

OBITUARIES

Donald V. Oman

April 24, 1916 - March 17, 2005

Donald Victor Oman, 88, Almena, died Thursday at the Norton County Hospital. Mr. Oman was born April 24, 1916, in Leonardville. He attended rural grade school and Leonardville High School. He also attended Kansas State University for one year. In 1950, he married Laurene Cavanaugh in Norton, and they lived in the Norton area, where he was an X-ray technician at the Norton Sanatorium. She preceded him in death. On June 26, 1975, he and Clara Brassfield were married in Norton, and they lived in Almena. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton, and the X-Tech Associa-

tion. He also enjoyed square dancing. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Clara, of the home; a one sister-in-law, Lilyan Oman, Leonardville. Funeral services were held Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Rick Rostek officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena. A memorial fund in his name has been established. Contributions may be sent to the Donald Oman Memorial Fund, in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Rachelle Long and Ed Schwab

Hays couple plans June wedding

Rachelle M. Long and Ed Schwab, both of Hays have set June 4 as their wedding date. Miss Long is the daughter of Cecil R. Long, Lawton, Okla., and Janice M. Fabrizius, Shawnee. Walt Schwab, Oberlin, and Linda Schwab, LaFayette, Colo., are parents of the groom. Grandparents of the couple are Rachel Fabrizius, WaKeeney; Louise Long, Lawton; Erma Long, Oklahoma City; Irene Ayers, Oberlin; and Mildred Schwab, Norton. The bride-elect graduated from Lawton High School, Great Plains Area Vocational Technical School, Lawton, and the Barton County Community College, Great Bend. She works out of her home. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and Fort Hays State University. He is employed by RANS in Hays. The wedding will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, WaKeeney.

Ailene M. Phelps

Oct. 31, 1938 - March 19, 2005

Ailene M. Phelps, 66, formerly of the Norton/Almena area, died Saturday at her home in Kingman. Mrs. Phelps was born Oct. 31, 1938, at Almena, the daughter of George M. and Laura M. (Kluender) Rentschler. On Aug. 4, 1957, she married Francis "Si" Phelps at Norton. She had lived in Kingman since 1971. She was retired as the clerk of the Kingman school board after 18 years. She was a member of the Kingman United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Kingman Ladies Guild. Preceding her in death was a sister Cynthia and a brother

Vernon Rentschler. She is survived by two sons, Leon Phelps, Sandy, Utah and Craig Phelps, Kingman; a brother, LaVern Rentschler, Smith Center; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held today at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, with the Rev. John Schmit and Chaplain Tal Tittsworth officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Norton Cemetery. Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Cancer Care Support Group and Harry Hynes Hospice, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, Kan. 67068.

READERS

Tim Sprigg, sophomore at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, traveled with a team of students to New Orleans during their spring break, March 5-15, to work with Trinity Christian Community. Mr. Sprigg served as a student leader as they repaired homes and took part in evangelism and after-school tutoring programs. He is the son of David and Charla Sprigg, Norton. — **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9**

p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 3/22 Joshua Jackson, Norcatur, a member of the Bethany College Choir, will be performing with the group when they appear in concert at 7 p.m. April 7 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. He is the son of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, Norcatur. — **Pamida Pharmacy will be closed Saturday, March 26. Will be open, Monday, March 28.**

German cousins come to Kansas for reunion

Wahlmeiers from coast to coast and ten cousins from Germany are descending upon northwest Kansas over Easter weekend. Linda Wahlmeier, Jennings, and one of the organizers said their plans include an afternoon reunion Easter Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Parish Center in Hays. A dinner and dance will follow that evening. The following day, March 28, the group will gather at noon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Almelo for hamburgers and salads. Afternoon entertainment includes touring the church, cemetery, the Carl Wahlmeier farm and the farm of the late Lawrence Wahlmeier. All Wahlmeiers and relatives are invited to attend any of the gatherings. To learn more call Mrs. Wahlmeier at (785) 678-2476.

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Carrots were never allowed to waste around her house

Gardener's itch is an epidemic at this season of the year. Both my husband and my mother were such avid gardeners they could hardly wait to get their fingers into the soil every spring. They maintained a good-natured controversy over whether to plant potatoes on St. Patrick's Day (Mama) or Good Friday (LeRoy), but they never failed to produce, no matter when planted. Their gardens were mouth-watering jungles of tomatoes and peppers, onions, lettuce, radishes and cucumbers, squash and melons, green beans and kohlrabi, and all kinds of root vegetables, including beets, parsnips, and carrots.

Collector Chat
Liza Deines



Carrots were one of the few vegetables that Mama didn't preserve by canning. Stored in a ten-gallon crock, alternated with layers of fine sand, carrots would keep all winter in a root cellar or a cool, dark room. Once in awhile one spoiled and my brother complained that he was invariably the one fetching carrots when that one made an appearance, but in general we could keep carrots until the new crop came in. Nary a carrot went to waste around our house. A winter of pot roasts, stews, and vegetable soups used up every one. If you have been searching for something new to perk up your tra-

ditional Easter dinner menu, you might try introducing this unique carrot casserole. It was served to us at a Rotary home hospitality evening in

Canada and has a delightfully different combination of flavors. Handy, too, in that it can be prepared and refrigerated the day before, baked in the oven right beside the ham, and doesn't require any last-minute fuss. Plus even non-carrot eaters have been known to ask for a second helping. MY MAMA SAID: It's time to start your spring cleaning when the Almighty starts sweeping the cobwebs out of the sky with March winds.

CARAWAY CARROTS
1 stick butter
4 cups of carrot slices
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup of sliced celery
1 can sliced water chestnuts
1 can cream of celery soup
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
3 cups of caraway rye bread, cubed
Melt half the butter in a large skillet and lightly brown the bread cubes. Set aside on a paper towel to drain. In same skillet melt remaining butter, add onions and sauté until just starting to brown. Add celery, carrots, and soup and simmer a few minutes, leaving carrots tender crisp. Stir in water chestnuts and three fourths of the cheese and pour all into a greased glass baking dish. Top with the toasted rye bread cubes. Bake at 350° for 30 to 45 minutes. Upon removing from oven sprinkle the remainder of the shredded cheese over the top. Serves 8 to 10. Reheats well but does not freeze well.

Chloride is important to fields

Recently I have had phone calls from farmers asking about putting chloride on wheat.

About ag
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Chloride is a relatively new nutrient for top dressing wheat. Although research on the benefits of a chloride has been around for some time, this nutrient was typically not seen as deficient in Kansas until the past few years. Chloride has many important roles in the plant on the cellular level. Some include acting as a counterion for cations such as calcium, potassium, and magnesium, which allow the plant to draw up these nutrients more readily. In addition, wheat plants with sufficient chloride levels are able to suppress diseases such as take-all root rot, tan spot, stripe rust, leaf rust and septoria. A majority of fields in Kansas show chloride levels of 40 pounds per acre or less, with a significant amount having less than 10. Chloride has a negative charge, which means it will leach through the soil profile. A 0-24 inch soil sample should be taken to determine if a

field is deficient. Chloride comes in many different fertilizer forms. Most common is potassium chloride, which is roughly half potassium and half chloride. Other chloride fertilizers include ammonium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, and sodium chloride. The response from 20 pounds of chloride per acre on fields that have less than 20 pounds per acre of chloride available is fairly impressive. At five sites, Cimarron, Jagger, Karl 92, Ogallala, TAM 107, 2137, and 2163 were grown. The average yield for these varieties without additional chloride was 76 bushels per acre, but with additional chloride, the wheat yield was 84. Some of these vari-

eties had a big response, including Cimarron, which yielded 59 bushels per acre without chloride and 75 with. Ogallala had no response from additional chloride, with both treatments yielding 77 bushels per acre. There are factors in the soil in addition to chloride levels that play a part in the response a variety has to chloride. However, on average, there is a positive response to chloride of 5-8 bushels per acre when soil levels are low. A soil test is the best way to determine if chloride is needed. Otherwise, chloride may be applied to a field that does not need it and not applied to a field that does need it. For more information on chloride, find the publication "Chloride in Kansas" at the web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ under the Production and Pests icon, or visit your county extension office. Brian Olson is Kansas State University extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties.

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