New director excited to lead development group

(Continued From Page 1) his remarkable ability to bring people together to

"Scott brings a strong background in economic development from the corporate view point and a passion for Northwest Kansas in general and Norton County in particular," commented board member and Norton School Superintendent Greg Mann. "His networking skills and knowledge will allow the Norton City/County Economic Development initiative, currently underway to continue without interruption." Mann adds, "We thank Mrs. Stiles for her hard work and for the progress made and many projects begun under her tenure."

Sproul also is a very active member of the community beyond his career. He serves on the board of Norton Development Corporation, Entrepreneurship Center, Lenora Jubilee Association, Norton Rotary Club and Graham County Toys for Tots. Scott Sproul and his family, Robin, Gavin, Gentry and Greeley, are Norton County natives and currently live in rural Norton County near Edmond.

Chair Aaron Herman concludes, "While it disappoints me deeply to lose Diane, I am greatly excited that we were able to land a candidate of Scott's caliber who shares our passion and vision for economic development and Norton County."

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By WILMA VAHLE **VAHLE REUNION**

Henry Vahle met at the Long Island Community Center Aug. 1, for a carry-in dinner and a time of

fellowship. Those attending were: Joanne Fruhling and daughter Linda, Mary Anderson, Erma Jean Nyland, Jim Vahle, Don and Beulah Vahle, Ted and Linette Aregi, Harley and Sierra Kester, Kolton and Dakota Hilburn, Doug Vahle and sons Caden and Kyler, Susan Chandler and son Scott, Darwin and Tressie McReynolds and children, Hayleigh Vahle, Briley Hulen, and Tyler McReynolds, and Duane and Leanna Henry. Also attending were George and Janice Vahle, Mike and Deanna Hawks and daughters, Carol Staab and Gordon and Wilma Vahle and guest Pastor Dean Gilbert. The next gathering will be the first Sunday in August 2011.

GEBHARD REUNION

The descendants of Henry Gebhard met in the fellowship hall of time of fellowship. Those attend- Thalheim and Reverend Kevin

ing were: Drake Gebhard, Robert and Harriet Young, Dick and The descendants of Casper Hazel Ames and Eldon and Irma Lee Gebhard all of Long Island; Ray and Cecila Hillebrand and Dorothy Tubbs of Norton; Eldo and LaVerne Graham of Almena; LeRoy, Debbie and Rayan Hays, Melvin and Grace Grau and Wilhelmina Ames of Phillipsburg; Agatha and Laird Schultz of Orleans, Nebraska; Tim and Terry Albert of Smith Center; Joel and Calista Miller and son Jace, and Coleen Malek of Scott City, Marlin and Velma Ames of Salina; Gaylord and Mary Kay Kissell and Kenneth and Eileen Kissell of Hastings, Neb. Also attending were Verlyn Richardson of Fort Collins, Colo.; Jack and Donna Gannie of Loveland, Colo.; Rickann Webb, Michaela and Devan Webb and Cris, Brynelynne and Falynne Weavers of Blue Springs, Mo.; Bob and Cheryl Roman of Mukilteo, Wash., and guest Pastor

> Dean Gilbert of Logan. **DEATHS**

The community was saddened the United Methodist Church on, this past week on learning of the Aug. 8, for a carry-in dinner and a deaths of Eileen Gebhard, Verlyn

Williams.

Eileen had been an employee of the First National Bank in Long Island for a number of years before retiring. She worked tirelessly as a member of the Community Center Board and volunteered her services for countless activities.

Verlyn spent his entire lifetime in the Long Island area and was a well known and respected member of this community where he was an avid supporter and fan of Northern Valley school sports. He recently retired from the farm and was living in Logan.

Word was received that Reverend Kevin Williams died on Aug.11. Reverend Williams began his ministry at the Long Island and Almena United Methodist churches in 1984. He had just recently retired and he and Kathy moved to Topeka.

God gained an excellent gardener, a hardworking farmer, and a dedicated minister of the gospel. We will miss three good friends. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of Eileen, Verlyn, and Kevin. They will be remem-

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luck supper and program was enjoyed by the following people, Agnes Wahlmeier, Ramona and Stan Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Eleanor Morel, Kenneth and Vi Krizek, Louise Cressler, Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier, Joaquin and Jazzmin.

Reminder: Firemen's Fun Day to be held Aug. 28 with all day activities. Cakes for the cakewalk would be appreciated. Contact Mary Wahlmeier or leave them at the City Hall Saturday morning. Also donated items for the garage sale and the bake sale can be given to Terri Hanke or dropped off at the American Legion building Saturday. A schedule of events will be printed elsewhere in the paper. Kolaches will be baked Friday Aug. 27 at the former Masonic Hall. All help is appreciated.

Convection ovens, the large mixer, pans, racks and air conditioners have been purchased by the Historical Building Pres-

Sunflower Senior citizens pot- ervation Committee from Bus receded. Russell Cressler from and Coach International (former schoolhouse) and installed in the Masonic Hall.

Water meters will be read Aug.21. If your meter is outside, please post your reading on the front door.

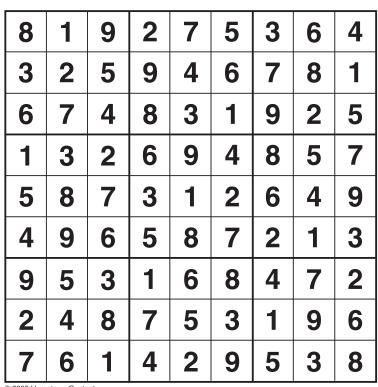
Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa; Cody Clark, Boone, Iowa came on Tuesday to visit her parents Wayne and Louise Cressler. Wednesday morning Sharon received word the town of Ames was flooding. Fortunately for them they live in the north part of town on higher ground. Seven water lines burst and they were without water for several days. By Sunday when at 12:30 P.M. In past years it has they went home the water had been held at Hoxie.

Bison came to visit on Thursday. Megan Faris, Manhattan; Gwen Anderson, Council Grove, drove up on Friday. Manhattan had 93 mile an hour wind and rain on Friday. Megan and Gwen had a difficult time finding a road open to leave town. There were downed tree limbs and no electrical power.

Violet Foster has returned home from the Kearney hospital. She is doing well.

The Mowry-Brewster Reunion will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on September 5 with potluck dinner

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LODGE NOTICES



American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63

Second Monday Darren McMullen, Commander



Eagles Lodge FOE 3288

Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p.m Larry Hawks, President Secretary, Vacant



Sons of the American Legion Second Monday 7:30 p.m.

Steve VanDerVeen, Commander Doyle Brooks, Adjutant



Veterans of Foreign Wars Reg. 7:00 p.m.

First Mon. of each Month Curt Archibald, Commander Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster



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Meet at Eagles Club First and Third Thursday Each Month at 7:30 p.m. Geneva Tier, Noble Grand Randy Knoll, Secretary



The American **Legion Riders** Post 63

Meet at the American Legion Building on the Second Sunday of Every Month

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attended Norton's new Immanuel Lutheran Church building dedication service on Sunday, Aug. 1. A very impressive service and ter-in-law Karyn and grandson beautiful music from their choir Benjamin, who spent two weeks. and woodwind ensemble was enjoyed.

places to stop for the U.S. High-Sept. 17 - 19. There is no charge to hold a sale. All you need to do is sign the registration sheet on the community bulletin board at and visited with his grandparents, the post office or call Deb at (785) 871-7381 or 693-4231.

Happy birthday to Agnes Pruitt, Aug. 6; Wyatt Wentz, Les Ward, Noah Baker, Aug. 7; and Helen McVay, Aug. 10.

Happy anniversary to Dwight and Mary Wentz, Aug. 6; Darren and Lois Wentz, Stan and Carol Miller, Bob and Kay Strevey, Aug. 7; and Wayne and Norma McCallister, Aug. 9.

Fifteen senior citizens met July 30 at the Educational Building with a potluck dinner followed by cards. Winners were Arlene Hix, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Lora Arnold.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on July 28 were Bob Hoover, first; and Von Johnson, second place.

Ken and Connor McVay visited Helen McVay, and Dennis, Kathy, Max and Benn Bergkamp in San Antonio, Texas, over the weekend of July 24. They celebrated Ken's birthday with a visit to Red Lobster for dinner and an ice cream cake for dessert. Helen celebrated her birthday on Aug. 10. Her address is: Helen McVay, Emeritus at Woodbridge Estates, 9505 Fredericksburg Rd., Apt. 7, San Antonio, Texas, 78240.

Wava Reames took a quick trip on Sunday, Aug. 2, to see her daughter and grandkids after Shawnda enrolled in College at Weatherford, Okla. They ate lunch and visited for over an hour at Applebees then headed home with her grandkids, so they could attend the Oberlin fair.

Mary Helm had a brain tumor removed. She is still in the hospital. Prayers certainly helped, as they almost lost her on the first surgery. The doctors have put a shunt in her head to take care of the fluid that is there. Her sister,

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson Kathy, has come home and Jim Darrell and Willa Carlton in Hot Helm has gone down there.

Recent visitors of Larry James were his son Sgt. Russell, daugh-On the Fourth of July they all went to North Platte, Neb., to celebrate Thanks to Bob Strevey, Nor- the holiday with Matt James and ing when Barbara McCool's six catur is registered as one of the family. Benjamin celebrated his granddaughters decided they first birthday on July 2. The famway 36 treasure hunt, being held ily and a few friends held a private They were a welcome sight! Friday, Saturday and Sunday, burial service for Terri James at the Oberlin Cemetery while the family was all here. On their return to North Carolina, they stopped

Springs Village, Ark.

The Norcatur Public Library had added some new books. Don't forget we have puzzles for people to check out.

The Norcatur Public Library was invaded on Tuesday mornneeded some books and mo

Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Tom and Betsy Jakowski for the donation made in memory of June Hixon.



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