

DEATH NOTICE

Arlin Bohl

Arlin Bohl, 68, rural Stuttgart, died Thursday at the Phillips County Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, with Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating. Burial was in the First Lutheran Cemetery, Stuttgart.

Memorials have been established to the church, the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd Street, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

READERS

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 9/6

Peter Ninemire, Lenora and Malinda Stuchlik, Norton, graduated from Wichita State University following the spring semester. Mr. Ninemire's field of study was

in social work. Ms. Stuchlik received her degree in special education.

— Trail ride Sept. 18, 1 p.m. from Cottonwood Ranch, Studley. No fees. Horses, wagon and hikers welcome. Call 785-627-5866. 9/6

Club learns about aging

North Dividers Family and Community Education unit met Aug. 19 at the home of Sherrill Wendel as 12 members answered roll call by telling of their vacation plans.

The club received a purple ribbon on its fair booth, "Color Me Healthy". The booth illustrated how colors make a difference in choosing fruits and vegetables for a healthy meal.

Upcoming events are the annual state conference in Great Bend, Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 18-19; the fall workshop at Stockton, Monday, Oct. 31, where new lessons will be given to each unit for the coming year; and the annual Health Fair will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the armory.

It was agreed that next year's dues will be collected in September and sent to county treasurer Esther Ellis at Lenora. Election of 2006 officers will be held at the September meeting.

Rose Mathes gave the lesson, "Woman to Woman, Forgetfulness or Alzheimer's".

She asked members if they had ever misplaced their keys, purse, or couldn't remember how to get home from church or could not

recognize your daughter or grandchildren. These are signs of Alzheimer's. She advised members that if they have two or more of those symptoms, they should see their doctor.

She said there are three stages of Alzheimer's: First, focusing less on hobbies, trouble paying bills or writing checks, getting lost or turned around and misplacing items; second, needing help dressing or fixing meals, depression or paranoia, wandering off, problems recognizing family; and third, cannot dress or feed self, aggression, losing speech and ability to make decisions.

Although there is no cure, there are medications to help reduce some of the symptoms, she said. The best preventative is to have a healthy brain.

She suggested playing memory games, doing crossword puzzles, getting a computer, driving a different route to work, drinking eight glasses of water a day, eating a balanced diet, and exercising your body and mind.

The hostess gift was received by Jean Zachow.

Marie Wendel will host the September meeting.

Card players ready to deal

By JAKE DURHAM

As the dog days of August give way to the cool days of September, the major sports seasons, namely pitch and pinochle, get underway once again.

The first pinochle tournament will be on Sunday, Sept. 18 — the third Sunday of the month at the Norton American Legion.

Defending champs of the 2004-'05 season, Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter, went out with a story-book finish by scoring over 800 points and holding statistically to the fact that anyone scoring 800 points, or more, have always been winners.

The girls got off to a moderate start as Roger Wahlmeier and Norman Walter took first round honors and the initial lead.

The Brothers Gallentine forged their way into the lead with second round honors but the girls tallied the highest single round score of the evening on round three to take the lead and never looked back, leading the field the final six rounds and collecting another high-round score along the way on round seven to seal the victory.

"It just seemed that the good cards kept coming, I didn't know it could be so much fun," said one of the champs.

By the time the eighth and final round got underway, the real contest was who would win second as the girls had a lead of over 100 points.

The ten top teams were: 1. Wahlmeier and Porter; 2. Doug and Brett Gallentine; 3. June Jolly and Margaret Magers; 4. Vern Coddington and Eldon Billips; 5. Larry Smith and R.D. Thorton; 6. Barbara McKie and Donna Millan; 6. Wade Ambrosier and

Jerry Darling; 8. Ron and Sondra Kester; 9. C.J. Thiele and Curtis Campbell; and 10. Eleanor Jensen and Gil Otter.

Winning score by Wahlmeier and Porter was 861 points for an average of 107 points per round. Highest single round score was 145 points by Wahlmeier and Porter.

Other high round scores were by Coddington and Billips, Jolly and Magers, Thorton and Smith. Double high round scorers were by Wahlmeier and Porter and by Roger Wahlmeier and Norman Walter.

Other teams were: John Hildebrand and Coy Christy, Jack Mechsner and David Sheley; Alice Glenn and Jeanette Grothoff; Bill Clennemeier and Rodney Stapp, Todd and Doyle Brooks.

Anticipation of the coming games is running high as inquiries have become frequent. The games start at 7 p.m.

Quilters to begin new year

By BEVERLY KINDLER

The Heritage Quilt Club will begin a new year with its first meeting on Monday. The group will meet at 7 p.m. in the basement at Prairieland Electric.

Jan Volgamore will present the program on "Ergonomic Quilting".

Problems that can develop during quilting include back and shoulder pain, carpal tunnel symptoms or headaches. Mrs. Volgamore will discuss ways to prevent these and help members practice some easy exercises.

Members are asked to bring small quilts and wall hangings for a display at the Logan Library on Saturday, Sept. 17.



On their wedding day, Sept. 11, 1955



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shearer 50 years later

Norton couple to celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shearer, Norton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center in Norton. The event will be hosted by their daughter, Stacy Geil, Garden City, and their son, Steve Shearer, Holdrege, Neb., and their families.

The Shearers have four grandsons, Aaron and Abbott Geil and Jake and Jared Shearer. They also have one great-grandchild, Adam Shearer.

Gerald and Anita (Glenn) Shearer were married Sept. 11, 1955, at the First Church of God on State Street in Norton.

His parents were Vernon and Rosie Shearer, Almena. Her parents were Floyd and Myrtle Glenn, Norton.

Family and friends are invited to attend this celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Shearer request no gifts.

Flowers parade their finery on every street

There are days when the air conditioner doesn't run and even a day or two when it's been cool enough a sweater might feel good.

Thursday I found two dry cicada husks in the yard and I realized that frost is on the way, unlikely as it seems.

Now no one knows whether the old saw about "six weeks to frost once the cicadas (locust) sing" is really true or not, but just in case I decided to go out around town and add to one of my favorite intangible collections. So all afternoon I wandered and drank in local flower gardens, veggie patches and landscapes. Filed neatly away in my memory, their beauty will carry me through to spring.

Purple velvet morning glories on a white lattice fence caught my eye and then two nicely terraced corners, one with red floribunda roses and one with pink.

Across the way brilliant colored zinnias peeked through a tall white fence, their happy faces turning upward to drink in Kansas blue sky and sunshine. One more block and here is an old wheelbarrow full of cascading pink flowers neatly parked at the curb beside an old washtub just running over with ferns.

Ivy covered walls, pots of mums on a wide, shady porch come next.

How I miss Alpha Farewell's little plot of flowers that she always maintained beside their driveway.

Back yards and side yards yield bounty, too.

There is Gil's thriving garden at home as well as his hodgepodge corner of colors at the barber shop. A prowl down more alleys showed me other thrifty souls' vegetable gardens and inviting patios.

Here's a homely clothesline post adorned with orange trumpet vines. Portulaca in barrels, buckets and odd corners bear witness that rose moss is one of those delightful friends that bloom wherever they happen to fall.

Could be there's a lesson there.

Collector Chat Liza Deines



Cactus gardens, yucca and sunflowers appeal to my sense of earth-friendly gardening. Nearby is a house just awash with blackeyed Susans, all of which put out a lot of show for very little water investment.

Up the block I spy a pink brick house perfectly accessorized with salmon pink geraniums.

Planters full of impatiens and periwinkles scatter vivid spots of fuschia and vermilion in many yards and the entire spectrum of oranges and yellows is provided by hardy marigolds, all sizes and shapes.

Flowers at the library; flowers at the schools; flowers at the pool corner. I fill up my eyes with the joy of them.

Chrysanthemums are just coming into their own as the last of the summer roses fade. Golden flames of celosia reach toward the autumn sky and lipstick red cannas shoot their offerings from giant leaves while brave little petunias bloom as fast as they can, trying to compete with their showy neighbors.

Ornamental grasses in Bev's back yard stop me for many minutes of admiration. Full and rich, dark wine cockscomb plants look forward to serving in winter bouquets.

Old-fashioned feathery pink cosmos border Jake's yard, reminding me of Mama.

On State Street many of Norton's vintage homes have been cleaned up and renovated.

David's boulders and blossoms

delight everyone who drives by. The few neglected houses huddle down, trying to hide their embarrassment that no one cares about them.

The Episcopal Church's brick terraced flower beds show evidence of God's hands working through willing volunteers.

Downtown Norton blooms every year with pear trees and flower planters, iris in the spring, lilies in the summer.

And now my memory file is run-

ning over with the glory of another late summer extravaganza.

Go! Take a flower drive, give thanks for this year's rains, and count your blessings that you live in Norton, Kansas, the town with a heart full of flowers.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS — Brickbats to those who dump their disgusting ashtrays in our public parking lots. Bouquets to those who share their garden bounty with friends and neighbors.

4-H NEWS

By TIMOTHY BECKER

The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club held its monthly meeting Aug. 21 at the swimming pool pavilion. The club's booth received a grand champion ribbon at the

Norton County Fair and won the Centennial Award.

After the meeting ice cream and brownies were served. Later, the club played softball against another 4-H club.

Cross Roads

A WISE HEART CRY

James, the half brother of Jesus, gives the Christian a powerful truth, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

The Body of Christ is called to make disciples and this calling is every bit as important as the calling that was laid upon King Solomon when he governed God's people. Therefore, Christians need God's wisdom just as much as Solomon did, because they are called to make disciples of God's people, those who are called to come to Christ.

Solomon, in his early days, had a heart attitude that enabled him to receive the gift of wisdom from God. In 1 Kings chapter three we read that the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want Me to give you" (1 Kings 3:5). Consider carefully how Solomon answered the Lord, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day" (1 Kings 3:6).

Solomon sets the example for everyone who desires wisdom from God, he first gave credit to God for all that was happening, and through true humility in prayer he continued with, "Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people... So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong," (1 Kings 3:7-9). It is only through a prayer of humility that Christians can enjoy walking in the wisdom of God.

The Bible says, "The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this" (1 Kings 3:10). "God said to [Solomon]... I will give you a wise and discerning heart..." (1 Kings 3:12). Solomon asked for a "discerning" (Hebrew-"sama") heart so he could hear, listen to and obey God so that he could govern God's people. Because of this right heart, God gave Solomon a "discerning" (Hebrew - "biyn") heart so that he could perceive, observe, pay attention to, and be intelligent so as to teach others. The relevant truth here is that when the heart is right before God, blessings and directions from God are sure to come.

Although you are not called to govern this nation, you, as a Christian, are called to teach new believers all that the Lord has taught you and desires to teach them (Matthew 28:20). You are to treat believers as God's precious children, needing to be trained and cared for. Therefore, what James is teaching in asking for "wisdom" (Greek - sophia) is that Christians should ask the Lord to give them a divine wisdom to understand the deep things of God—that divine quality of spirit and heart that knows and practices righteous living resulting in the right conduct of life.

"A Wise Heart Cry" is prayer recognizing that it is God who has given you your talents, gifts, families and calling to make disciples of Christ. A wise heart will ask in humility how to use those talents and gifts in a way that will raise up God-fearing families that will be useful in the building of the Kingdom of God. Choose to be wise; call upon the Name of the Lord today, tomorrow and for the rest of your life.

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MARKETS

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Soybeans	\$5.31