

OBITUARIES

Leon L. Archer

Sept. 15, 1943 - Aug. 28, 2007

Leon L. Archer, 63, Princeton, Ill., formerly of Almena, died Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton.

Mr. Archer was born Sept. 15, 1943, in Norton to Nyland and Kathleen (Wilson) Archer.

He graduated from Almena Rural High School in 1961.

On Oct. 28, 1982, he married Mary Bond in Norton.

He worked for the railroad and was in the railroad union. He was an active participant in scouting and was a long-time scoutmaster. He received many scouting awards and accolades.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Rodney Archer.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary; his mother, Kathleen and Gerald Persinger, Arizona; five sons, Leon and Barbara Archer, Jr.,

Hawaii, James Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Illinois, Tracy and Xena Ginter, Illinois and Jason Archer, Princeton; two daughters, Queth Ann and Jim Peterson, Texas; Leah and Gus Gusman, Illinois; two brothers, Jim and Marcia Archer, California and Steve and Cheryl Archer, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 31 at the First Baptist Church in Princeton with the Rev. Brian Strom officiating.

Pallbearers were James Archer, Steve Archer, Leon Archer, Jr., Gus Gusman, James Smith and Tracy Ginter.

Burial was in Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Princeton.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718.

Shirley B. Urban

June 9, 1935 - Sept. 5, 2007

Shirley B. Urban, 72, died Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Norton Andbe Home.

Mrs. Urban was born June 9, 1935 in Lenora, the daughter of William L. and Visa Belle (Grimes) Kent.

She graduated from Lenora High School.

On May 19, 1956, she married William L. Urban, Jr. in Jennings. They had lived in Lenora, Wichita and Norton. She worked as a Southwestern Bell Telephone operator and as a florist.

Her hobbies included fishing, cross-stitching and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William; a brother, Vinton Kent; three sisters, Maxine Bennett, Arbetta Mann and Neva Howell; and a

granddaughter, Amy Eagleburger.

She is survived by one son, Michael and Andrea Urban, Inman; a daughter, Kimberly and David Eagleburger, Norton; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The body was cremated, so there will not be a visitation. A vigil service was held at 7 p.m., Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton. The Rev. Vincent Thu Laing conducted the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Inurnment was at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to masses, Disabled Services of Northwest Kansas or Hospice. Contributions may be made in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Soda jerk swept her off her feet at barn dance

Mama and Aunts Florence and Mabel are all in Florence's kitchen, chattering and laughing as they put together a huge platter of pressed chicken sandwiches. I'm sulking around in the living room bemoaning my lost Saturday. Here I am, stuck in Hill City and being forced — yes, forced — to go to an anniversary celebration barn dance with a bunch of strangers. The day is a total loss as far as I'm concerned. My cousin, Janice, and I sneak out to McCauley's for a consolation Coke.

The soda jerk at McCauley's is a tall, gangly, homely fellow with a wonderful deep voice. "Well, hell-o there," he says, sighting a new girl in town. "May I get you the moon on a string? Rubies, pearls, diamonds?" And, he leans across the counter with a big smile and a wink. I am startled; no guy ever flirted with me before.

"Uhh. . . just a Coke, please." Boy, wasn't that clever repartee? "Hello, Clarence and goodbye, Clarence," says Cousin Janice, snippy as can be. "That's just Clarence," she says to me and rolls her eyes, disparagingly Clarence looks crestfallen but draws us two Cokes and continues to sneak looks at me. I am totally amazed and sneak little smiles back at him until we girls go off to "pretty for the party".

When we arrive at the celebration I am sure disappointed to find the barn is a brand new metal equipment shed. Strings of lights and big bunches of pink balloons are everywhere. This is a barn? Still, it's nice and clean and doesn't smell like cows. From all directions ladies are bringing plates of goodies. A big pink cake decorated with wild roses and grapevines sits in the midst of a sawhorse and plank table. Whoa! Here come two men carrying a washtub sloshing full of violently pink punch. The band, if you could call a piano, a violin and a couple of guitars a band, is setting up near the open doors.

Here comes the honored couple, he looking itchy in a suit and tie,

Rock 'n Roll Kid



Liza Deines

she looking elegant in a pink lace dress. The band strikes up and everyone chooses partners for the Grand March. Old folks, little kids, couples of all ages parade down the floor in a long string. I spot Mama and Dad, Aunt Florence and a reluctant Uncle Jim, Jack and Mabel.

Suddenly, there's a big warm hand grasping mine and I look up, surprised, into the eyes of Clarence, the soda jerk. He is grinning and before I can say a word, off we go into the line. Down the floor and pick up two at the turn, down again and pick up four, then six, then eight. Peel away to two again and into the serpentine, twisting in and out, on to a counter revolving double circle, then into the giant snail. Everyone is out on the floor circling the anniversary couple who then dance alone to "The Anniversary Waltz". It is so romantic it makes me want to cry. Soon, all join in and the floor is full of swirling couples, Clarence and me among them. Boy, can he dance; he leads so well even my stumbling feet can follow. Polkas, waltzes, foxtrots, circle dances — the band never stops. Nor do we. I may die of delight.

Up to now, my only experience with dances has been those dismal school affairs where boys have to be coerced, if not commandeered, to dance. This is an entirely different atmosphere. Never before have I been in a group that dances for the love of dancing, or heard a band that plays for the pure joy of making music.

Too soon it's time for "Good Night, Ladies" and I must turn back into a pumpkin. Clarence to a soda jerking kid. Still, for a few hours on a dance floor we were enchanted creatures, bewitched by music and moonlight. I shall never forget it.

Virgil A. Schulte

Oct. 18, 1927 - Sept. 9, 2007

Virgil A. Schulte, 79, Hill City, died Sept. 9, at Hays Medical Center.

Mr. Schulte was born Oct. 18, 1927, at Victoria, the son of Anton and Katherine (Schant) Schulte.

On April 20, 1948, he married Laverna M. Brown in Vincent.

Mr. Schulte was an insurance and real estate agent. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Mary, a son, Mike, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Laverna Schulte, Hill City; a son, Keith Schulte, Hill City; seven daughters, Marcia Ashmore, Syracuse, Connie Walz, Nevis, Minn., Janet Payne, St. Charles, Ill., Janice Perkowski, Hill City, Linda Toll, Logan, Dianna Gatz, Colby and Jacqueline Schulte, Selden; a sister, Berniece Rohleder,

Victoria; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hill City.

Friends and family will be able to visit until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City and again Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Donald McCarthy officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Hill City.

Memorials are suggested to Masses, Dawson Place Nursing Home or to Disabled Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) and may be sent in care of the funeral home at 522 North Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan. 67642.

Charles J. Callahan

April 16, 1924 - Sept. 9, 2007

Charles J. Callahan, 83, Golden, Colo., a former band instructor at Norton Community High School, died Sunday at Collier Hospice, Wheatridge, Colo.

Mr. Callahan was born April 16, 1924 in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of John A. and Margaret (Rodgers) Callahan.

He and Gloria Eppinger were married June 30, 1956, in Norton. They recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

He taught music for many years, retiring in 1980. At that time, he began working with Voyageurs International, arranging tours of Europe for music students.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, of the home in Golden; a son Patrick and Jean Callahan, Canon City, Colo.; a daughter, Peggy Callahan, Golden; a brother, John and Dolores Callahan, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. Friday, all at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary. Burial will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Cheyenne Mountain High School Band. Contributions may be sent in care of Mrs. Callahan, 1975 Zang St., Golden, Colo. 80401-3562.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks (Lindsay Rachele Walter)

Lindsay Rachele Walter and Nathan Paul Hendricks were married at 5 p.m., July 28 at the Norton Christian Church. Officiates were Jeff Nielsen, Dr. Liam Atchison and Pastor Bob Anderson.

Parents of the couple are Dan Walter, Gail and Cindy Boller, all of Norton and John and Sharon Hendricks of Bird City. Honored guests were Dorothy Avery, grandmother of the bride and Norman Walter, grandfather of the bride.

Maid of honor was Sarah Bideau, Manhattan. Best man was Clint Antholz, Elizabeth Town, Ky. Bridesmaids were Laurie Larson, Wichita, Kari Breed Wake Forest, N.C., Kimmery Newsom, Kingman, Ariz. and Davelyn Hill, Manhattan. Groomsmen were Kyle Cott, Uzbekistan, Nate Ronsiek, Sioux

City, Iowa, Chad Hendricks and David Hendricks, brothers of the groom, Bird City.

Whitney Peters and Meredith Peters, cousins of the bride were candle lighters. Ushers were Clark Walter and Todd Boller, brothers of the bride and Luke Schooler and Ben Stockebrand, friends of the groom. Hadley Hauser and Tessa Hauser, friends of the bride, were flower girls.

Following the ceremony, an outdoor reception and dance were held at the Boller home. Hostess couples were Barney and Karen Cox, Norton and Gary and Merilie Leach, Bird City.

The couple honeymooned on the Caribbean Island of St. Lucia and now reside in Davis, Calif., where the groom is pursuing his doctorate at the University of California at Davis.

READERS

— THE ANNUAL Oronoque-Dellvale Reunion Potluck will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Norton Senior Center.

— STEAK and SEAFOOD night, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

Pitch and pinochle season ready to start this weekend

By JAKE DURHAM

A quick glance at the calendar and there is no doubt about it, ye old Pitch and Pinochle season is upon us. Word has it that wives and husbands, sweethearts and friends, have been counting the days to get back into the action as it has been a long dry spell since last April for pinochle players. Many champions have been crowned over seasons past and there will, in all likelihood, be many more before the season is

over.

This is the start of the 14th season for pinochle tournaments and they will be, as in the past, on the third Sunday evenings of the month beginning at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16. Who the defending champs are from the last tournament has been lost in infinity, perhaps they will reveal themselves as the sign-in begins, so bring your partners and sign in early to guarantee yourselves a spot on the roster.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Gerald W. Van Loenen

Gerald W. "Jerry" Van Loenen, 88, Prairie View, died Sunday at the Phillips County Hospital, Phillipsburg.

Mr. Van Loenen will lie in state until 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the Phillipsburg Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Mark R. Simonds and Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the Fairview Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

Memorials are suggested to the United Presbyterian Church, Hos-

pace Services, Inc., or the Prairie View Community Center. Contributions may be made in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 563, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

Sept. 7 - Sept. 12

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Monday, September 17, 2007

7:00 P.M., ELMWOOD PARK, NORTON

(in case of inclement weather, program will be held at East Campus Auditorium)

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At close of business Sept. 10

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| Wheat | \$7.49 |
| Milo | \$3.10 |
| Corn | \$3.16 |
| Soybeans | \$7.85 |