

OBITUARIES

Gerald Bretton

December 25, 1936 - October 17, 2010

Gerald "Dick" Bretton died Oct. 17 in Kirwin at the age of 73. He was born Dec. 25, 1936, in Phillips County to Gerald and Helen (McDonald) Bretton.

Dick was a truck driver for the Phillips County Road Department.

Survivors include three sons: Curtis Bretton of Kirwin, Randy Goodermuth of Hays and Brad Goodermuth of Del City, Okla.; three daughters: Teresa Starkey and Lisa Hall, both of Kirwin and Jackie Mickelson of Ellis; one brother, Bob McDonald of Logan;

two sisters, Bette Townsend of Norton and Alva Horn of Colby; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, with Pastor Becky Saddler officiating. Burial will follow in the Kirwin Cemetery at Kirwin.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice Services or to Kirwin Extra Hands.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Club News

By CYNTHIA KINDALL

On October 5, Mike Weaver from the Nicodemus Historical Society in Nicodemus, was our guest at the Norton County Genealogy group.

Those attending were Jean and Warren White, Betty Bivens, Carolyn Bivens, Lavonne Otter, Jenise Walter and Warren Heaton, Joann Wolf, Jim Moore, Allen and Cindy Kindall, Beverly Kindler and Jessica Bivens were guests.

Interesting facts we learned were that the National Historical Land site is actually 161 acres. Weaver manages 3-and-a-half to four acres by the Nicodemus Historical Society and one-fourth acre is actually owned by the Historical Society.

After the Civil War was over, the slaves had been broken up from their families and there were no jobs like they had worked prior to the War. "Civil War is over, we are free," was the cry. As the African Americans were never appreciated after the Civil War, the cry was "free land!" during the homestead act of 1862, granting them free land.

They came as colony groups to settle. Nicodemus is the oldest and only remaining all black town west of the Mississippi River established during the reconstruction period after the Civil War.

They came from Georgetown, Lexington and Kent in Kentucky.

The writing was on the wall, let's get out of the south — by coming to free land in Kansas, they had the opportunity to self-govern.

In 1885 there were 35 homes, a livery stable, two churches, a general store, post office, hotel and real estate office plus two schoolrooms. Then the railroad bypassed, after this the businesses moved to Bogue.

The first school in Graham County was in Nicodemus.

The National Historical Site was established in 1996.

In 2011 the Emancipation will be 133 years old, and started with the freedom of slaves in the West Indies This has evolved into the Nicodemus Homecoming.

FYI

Sharon Bennett has moved to The Beaver City Manor. She would enjoy hearing from friends. Sharon Bennett, c/o Beaver City Manor, 905 Floyd Rm 110, Beaver City, NE, 68926.

The family of Marylou Long are celebrating her 80th birthday on Nov. 14 with a card shower. Cards can be sent to: Marylou Long, P.O. Box 2, Lenora, KS, 67645

Accident Log

October 15: An unlicensed juvenile driver from Lenora, was west bound in a 1993 Ford Ranger pickup, on Lenora Rd when he came around a curve apparently too fast. He lost control and went sideways. At some point the tire on the driver's side of the pickup went flat and came off the vehicle. The pickup spun approximately 180 degrees and rolled onto its top. Extensive damage was done to the vehicle. Two juvenile passengers and the driver were transported by Norton County Ambulance

The Kansas Black Farmers Association of Nicodemus has formed a flour co-operative and is producing pancake mix.

By JAKE DURHAM

There was plenty of action on the Village Green as the senior Pitch Teams were drilling the recruits in close order drill. The numbers were low but the enthusiasm was high, meanwhile, inside the Golden Girls and the Grand Mothers were handing out welcome cookies to celebrate the opening day of the new season. The Fortune Teller was busy reading face cards and predicting upcoming election results while the Hat Man and Wild Bill were reading the Ojai Board to determine if there was a lucky line to sign in on. The clock on the wall was approaching the magic hour but there was one team short when a couple of K-State routers on their way home from Lawrence entered through the south and they were immediately given the last number as the Brown Eyed Girl shouted, "begin to commence", and the action was underway.

Getting a quick lead was on most everyone's mind as the bidding seemed to be fast and furious. The Ladies from Lyle struck first with the high round honors and the initial lead. As usual, the leader board changes rather quickly as they took the honors and a narrow lead after round two.

The top five scorers were: 1. Bill Glennemeier and Dave Sheley; 2. Larry Smith and Jerald Jackson; 3. June Jolly and Margaret Magers; 4. Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter; 5. Norman Walter and Doug Spatz. Other teams were: Myron Veh and Frank Ward; Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner; Barbara Whitehead and Ridge Roberts.

High round scorers were: June Jolly and Margaret Magers, Bill Glennemeier and Dave Sheley, Larry Smith and Gerald Jackson, Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter, Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner. Highest single round score was twenty points by Glennemeier and Sheley.

The Norton Lions Club will have their Pancake Feed, Saturday, Oct. 30 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center. Charge will be \$4 for adult, 12 and under are free.

There were three tables at Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday. There was a three way tie for first place. First place winners were: Bob Jones, Karla Latimer, Jackie Porter, Joyce Sumner, Jack Graham and David Graham.

to Graham County Hospital and Norton County Hospital. The accident was investigated by Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl.

October 17: Carlos Montes, Garden City, was north bound in a 1998 Ford F250 pickup on Highway 283 when a deer ran from the ditch. He was unable to avoid contact with the deer. Damage was done to the passenger side of the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl.



Yvonne and Greg Sumner, 1970



Yvonne and Greg Sumner, 2010

Couple will celebrate 40 years

The children of Yvonne and Greg Sumner request a card shower for their parents to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married on

Oct. 31, 1970 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend.

They have made their home on the family farm north of Norcatour.

Their family includes: son,

Todd and Deanna, grandchildren Brooke and Brady of Norcatour; daughter, Amy, and Mark Archer, grandchildren, Andrew and Gracie Mae of McPherson; daughter Michelle and Ryan Homolka,

grandchildren, Sumner and Sophie of Ellsworth.

Cards will reach them at 5709 Road W14, Norcatour, KS 67653

Help decorative pumpkins last

Waiting until just before Halloween or Thanksgiving to buy a pumpkin can seem old-fashioned.

Given how early pumpkins go on display and how long they stay there, today's varieties appear to have real staying power. The supply implies the orangey orbs might as well be helping with decorations, rather than waiting for weeks on a store shelf.

Plant breeders are, in fact, always working to develop pumpkins with a longer shelf life. You have to remember, though, that store displays aren't static. Replacement stock keeps coming in until the season is almost over. Pumpkins that go bad disappear.

To help eager buyers identify pumpkins with the best odds for lasting, here is a list of characteristics to check. The best pumpkins will be:

Whole: Which can include pumpkins with a painted face. Carved jack-o-lanterns do well to last a week.

Stemmed: This is most important for outdoor pumpkins. Lost stems leave a depression behind that will collect water, snow, and/

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or ice and then promote spoilage. That's why no one should ever carry a pumpkin by its stem, even while they're shopping.

Dry-stemmed: Almost all commercial varieties now have green stems, so mature stem color no longer matters. If a stem is leaking sap, however, that indicates the pumpkin is fully mature. Size, rind color and shape aren't usable criteria anymore, either. But, buyers still can try to pierce the rind with a thumbnail. That's easy with immature pumpkins and difficult with those that are ripe. The rind has to be hard enough to keep moisture from escaping. Otherwise, the pumpkin will shrivel.

Blemish-free with no soft spots: This characteristic does not include the bumps and hard pimples that are natural for some varieties.

Family requests a card shower

The family of Mariann Kay Earley of Wilsonville, Neb. is requesting a card shower in honor of her 70th birthday, Oct. 25.

She was born Oct. 25, 1940, in Alcester, S. D. to William and Anna Vruogdenhil and grew up in Akron, Iowa.

Mariann moved to Nebraska when she married Elden Earley of Wilsonville on Oct. 5, 1963.

Mariann and Elden's family includes: daughter Dawn Wright

and husband Bill, grandsons Remington and Sterling Wright, all of Scott City; daughter April and husband Jerry Ondrak of Wood River, Neb.; daughter Alison Earley of Hazard, Neb.; daughter Amber and husband Jason Sarnecki of Salina; and daughter Marla and husband Dan Brown of Kearney, Neb.

Cards may be sent in her honor to 71199 Road 416, Wilsonville, NE 69046

Senior Menu

Oct. 25: Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, peas and carrots, bread, peaches.

Oct. 26: Chili with beans, mixed fruit with banana, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Oct. 27: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Oct. 28: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, broccoli and Cauliflower salad, bread, applesauce.

Oct. 29: Ham, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, bread, pineapple.

Send Club News to Harriett at hgill@nwkansan.com

Fall Supper
Prairie View Reformed Church
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH SUPPER
Turkey and Ham Dinner with all the Trimmings Pies and Desserts
Free Will Donation

HIDDEN DRAGON CHINESE RESTAURANT has Re-Opened
- LUNCH BUFFET -
Wed., Fri., & Sunday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- DINNER BUFFET -
Friday and Saturday: 5-8:30 p.m.
Crab Leg Dinner Buffet Special this Friday, October 22
118 S. State Street, Norton, KS
785-874-4848

Oct. 22- Oct. 27
Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE YOU AGAIN
(1 Hour, 54 Minutes (PG) (PRESENTED IN DIGITAL SURROUND SOUND))
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
EASY A
(1 Hour, 40 Minutes (PG-13))
All passes accepted for Easy A and all passes accepted for You Again
General Admission for both movies \$6.00 and \$5.00
\$3.00 Ticket this Sunday
Premiering in Norton - Fri., November 5 Megamind (PG)
Premiering in Norton at 12:01 a.m., Fri., Nov. 19 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows, Part I
Halloween Horrorfest 2010 - LATE Friday Night October 29 at Midnight Night of the Living Dead (NR) and Paranormal Activity (R)
Halloween Horrorfest 2010 - Late Saturday Night October 30 at Midnight Poltergeist (PG) and Saw (R)
ADMISSION is FREE for all of the Halloween films on October 29 and 30. Also there will be a Halloween Costume Contest once again as well. Come in your favorite Halloween costumes to either of the midnight scary movies and be entered into a drawing for cool Norton Theatre gift certificates!
HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE HERE FOR A FRIGHTFUL GOOD TIME!
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