-5 Club welcomes as their special speaker for the evening, Jill Graff, Lincoln, Neb. Ms. Graff shares how "Fitness For Life" can also include love in any language.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The local wheat crop has taken several hits lately and some freeze damage at a vulnerable time will add to its woes.

Depending upon your options for cropping plans, insurance or crop programs you may want to evaluate the crop. Evaluating the amount of wheat in the field may have a bearing on what you feel can be salvaged.

Small grains should be ensiled at 62 to 68 percent moisture. Due to the vary advanced growth from boot stage to dough stage, cutting at the right time can be difficult, the protein and energy decreases but the tonnage increases rapidly between the boot and dough stages.

For most operations, the soft dough stage is the best compromise between tonnage and nutrient content. Due to the hollow

Views with Van Keith VanSike, Norton County Extension Director

stems with cereal grains, a very fine chop and good packing will make for a better crop. The protein content of most cereal grain silages is about 2 percent higher than that of corn. The feed value of about any silage is related to its grain content.

As far as a hay crop, usually it is a better crop when harvested at the late milk to early dough stage for the best compromise of value as a hay crop.

The dry matter yields will be

about 20 to 40 percent lower at the earlier stages compared to the later dough stages of wheat. Don't confuse wheat hay as a "straw".

It can make a relative good roughage source for your use. Rough awns in small grains can cause irritation to mouth and eyes and thus the silage option or grinding the hay can help to reduce some of these problems.

As with any crop that has been severely stressed, the possibility of nitrates accumulating may be a real threat and a test should be done on some samples or fields that you may feel are a concern. Yields for small grains usually average about two to four tons of dry matter per acre however with the thinner crop, there may not be near that amount of forage avail-

able. Additionally, small grain cereals tend to be more slick or slippery than alfalfa or grass hay and the bales may be more difficult to stack. It can still be a very useful crop to get some value out of and salvage.

MARKETS

At close of business June 14	
Wheat	\$3.42
Milo	\$4.34
Corn	\$2.79

HONOR ROLL

Northern Valley Junior High

Fourth Nine Weeks

Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Joni Hilburn, Amanda Hopkins, Richie Kersch, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Justin Lee, Hannah Ponstein, Stephanie Tubbs

Seventh grade: Drew Britt, Drew Eagleburger, Taylor Hammond, Hannah Hawks, Ethan Hays, Stanton Nelson

Honorable Mention

Eighth grade: David Harris, Jessica Largent, Bryce Marble, Amy Shearer, Amanda Turman
Seventh grade: Brittney Braun, Cody Callaway

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WE ARE STARTING A
RED HAT SOCIETY

You've probably read about it. Now come join the fun. If you are a lady over 50 (ladies in their 40's are welcome also) and you love to have fun and wear red and purple, come join us at Prairie Land Electric Community Room on Saturday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. for an organizational meeting. Refreshments will be served. Please call Anise Gill, 785-877-5170 or Ruby Pfeiffer 785-874-4766 if you plan to attend.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

FATHER'S DAY SAVINGS

REMEMBER DAD'S SPECIAL DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

SPORT SHIRT 25% OFF 200 IN STOCK	POLO SHIRTS 25% OFF OVER 400 IN STOCK	BOOTS & SHOES 15% OFF ENTIRE STOCK
WESTERN SHIRTS 30% OFF COMPLETE SELECTION	JOCKEY® UNDERWEAR 20% OFF ALL STYLES	ADIDAS® SOCKS 3-Packs \$7.98 SAVE! CREW OR LOW TOP

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