OBITUARIES

Albin H. Schweers March 3, 1922 - March 2, 2012

Albin H. Schweers passed from this life to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the age of 90 in Lenexa. Albin was born to Herman and Cecelia Schweers on March 3, 1922 in Arcadia, Iowa.

Upon graduation from Arcadia High School, he attended a clerical school and in January, 1941, he began work in Washington D.C. as a clerk-typist in the War Department. He entered active military service in the Army Air Force in 1942 and served in World War II in Guam and was discharged in May, 1946. He attended Iowa State College where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1950. Employment included Specifications Engineer with Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff; Portland Cement Association; Housing and Urban Development Agency; and as a private engineering consultant.

In addition to his engineering career, Albin served for more than 39 combined years in the Army Air Force and U.S. Air Force Reserves (1942-1982), retiring as a Brigadier General.



For over 30 years he volunteered as a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy.

Albin was married to Adrienne Joan Alley on Feb. 3, 1951 in Riceville, Iowa. They lived in Overland Park for 50 years and lived the past six years in Lenexa. Albin and Adrienne had four children; Jim, Jill, Jan and Julie.

Albin attended Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church where he served as a Lecter and was involved with the Knights of Columbus. Additional interests included teaching AARP 55 Alive driver's training courses, travel and spending time with his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his sisters Viola Lampman and Marcella Berger: brothers Clarence, Joseph, Leo, Vincent and Art; daughter, Jan Dwight; and grandson, Paul Caleb Spurrell.

Albin is survived by his wife, Adrienne Joan of the home; son, Jim of Kansas City, Kan.; daughter, Jill Spurrell and husband Jerry of Tulsa, Okla.; daughter, Julie Weilert and husband Andy of Fort Collins, Colo.; grandchildren, Tom Dwight, Jacqueline Dwight Reed, Benjamin Weilert, Timothy Weilert and Daniel Weilert.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 7023 W. 71st St., Overland Park. A memorial mass will follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, or Lakeview Village Foundation or charity of their choice.

Arrangements were made by Porter Funeral Homes & Crematory, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS 66215.

Work to begin on U.S. 24 Highway

Beginning approximately March 12, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin work to repave a section of U.S. 24 Highway in Graham County.

Starting at the Sheridan/Graham County line, and continuing east approximately 17 miles to the east city limits of Hill City, workers will perform the roadwork in three phases. They will mill three inches of the existing roadway, inlay three and one half inches of material, then overlay one and one half inches of asphalt material on this section of roadway.

Two other, smaller road projects will occur in Graham County in conjunction with this project. During the same time frame, the department will be overlaying a very small section of U.S.283 in Hill City. Contractors will apply a two-inch mill and inlay from the U.S. 24 junction north .7-mile to the north city limits of Hill City.

Contractors will also re-surface .8-mile of K-85 with one and one half inches of material from U.S.24 south into Morland.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide



one-lane traffic through each work zone, during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction time frame. Please plan your travels accordingly, especially those commuting to/from work, during all phases of the construction.

The department awarded this construction contract - totaling \$5.5 million - to Venture Corporation of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include T.J. Campbell, milling, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and RoadSafe, pavement markings, El Dorado.

The pavement reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

Weather permitting the construction work will be completed by this June.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org in Hays; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

Reigning Supreme

This year's reigning Valentine's King and Queen at Whispering Pines have b een chosen. King is Harry Lowry and Queen is Merle Cozad. The winners were chosen by the residents from a list of those residents who agreed to have their name on the ballot. Residents enjoyed a valentine party and several community members and family members enjoyed the chocolate trivia game and refreshments.

Helen Leona (Brodehl) Roach April 9, 1920 - March 4, 2012

Helen Leona (Brodehl) Roach was born April 9, 1920 in Goodrich, N.D. to John Brodehl and Katherine (Plines) Brodehl, the youngest of nine children. She entered into eternal life at the age of 91 on March 4, 2012 at the Andbe Home in Norton.

In 1933, Helen moved to Denver, Colo. after the death of her parents. There she met James Leonard Roach in 1937 and they were married on Dec. 21, 1940. To this union, two children were born, Pamela of Norton and Michael of Omaha, Neb. Together they owned and operated a bar and cafe in Denver before moving to Trenton, Neb. in 1950. In Trenton they owned and operated the Pioneer Club until 1955. She was a member of the St. James Altar Society. She moved to Norton in 2002. Helen spent her life as a devoted and loving wife, mother and working woman.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jim on Dec. 8, 1983, her parents, brothers Arnold,

John, Garvin, Ewald, Bill and sisters Sally Stilts, Emma Hostettler and Martha Waginitz.

Survivors include her daughter Pamela Ballinger and husband Joe of Norton; son Michael and friend Kathy of Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren, Michelle Prewo and husband Paul of Logan; Aaron Stoney and wife Shawna of Mc-Cook, Neb.; and Keith Stoney and wife Bethany of Great Bend; five great-grandchildren, Melissa Leiker, Ryan and Helen Rose Prewo, and Tierra and Kaitlyn Stoney.

A rosary was held on Wednesday, March 7 at St. James Catholic Church in Trenton, Neb. and a mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, March 8 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial was at St. James Cemetery in Trenton, Neb.

Memorials may be given in her name and left at the funeral home.

Herrmann Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Dr. John Ilko Jr.

Jan. 29, 1942 - Feb. 26, 2012

GLUB news

By Beverly Kindler

Members of GFWC Mid-Century Club met at the home of Doris Winteroth for their February meeting. Co-hostesses were Maxine Wiltfong and Rosalie McMullen.

Guests for the meeting were Tessa, Hadley and Jennifer Hauser. Tessa read the short story, "The Special Easter Egg" that she had written and "Life in Candyland" was the short story written and read by Hadlev Hauser.

Virginia Will, president, con-

liver Meals on Wheels in April.

Mary Beth Boyd presented the program, "Becoming a Citizen." She provided a leaflet on citizenship, a tip sheet on "Good Citizenship-Helping Our Communities" and a listing of the questions that one must answer to become a citizen of the United States. She shared information about the requirements and costs to apply for citizenship and the swearing in ceremonies for those becoming new citizens. Mary Beth administered the Oath of Allegiance as

the oath.

This program reminded members how wonderful our citizenship is and the importance of accepting the responsibility of helping to improve as well as preserve our citizenship.

Roll call was answered by 12 members sharing the countries of their ancestors.

Virginia reported GFWC news notes from the Kansas Clubwoman News and the GFWC Club Woman.

The next meeting will be March 22.

Dr. John Ilko Jr., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 in Kearney, Neb., at the age of 70, after a brief battle with an illness called Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

He was born Jan. 29, 1942 and enjoyed pheasants, fireworks and fast cars.

For 40 years, John and his wife Sally would hunt in the Almena and Logan areas and visit friends.

Family and friends will gather on Saturday, March 10 at 1 p.m. children and their spouses, Ra-

at Horizon Christian Fellowship Church in Laramie, Wyo. to celebrate his life and memorable times enjoyed with him.

Plans have also been made to gather in Craig, Colo. later in the season for when the weather becomes pleasant for travel and better for everyone who cannot make it to Laramie. This date is to be determined and will be announced at a later date.

John is survived by his lifelong friend and wife, Sally Ilko;

chel and Nick Veenstra and Johnny and Laura Ilko.

John and Sally celebrated 46 years of marriage in June 2011 and God also blessed them with two grandchildren, Keegan and Jacob Veenstra.

Condolences may be sent to 851 Evans, Laramie, WY 82070 and calls may be directed to (970)-620-1457.

"The idea is to die young as late as possible." Ashley Montagu, (1905-1999).

ducted the business meeting. Beverly Kindler was elected as the delegate to represent GFWC Mid-Century at the GFWC of Kansas State Convention in April. Craft entries of guilted items will be entered by Lynn Nelson and Beverly Kindler.

Eunice Neiltopp announced that the club members are to de-



Duplicate Bridge at Norton Manor on Wednesday night resulted in a two-way tie for first place. Claiming top honors were Norman Walter and his partner Jake Durham and Joyce Sumner and her partner David Graham.

Lane Sheridan Naiman Aug. 29, 1955 - March 4, 2012 Lane Sheridan Naiman, son of Harold John and Elaine (Moore) Naiman, was born August 29, 1955 in WaKeeney, and passed away near Elk Mountain, Wyo.

56. Lane grew up in the Morland area and graduated from Morland High School. He was an over-the-road truck driver, hauling livestock. On Dec. 27, 2010, he married Jeannie (Fergerson) Wilnaut in Tulia, Texas. They made their home in Jennings and more recently in Tulia, but spent most of their time on the road.

on March 4, 2012 at the age of

Survivors include his wife, Jeannie Naiman; four stepchildren, Dorothy Lamb, James Smity, Dixie Dunnels, and Sherrie Lipsett; his mother, Elaine Veach; one brother Danny Naiman; other relatives and friends.

Lane was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home -215 W. Main - Norton, KS.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Friday, March 9 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Condolences can be sent to

Shop supervisor to retire from transportation department

John Engel, District Three Shop Supervisor, will officially retire from his position with the Kansas Department of Transportation on March 16, with almost 33 years of state service to his credit.

John oversees the equipment mechanics and the district shop in Norton.

Engel began his career with

the department in 1979 as an Equipment Operator I on the Norton Sub-Area.

His retirement plans include hunting, fishing, farming, camping, and prospecting for gold.

He and wife Sheila live in Norton

John's children are Ashley and Matthew.

www.enfieldfh.com. Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.



members responded in unison to

