

Attend Church Regularly

...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"True Love", by Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister, Norton Christian Church

This time of year almost naturally makes us begin to think about love more in depth. It's a time where we desire to show our affection to someone (it's also a time where card companies and flower stores make a lot of money!) We enjoy making little boxes for people to put things into, gifts to give someone, or cards to portray our deepest sentiments.

One year I decided to be smooth and plan out an extravagant Valentine's evening for my girlfriend at the time. I spent all day planning the event. I created a scavenger hunt around town (Norfolk, Neb.) that would have something special at each spot such as a flower or card or just a fun item like a Pez dispenser. This was designed to include her friends, so they could participate in the fun and gifts as well. Eventually the scavenger hunt led back to where I was, where we enjoyed ice cream

and played games throughout the night.

It was fun and special, but that relationship didn't last long. We often think of love as something that we

give, and though that may be partially true it is not the full picture and extent of true love. True love goes far beyond something that is given. True love is shown

by sacrifice. Over a year later she was in the hospital because of a miscarriage from a mistake she made months after we broke up. I drove two hours to see her at two o'clock in the morning. This was much more meaningful to her. It wasn't a romantic love. It was deeper. I sacrificed something for her. True love is sacrificial love. True love costs you something: that night it cost me both my pride and my sleep.

Two thousand years ago a man walked the earth and showed us what this means. He lived a life of sacrifice giving of Himself to everyone who needed Him. He died a sacrificial death, dying for the sins of us. He loves us that much! He has true and sacrificial love for you.

True love is sacrificial. So as a note to my beautiful current girlfriend (sucking up at it's best, fellas!) "I love you and I will go shopping with you on our next date and we can even watch a "chick flick".

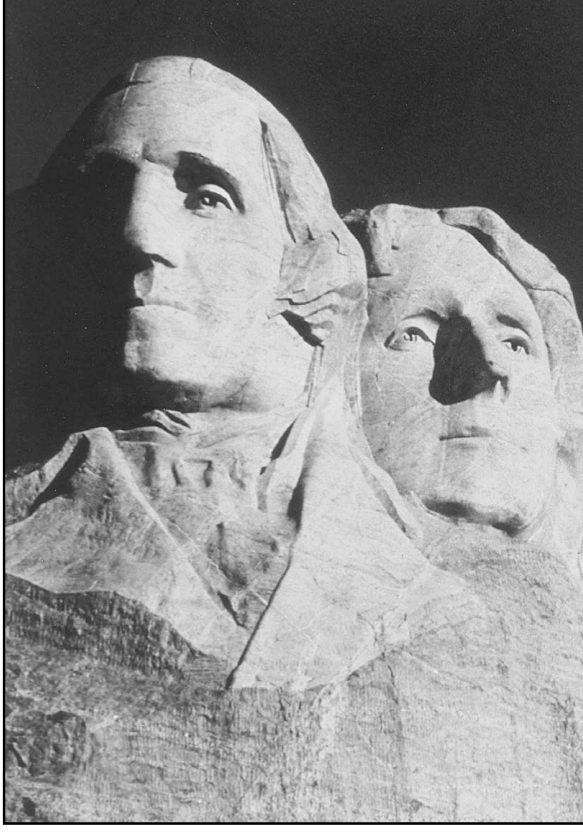
In Order to Form a More Perfect Union...

Each February as we remember the great leaders in our history, these words from the Constitution come to mind... "in order to form a more perfect union" through freedom from oppression.

George Washington recognized our need for freedom from British tyranny. A century later, Abraham Lincoln saw the need for freedom from slavery and the need for equality within our own nation. In God's word we read, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one..." (Galatians 3:28).

Throughout history our leaders have understood the need for equality and civil rights and the role we as a nation play in forming a better world through upholding freedom.

As you celebrate "Presidents' Day", exercise your freedom of religion and worship in your chosen house of worship. While you're there, pray for our leaders and for "a more perfect union."



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Psalm 34	Psalm 36	Psalm 62	Psalm 63	Psalm 91	Psalm 107	Psalm 138

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Rick Warren's book, "Working Together", continues to be very challenging for the study group at the Baptist-Christian Church. Approximately 50 percent of the congregation is engaged in this study. Likewise, Pastor Keith's sermon on Sunday morning is just as challenging as he enforces the same message.

Sunday dinner guest at the Allen Wilson home was his sister, Deb Cobb, of Cambridge.

Connie Holliday, Connie Wilson and Velma Holtze attended the piano concert at the Christian Church in Beaver City, Sunday. The pianist has taught music and Bible classes at the Nebraska Christian College at Norfolk for 40 years.

Virginia Rice spent a few days with her daughter, Sherri Anderson and family at Loomis, Neb.

Deaths

Harold Pahl

Harold Pahl, 90, of Redlands, Calif., died Jan. 5. He was born at Orafino, Neb., attended country schools in Furnas County. He graduated from Wilsonville High School in 1934. His dream was to become a doctor, so he began his education at Wesleyan. However, after two years he began teaching school. First in a country school near Cambridge, later teaching five years in Franklin. Here he met an English teacher, Velva Grace, who became his wife. Together, they went to Emerson, Neb., to teach. He had two big disappointments in life. One that he was not financially able to pursue a medical career and the other, because of a heart problem, he could not serve in the military in World War II.

Because of his wife's mother needing family help after her husband's death, the Pahls moved to Redlands in 1943. He became a civilian instructor at an air base at San Bernardino. Later, he became a certified audiologist and eventually opened Pahl's hearing Aid Service in 1946. He retired in 1987, at the age of 72 having suffered a stroke.

Besides his business, he and his wife were very active in the United Methodist Church. he worked with the youth and also in the Men's Fellowship on the state and

national level. he served as a lay minister, filling the pulpit for many ministers who were ill or out of town.

He lost his oldest daughter, who died in 2002. In 2004, his wife died. he is survived by one daughter, Doris Harrison, a brother, Hershel Pahl, and three sisters, Camilla Orvis, McCook, Phyllis Mitchell and Glenda Schultz of Setac, Wash. The memorial service was held Jan. 17 at the Methodist Church in Redlands.

John Ballou, Jr.

Another Wilsonville graduate with the class of 1940, John Ballou, Jr., died Jan. 21. he was born Oct. 20, 1922, to John and Helen (Colling) Ballou. He grew up on the family farm east of Wilsonville and this was home until "Uncle Sam" called. he served his country in World War II. He received his aeronautical engineering degree from Utah State University and for 40 years he was employed in the heavy implement, steel and construction business.

Johnny (as he was always called in the Wilsonville area) loved the simple things of life, such as spending time with family, returning to the Wilsonville area from his Utah home to hunt and visit his relatives. he was a great father, teaching his children the importance of hard work. He seemed to have a saying for every occasion, whether it be in teaching honesty, or any of the values that make for a good life. To his family and friends he always showed the brighter side of life with his genuine smile.

He is survived by his wife, June, who he had been married to for 65 years, his daughter, patty Houston, his sons, Rex and wife, Shouna, Robert and wife, Trenna, Michael and wife, Nancy, and Tom and his wife, Connie; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth and Clifford Pratt, Mary Lynne and Clarence Courtright. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Charles and Roger and a great-granddaughter, River May Ballou.

Funeral services were held Jan. 24 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Family attending were Brent and Coleen Ballou and Barry Ballou of Hastings. They returned Wednesday.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Gloria E. Jones

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Gloria E. Jones, Deceased.

Case No. 2006 PR 02
NOTICE OF HEARING
To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Robert E. Underwood, praying for a determination of descent of all property of the Decedent including the following described real estate situated in Norton County, Kansas to-wit:

The South Half (S/2) of the Lot Four (4), Block F, Hendricks Ad-

dition to Lenora, Kansas.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2006 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, of said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Robert E. Underwood, Petitioner
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Attorneys for Petitioner

Notice of Proposed Merger

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER

Notice is hereby given that First State Bank of Norton, Kansas, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to merge with the First National Bank of Hoxie, Kansas.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

at its regional office located at 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1200, Kansas City, Missouri 64108 not later than February 20, 2006. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

First State Bank
Norton, Kansas
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McMullen & Wyatt Auctions at 785-877-3299 or
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