

OBITUARIES

Gertrude L. Bohl May 4, 1923 - July 10, 2008

Gertrude Louise Bohl, 85, Norton, died Thursday, July 10 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.

The daughter of Richard and Minnie (Braun) Wodtke, she was born May 4, 1923, in Norton.

She grew up in Norton and attended the Immanuel Lutheran School.

On Sept. 3, 1946, she and Ervin Bohl were married in Norton. They made their home in Phillips County from September 1946 until November 1947, at which time they returned to Norton County.

They lived west of Norton, where they farmed and raised their family.

She was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Norton, and the Lutheran Women's Mission Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter-in-law, Cathy Bohl.

Survivors include: her husband, Ervin Bohl, of their home, Norton; two sons, Ivan and Pat Bohl, Norton and Tim and Rose Bohl, Oxford, Neb.; one daughter, Twila Bohl, Topeka; one brother, Pastor Norbert and Mary Jo Wodtke, Topeka; one sister, Irene Friebus, Phillipsburg; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Redeemer Lutheran Church with burial in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Norton County.

A memorial has been established to the church and may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Ruth A. Brown Dec. 23, 1943 - July 11, 2008

Ruth A. Brown, 64, died at the Norton County Hospital on July 11.

The daughter of Charles D. and Leta Maxine (Gates) Brown, she was born Dec. 23, 1943, south of Densmore.

She lived in Phillipsburg and Plainville before moving to Norton in 1962. She attended schools in Plainville and Stockton and graduated from the Norton Community High School in 1964. She also attended Colby Community College graduating in 1990 with an Associate of Arts degree.

She worked in several businesses in Norton including the Lucky Strike restaurant, Dairy Queen and Norton Recreation Center. She was active in community projects including Shoeboxes for Kids and the Rec. Commission.

She was preceded in death by her father, one brother, Larry

Brown and one sister, Hazel Counter.

Survivors include: her mother, Leta Brown, Phillipsburg; three brothers, Charles Brown, Phillipsburg, Steve Brown, Hays and Dennis Brown, Norton; three nephews, David Counter, Dodge City, Tony Brown, McPherson and Robert Cotton, Fallon, Neb.; two nieces, Carolyn Counter and Mary Ann Counter; one great-nephew, David Counter, Jr.; and one great-niece, Maxine Counter, both of Norton.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. today at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Norton Christian Church. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Norton CARES in care of the Norton Senior Center, 208 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Effie M. Robbins Nov. 22, 1924 - July 10, 2008

Effie M. Robbins, 83, formerly of Norton County, died July 10 in California.

Mrs. Robbins was born in Norton County the daughter of William L. and Carrie R. (Hughes) Collins.

In addition to owning a farm in Kansas, she was an administrative assistant for about 25 years at West Valley College and Mission College in the San Jose Bay Area. Her husband Dale was a Prisoner of War in WWII and, after his death in 2002, she championed rights and benefits for American soldiers. She was the catalyst behind legislation (SB 386 and AB 160) that eventually became California law as it pertained to registration of California vehicles and also a family's right

to keep POW license plates for sentimental value after a POW passes away. She was featured in newspaper articles in Modesto and Sacramento for her efforts in this cause.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Dale Robbins; a son, Richard Robbins; five brothers, Lewis Collins, Elwood Collins, John Collins, Theron Collins and Henry Collins; and two sisters, Ellen Anderson and Minnie Collins.

She is survived by her daughter, Luanne and Ted Melden; and one grandson Dale Melden.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Shriners Hospital of Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

Ice cream social to help PRIDE

The Almena PRIDE and Junior PRIDE will sponsor an ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 19 in the Almena Community Building. There is no charge, but free-will donations

will be accepted. Homemade ice cream, cake and sandwiches will be served.

Proceeds go to benefit Almena PRIDE projects. Everyone is invited.

READERS

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

The family of Nina Melroy would like to request a card sweater in her honor to celebrate her 97th birthday on July 19. Cards and well-wishes will reach her at 508 W. Woodsfield, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Weddings, births, deaths... you'll find it all in **The Telegram**

Storyteller to spin tales at library

Storyteller Priscilla Howe, a native New Englander, now from Lawrence, will spin her yarns at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Public Library Community Room.

A former children's librarian, Ms. Howe has been a full-time storyteller and puppeteer since 1993. She travels all over the country and abroad, telling stories in schools, libraries, conferences, festivals and coffeehouses. She's always searching for new stories to tell, as well as for the best restaurant pie on earth.

Children of all ages are welcome to come and see her and her puppets.

This program is made possible by the Hemsworth Foundation, the Norton Friends of the Library and the Northwest Kansas Library System and brought to our community by the Norton Public Library.

ALMENA

By FLETA HANLON

The Almena Community PRIDE and Junior PRIDE are planning an ice cream social. The Junior members are making the ice cream, so be prepared for some exotic flavors.

The Almena Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter is disbanding. Appreciation is given to those who were involved with the club over the past eight years.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Marcia and Russ Aumiller's grandchildren, Matthew, Lynkon and Sidney Vahling, spent several days with them. They are the children of Jeff and Kathleen Vahling, Hays.

Alfred and Betty Otter visited Jim and Jolene Moss and family in Jewell, attending softball, baseball and volleyball games. They also visited Charles Otter and family in Salina, again attending ball games.

Funeral services were held in Phillipsburg for a former resident of New Almelo, Alfred Bruggeman, on Thursday, July 3. He was the son of Gerhard and Mary Bruggeman. Survivors include his wife, Carroll, Phillipsburg; a son, Doug and Lacy Bruggeman, Hays; three daughters, Mary and Marty Straub, Hays, Kay Bruggeman and Marlene Bruggeman, Phillipsburg; a brother, the Rev. Gerald Bruggeman, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Elizabeth Brinker, Glen Elder and Regina Riedel, St. Peter; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah, who died at four years of age due to a heart condition; two brothers, Ambrose Bruggeman and Leo Bruggeman; and seven sisters, Agnes Otter, Sophia Otter, Helena Otter, Mae Linden, Antoinette Bruggeman, Louise Nible and Sister Ligouri (Frances Bruggeman).

Roger and JoAnn Long went to McPherson on Sunday, June 29 to meet their grandson, Luke Kirk, Keller, Texas. He will be spending some time with his grandparents, and JoAnn.

Thunder 'boomers', lightning cause residents to seek shelter

Early summer and the day dawns heavy with humidity and heat. Breakfast is foreshadowed with an uneasy feeling of misgiving and much discussion of what the weathermen predicted for today. Residents with arthritis and rheumatism creak into the dining room, sink into chairs, wriggle a bit to ease interminable aches and pains. Their discomfort tells us more than any meteorologist could. A storm is brewing.

A soft buzz of weather-centered conversation underlies all the day's activities. During morning exercises the activity room windows reveal a cheery, sunshiny day with not a cloud in the sky. Some of us take our coffee outside to the rocking chairs as usual but we don't linger long in the oppressive heat. We're happy to see the mailman arrive, which gives us an excuse to return to the air-conditioned atrium where we check our daily allotment of junk mail, bills, perhaps a letter from a faraway friend.

Out in the lobby little clusters of wheelchairs and walkers pause enroute to lunch to compare notes on what's coming. The bus waits to load up for afternoon medical appointments, trips to the ophthalmologist, chiropractor, podiatrist, but it's too hot and muggy to go out for those on oxygen or with serious breathing difficulties. Many cancellations take place. Those not affected by weather scoff, but the wise realize it's all about maintaining what is left of life. Risks of any kind are avoided at all costs.

All through the day apprehen-

Collector Chat Liza Deines



sion increases as the temperature and the humidity rise. There is no breeze at all. Anxiety within and humidity without weigh down the evening hours. Even at the Bingo tables the caller sternly reprimands weather whisperers. Some choose to retreat to apartments for reading, music, television. But there are weather alerts on every local channel, storm warnings and tornado watches running along the bottom of the screen. Electricity wavers, uncertain. We prow and pace, uncertain.

And then, within moments, fickle sunshine's smile turns to a dark sulk. 'Way down the valley we detect intermittent mumbles of thunder. Darker, closer, accompanied by distant lightning, the clouds close in faster and still faster. Trees bend almost double in the face of rapidly rising winds. Black now beyond the windows, licorice black, black as the inside of a toad's tummy. Flashes reveal tiny threatening tornado babies dangling at the base of that roiling, boiling blackness. Was it only fifteen minutes ago that the sky was washed with sunshine?

With one tremendous crash, an endlessly reverberating crack of thunder unites with a lightning bolt that must have come from the outermost reaches of the universe. The

storm has broken at last. Fierce rain assaults the windows, hammering so hard we instinctively back away from the fragile panes that must surely crack under such pressure. Constant sky-splitting lightning, thunder rolling on forever. Pinging of hailstones joins into the cacophony, turning ominously to thudding as the icy pellets increase in size. Those with automobiles in the parking lot rush back to the windows in dismay.

Where to go? What to do? The Carlyle has no basement, no disaster plan except to gather in a windowless, lower hallway. We hurry to huddle together there, hoping for safety in numbers. Some are in jammies and robes, one lady in huge, fluffy puppy dog slippers which bring a little merriment to a tense situation. Cell phones pop up everywhere as communication with families keeps us updated as well as occupied while we wait for the storm to pass. Several anxiety-filled hours later we drift off to our beds to sleep with one eye open, ears attuned to receding thunder and flickers of sheet lightning fading slowly away.

Morning. No wind, bright sun, calm and cool after the rain. Cardinals whistle on the bird feeder, grass and trees shimmer, refreshed although wind blown. Petals from the begonia beds cover the garden paths but the flowers themselves are looking perky. Best of all, the aches and pains that accompany weather changes have eased a bit. We've been granted one more bright, new day and we rejoice in it.

Cash and prizes to 2008 Norton Idol

There is talent in Norton and the second Norton Idol Contest, sponsored by Norton County Farm Bureau, will bring it all together Friday, July 25 during the Norton County Fair.

Forty contestants will sing 90 seconds of a song in the preliminary round that begins at 7 p.m. From those 40, 10 finalists will be chosen. During the final round, each performer will be allowed to sing an entire song.

Three highly qualified judges will score preliminary contestants and a Certified Public Accountant will tally the scores for the judges to choose the top ten finalists. Between preliminaries and finals, Megan Brumbaugh, 2007 Norton Idol winner, will sing and tell the crowd about her past year's experiences.

The winner of the contest will receive \$500 and a recording session at Chapman Studios in Kansas City, two tickets to American Idol's Live Tour 2008 in Kansas

City and free admission to "Norton Idol Workshop" held at 11 a.m. the next day. The workshop, valued at nearly \$1,000 will be presented by Mark Johnson, El Dorado, a singer, musician, producer and talent coach.

Second place will win \$250, free admission to the workshop; third place will win \$125 and free admission to the workshop.

Something new this year is a "People's Choice" winner. Of

the remaining finalists, after the top three places are announced, the people will be able to choose their favorite. That contestant will win \$100.

Contact the Norton County Farm Bureau for entry forms at 785-877-3221.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

The entire contest will be broadcast, live, on KQNK Radio 106.7 FM.

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