

OBITUARIES

Jan Garton

Nov. 9, 1949 - Nov. 9, 2009

Jan Garton, age 59, of Manhattan, died Nov. 9 in Manhattan. She was born November 30, 1949, in Borger, Texas, the daughter of Chet and Phyllis (Gallentine) Garton. Her parents grew up in Norton, and the family returned to that area briefly before settling in Chapman.

In Chapman, Jan was valedictorian of her high school class and then went to Kansas State University. There she received her bachelor's degree in History and her master's degree in Journalism. She worked for Blueville Nursery while in college and then for UPS for 26 years.

Jan was vital in the conservation of Cheyenne Bottoms in the 1980's when the water rights of that internationally important wetland were threatened. In partnership with others, Jan led a statewide campaign to restore priority water rights for Cheyenne Bottoms. One of the most novel ideas that Jan advanced was the gift of "Save our Bottoms" seat pads to all members of the state legislature. For at least a decade, Jan worked day and night as a volunteer advocate for Cheyenne Bottoms. Success was achieved in the Kansas Legislature, with a succession of Governors, and in the critical legal battles that followed. In 1990 Jan was honored with the prestigious Chevron Conservation Award, the country's oldest private conservation award, only the third Kansan to

be honored.

Jan was a proud union member, an advocate for a living wage, a one-time candidate for county commission, and an active member of the Democratic Party.

Upon her retirement from UPS, Jan joined Nancy Boyda's congressional campaigns and worked for Rep. Boyda's office for a year before retiring a second time. However, Jan never retired from her advocacy for justice, equality, bio-diversity, and the ability of non-human creatures to coexist with human beings.

Survivors include: her brother, James Garton and his wife Ilah of Tulsa, Okla.; her sister, Marci Garton of Albuquerque, N.M.; five nieces and nephews, Josh Garton of Tulsa, Okla.; Logan and Sharon Lechner of Durham, N.C.; Lanny Lechner of Seattle, Wash.; Lee Lechner of Manhattan; and many other relatives and friends.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation is planned, with a memorial gathering to be held on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Public Library at 629 Poyntz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Audubon of Kansas, 210 Southwind Place, Manhattan, Kan., 66503, or another environmental organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.



Norman and June Kline in 1959



Norman and June Kline in 2009

Card shower held for 50th anniversary

Norman and June (Broadbooks) Kline of Norton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

on Sunday, Nov. 22 with a card shower. Due to family illness, the reception has been cancelled but

they would enjoy hearing from their friends and family.

Turkey becomes unplanned dinner for the family

Today's little tale is another of those family legends that has been told so many times I feel as if I were there although it took place long before my arrival. Perhaps I should issue an early apology to my siblings in case any of the details are incorrect but this is the way our Mama described it to me.

On farms of the 1930's there were no washing machines, much less the automatic wonders we now use. Mama did laundry outdoors with a washboard and two tubs of water; one soapy, one clear. Her two hands were the wringer and the dryer was a clothesline stretched from a windmill leg to a hook on the corner of the barn.

One sunny, hot day in July, Mama was taking advantage of the weather to do the family washing. This involved shaving homemade lye soap into a tub filled by numerous trips with teakettles of boiling water. Ann was assigned to go gather eggs and four-year old Roger was playing in the sandbox. Mama went into

Child of the 40's Liza Deines



the kitchen to fetch her pan of homemade starch.

Most farm wives sold eggs and cream, dressed chickens, sewed or canned beef for the town ladies. Mama raised turkeys and sold them at the holidays as her "pin money" project. The flock, a big old gobbler and a clutch of hens, ordinarily roamed the yard, snapping up bugs and keeping weeds down. Turkeys love to walk along clotheslines, especially if there are nice clean clothes pegged out on them, so this morning they were shut up tight. Perhaps tight is not quite the correct term. Their pen was a makeshift, ramshackle affair constructed of lath and chicken wire cornering on a rickety shed which formed two sides of the enclosure.

Roger, being a boy, was always

into mischief of some kind so the moment he realized he was unsupervised, he was off to indulge in his favorite pastime. Roger just loved to torment the turkey gobbler by poking at him with a stick until the old fellow spread out his glorious tail and flew at the fence, gobbling up a storm. This was, of course, a forbidden activity, which made it all the more enticing. As long as the fence was between them it was great fun. On this particular morning, however, a long-stressed staple finally pulled loose after an especially fierce assault by the enraged bird and the fence came down with a crash.

Mama came down the steps, carefully carrying her pan of starch, just in time to see Roger tearing across the yard with the gobbler in hot pursuit, gaining at every step. His four-year old legs were no match for an angry turkey on the rampage and he was screaming at the top of his lungs. Ann was just returning with a basketful of eggs as the pair emerged from around the shed. Being the

big sister, she felt obligated to do something, so she began yelling and throwing eggs at the gobbler in a vain attempt to slow him down. This had no effect at all except to further irritate the turkey and coat him with egg slime.

As this interesting parade went streaking and shrieking past Mama she did the only thing she could think of. She whopped the turkey gobbler over the head with the starch pan, killing him with one blow. Then they all sat down on the steps and wailed awhile.

Which is how the wash didn't get done, the starch pan got dented, Roger got a licking and, on the hottest day of the year, Mama ended up plucking, cleaning, dressing and roasting a large, egg slimed and well starched turkey. Garnished with regrets and recriminations, it was served but not truly enjoyed. The turkey flock got a secure new pen next day but it was little consolation for the financial loss of the gobbler. Roger never heard the last of it and doesn't really like turkey to this day!

Student News

The Honor Roll for the first 9 weeks of the 2009-10 school year at Northern Valley Middle School includes: 6th grade, Brooke Baird, Sarah Baird, Trey Hall, Allison Keith, Eli Lowry, Brianna Martin, Shayna Vincent; 7th grade, Ame Baird, Brant Cox, Clint Cole, Macy Kasson, Kobie Untersheher, Tea VanPatten, Stewart Whitney; 8th, Hunter Chandler, Mike Griffin, Ian Vincent.

Honorable Mention students are: 6th grade, Eleksa Anderson, Kirsten Burger, Camden Cox, Vanessa Garcia, Cody Land, Talia Lowry, Dalton Smith, Skylar Wright; 7th grade, Carson Montgomery, Makayla Smith, Matt Stutsman, Khrianna VanPatten; 8th grade, Jordan Baird, DaKota Hilburn, Alex Stevens.

The NCHS Honor Roll for the first nine weeks of the 2009-10 school year has been announced.

Highest Honor (4.0) list includes: Seniors, Anna Cummings, Ashton Draper, Kendra Engelbert, Marcus Herman, Matthew Miller and Junior, Melinda Becker.

Honor Roll I (3.5-3.99) includes: Seniors, Cody Cook, Austine Dole, Tonielle Fiscus, Shelby Jones, Christopher Maddy, Connor Pfannenstiel, Matthew Pollock, Amanda Ray, Casey Robinson, Bethany Roy, Alyssa Thomson, Bethany Winkel and Kaitlyn Wolf; Juniors, Troy Bainter, Jade Braun, Maia Carlson, Dakota Dreher, Diedre Kramer, Nicquel McVey, Zoey Meyers, Kaylen Rossi, Spencer Shirk, Dustyna Sprigg, Rebekah Streck; Sophomores, Erick Becker, Brae Bigge, Rhees Carlson, RJ Ellis, Mariah Farber, Alexis Henson, Taylor Meder and Mitchell Shelton; Freshmen, Lane Bigge, Sierra Black, Katherine Boteler, Eli Bozarth, Jade Braun, Andrew Ellis, Cody Ellis, Kami Jones, Ruth Kendall, Katelin Koch, Alec Melvin, Dalton Miller, Juliana Miller, Kayleigh Norwood, Rachel Slipke

Honor Roll II list (3.0-3.49) the students are: Seniors, Raven Brown, Allison Corbin, Kirstie Gible, Emily Juenemann, Miranda Mock, Kelsey Nuzum, Zane Perez, Jessica Reeves, Ashlie Stewart and Hannah Waggoner; Juniors, Cole Archer, Morgan Baumann, Bill Broeckelman, Melissa Byler, Danelle Eagleburger, Taylor Gordon, Justin Heikes, Jana Kalendova, Landon Keiswetter, David Mizell, Jacob Mizell, Kelsie Morel, Andrew Otter, Kaitlyn Ross, Rachel Shepard and Meghan Stewart; Sophomores, Abby Bainter, Haley Grady, Zach Hartwell, Carson Kaiser, Dillon McConney,

Erin Terrell, Jordan Wahlmeier and Brooklyn Winkel; Freshmen, Lane Archer, Ryan Bainter, Rheanon Baker, Jared Bohl, Dustan Daniels, Cassius Dole, Chris Fisher, Samantha Gordon, Jordan Hartwell, Brianna Karnopp, Julia Kent, Carson McKenna, Shelbi McKenna, Vaughn Newman, Teslee Nickell, John Renner, Alex Riggins, John Risewick, Joseph Schaefer, Emily Schulze, Regan Simpson, Dylan Spradlin, Dylan Sprigg, Andrew Ulmer and Wyatt Wentz.

The University of Kansas Department of Student Housing has named its 2009-10 student leaders, including resident assistants for KU's eight residence halls, proctors and food board managers for 12 scholarship halls and top officers for the five university housing organizations.

Mathew James Lawrence Shepard of Lenora, is the son of Paul Shepard. He is a Junior majoring in Economics and is the ASHC President.

Kayleigh Jo Brooks is the daughter of Dennis Brooks and Debbie Graham. She is a Junior majoring in Pharmacy and is a Hall Proctor.

The Colby Community Equestrian Team had another great weekend at the competition held Nov. 7 - 8 at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The team, coached by Shanda Mattix, was the High Point team on Sunday.

Students on the team from the area are: Jessica Eshbaugh, Phillipsburg, placed 3rd on Saturday in the Intermediate 2 Horsemanship. Melissa Vogt of Norton, received the Reserve award on Saturday in the Beginner Walk Trot Horsemanship. Placing 3rd in the Beginning Walk Trot Horsemanship was Melissa Vogt. Kayla Cook of Norton participated in the Intermediate I category.

Police Log

November 9
12:15 a.m. Report of receiving harassing text messages, 300 block S. First
2:08 a.m. Report of receiving harassing text messages, 400 block N. Second
2:19 p.m. Request for accident report
3:48 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls, 500 block W. Wilton
4:16 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning threats,
November 10
2:27 a.m. Report of individual cornered in storage shed, 1000 Echo Acres
4:00 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls, 100 block N. Kansas
4:10 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls, 500 block W. Wilton
4:17 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning individual's girlfriend
9:15 p.m. Report of windshield being broken, 300 block E. Waverly
November 11
8:16 a.m. Report of attempted break in, Pizza Hut
9:01 a.m. Keys locked in ve-

hicle, 500 block N. Grant
2:00 p.m. Traffic control for parade
10:30 p.m. Parking citation
11:03 p.m. Report of intoxicated driver, Loves
November 12
9:10 a.m. Parking citation
9:24 a.m. Request for ministerial aid needing meals
10:05 a.m. Request for copy of police report
12:00 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning employment
12:26 p.m. Report of individuals working on vehicle, owner not home, 300 block Lincoln
3:30 p.m. Removed dogs from 300 block W. Washington
4:49 p.m. Report of individual screaming, 500 block W. Wilton
9:41 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case
9:38 p.m. Report of dog running loose, State and Woodfield
November 13
5:53 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
11:43 a.m. Report of landlord going to have individual thrown into jail, South 1st.
7:37 p.m. Report of vehicle driving all over the road, E. High-

way 36
8:57 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Town & Country
November 14
9:04 a.m. Welfare check, 300 block N. Kansas
9:45 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, KowPoke Supply
2:02 p.m. Neighbor dispute, 500 block W. Wilton
2:44 p.m. Report of headstone missing, Cemetery
4:40 p.m. Welfare check, 300 block W. Lincoln

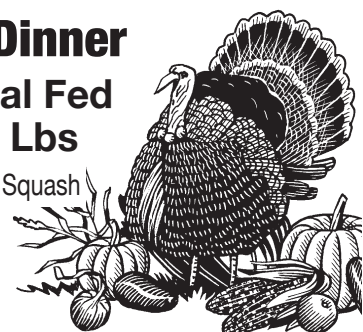
6:45 p.m. Welfare check, 500 block W. Wilton
6:49 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls, Emporia
Last week the police department was involved in 12 vehicle stops, nine animal control calls and one accident.

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WHO: Pregnant women; Persons that live with an infant less than 6 months of age; Daycare providers and employees that routinely care for infants less than 6 months of age; Children 6 months of age through 24 years of age; **ALL** healthcare personnel
WHEN: Wednesday, November 18, 3 p.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE: At the Norton County Health Department, 801 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas
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