

OBITUARY

Arlee Bethel

March 7, 2006

Arlee Bethel, died Tuesday, March 7, after being taken to the hospital on March 5.

He was born to Klee and Laura (Fisher) Bethel near Lebanon. He grew up on a farm and graduated from Danbury High School in 1950. Mr. Bethel served his country during the Korean Conflict.

In 1955, he was married to Sue Mares in Englewood Colo. They made their home in that area where he worked for Frontier Airlines until his retirement in 1994, when they moved to Wilsonville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Elsie Clarida. Survivors include his wife, Sue;

a son, Rick and Kelly of Wilsonville; a daughter, Kathy and Ron Christensen of Arvada, Colo.; two brothers, Harold of Aldie, Va., and Don and Judy of Lebanon; two sisters, Wilma Olson of Des Moines, Iowa, and Joyce Hicks of Texas; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service has been planned for 2 p.m. on Friday at the Wilsonville Baptist-Christian Church. The American Legion Post of Lebanon will have the military committal service. A private burial will be held at the Wilsonville Cemetery.



Kelsey Mordecai

Student sings in children's vocal choir

Kelsey Mordecai participated in the Kansas Choral Directors Association Children's Choir which was held on Feb. 24 in Wichita. This auditioned group had 200 singers in fifth through ninth grades (treble voices).

Fernando Malbar-Ruiz who is originally from Spain was the director. Mr. Malbar-Ruiz is participating in the doctoral program at the University of Illinois.

Kelsey said, "The rehearsals were tiring, but I had a fun time singing and hope to participate again in the future."

She is the daughter of Don and Cindy Mordecai, Norton.

Each family has collections unbeknown to others

Every family has another of my dust-free collections in their home, although they may not even realize it.

It's an informal grouping that is different in each household, requires no shelf space and either amuses or confuses outsiders. With no official name, establishment or organization, families speak in a code known only to the inner circle. You didn't know about that? Think about your own family as I relate a few of my favorites from family and friends.

My sister is a shopper extraordinaire plus she loves to give gifts. As a consequence I have been on the receiving end of her generosity many times. We are similar in taste so her gifts are usually big hits but on occasion, one has been a real miss.

One such gift was given to me when I was in high school. A very trendy look in 1956 was the concho belt and I was dying to have one. The ones on sale at the local dime store were too small for me so Ann went to great trouble to find and send me a beautiful hammered aluminum linked belt. It fit and I loved it but as aluminum will do, it gave under stress.

During silent study hall at school I sneezed and that belt flew to pieces all over a very large and quiet classroom that simply exploded with the laughter of friends and enemies alike.

Well, you can imagine I never wanted to see it again and thus the

Collector Chat Liza Deines



next time we made up a box for the Presbyterian rummage sale, in it went with no regrets. Unfortunately Ann came home for a weekend and wanted to see me wear the belt, which was long gone. I stammered and stalled but finally had to 'fess up.

She threw a fit and said "If you didn't like it, the least you could have done was offered it back to me — I loved it!" Nowadays when one of us gives the other a gift which was hard to part with, the unwrapping is preceded with "...and don't give this one to the Presbyterian rummage sale." Do you wonder it leaves new in-laws with a puzzled look?

Family language also got me in Dutch with David when he went away to college and referred to our divan. Apparently most people call that piece of furniture either a couch or a sofa. Who knew? Not us. He was even more embarrassed when he went to a kitchen wares store shopping for a "snoozler" with which to remove grease from a skillet. How was he to know ordinary folks referred to that kitchen tool as a turkey baster?

Even more fun was a couple of our acquaintance and her abbrevi-

viation code. He, while looking through the checkbook one month, inquired "Karen, who is this 'ESP' we pay every month? It's a different amount each time. Is that a book club or something?"

She turned pink and had to admit that when she didn't balance with the bank statement she just made it come out with an entry of "Error Some Place".

Karen was often put in an awkward spot when Ken brought unexpected company home for dinner. After a couple of bad episodes, they worked out a clue — Karen's famous "FHB roast or FHB potatoes" was known throughout their flock as "family hold back" so there'd be enough to serve unsuspecting guests.

Of course some codes were universal. In the good old days when underwear wasn't supposed to show every girl knew that "It's snowing down south" meant a zip trip to the restroom to hoist up slip straps so the lace on her petticoat didn't show beneath her skirt. Likewise, boys knew "Barn door's open" meant they'd forgotten to zip their fly. In the same vein "powdering your nose" had nothing to do with noses just as "seeing a man about a dog" had nothing to do with dogs.

COOK'S NOTE: While researching recipes recently I came across one for pickled moose nose. If you should have occasion to cook a moose nose, do call and I will share the details!

READERS

— PINOCCHLE Tournament, 7 p.m., Sunday, March 19, Norton American Legion. 3/14

Senior Equipment Operator David J. Hare with the Oberlin Sub-Area Office of the Kansas Department of Transportation retired on March 13. Mr. Hare began his career at the Oberlin office in 1981. He and his wife, Retta, have

three children: Janice Ebner, Joseph Hare and Katherine Wilkins, and seven grand children. He enjoys woodworking and leather crafting.

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m., American Legion. Members and guests. 3/14

'SHARE' deadline is Wednesday this month

The deadline for ordering the March Heartland SHARE food package is 5 p.m. on Wednesday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, March 25, at the Senior Center.

The March package contains 1 pound of John Morrell breakfast sausage, 1 pound Tyson chicken breast tenders, 9 ounces BBQ beef Lean Pockets, 2.33 pounds chicken roaster drums, 8 ounces Papa Luigi's Italian meatballs, 12 ounces bologna, 9 ounces Genoa hard salami, broccoli, lettuce, yellow onions, potatoes, avocados, Fuji apples, lemons, navel oranges, tangelos, and 1 pound egg noodles.

For \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive

the food for SHARE. You can order as many as you want.

You may also order a meat only package for \$11 plus one volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase your SHARE, you may order as many March specials as you want. Special No. 1 is Supper Sizzler Steaks. It includes three 6 ounce K.C. strips, three 6 ounce ribeye steaks, and four 6 ounce Del Monico steaks. Special No. 1 costs 15 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Special No. 2 is the Shrimp Lover's Special. It includes a 3 pound box of fully cooked, breaded butterfly shrimp. The tails have been taken off so there is no waste. Just heat and serve. Special No. 2 costs \$15 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Conference to offer tips for aging well

Older... and wiser, the saying goes.

"Full Circle... an Aging Expo" for residents in Northwest Kansas promises helpful — and healthful — tips on managing the aging process successfully.

The conference is for older adults, ages 55 and up, and for caregivers.

Identical sessions will be offered in Goodland on Thursday, April 27 and in Osborne on Friday, April 28.

The presentations and their session leaders will include:

- "Brain Blitz" focusing on the differences between more serious mental impairments and the memory lapses associated with the normal aging process — Donna Martinson, K-State Research and Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Geary County.
- "Identity Theft" — Ways to protect yourself from identity theft — Dean Reynoldson, Kansas Department of Revenue.

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



partment of Revenue.

• "Wellness and Aging" — Jeff Burnett, Fort Hays State University's Department of Health and Human Performance.

• "Take Steps to a Healthier You," focusing on foods that offer health benefits, as well as meet nutritional needs — Mary Higgins, K-State Extension Nutrition Specialist.

• "Talking to Each Other", with tips for communicating effectively with family and friends — Charlotte Shoup Olsen, K-State Extension Family Systems Specialist.

• "What to Know About Pre-

scription Drugs", with a review of pain medications and their use — Pharmacist Cesar Miller in Goodland and Dr. Barbara Brown in Osborne.

• "Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Counseling" — a 30-45 minute, confidential session with Glenna Clingsmith, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

At each location, sessions will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude with a wrap-up at 8 p.m.

Cost to attend is \$15 per person or \$25 for two family members for registrations paid before Wednesday, April 19.

The fee covers refreshments, a light supper and program materials.

Late registrations of \$20 per person and \$30 for two family members will be accepted, but the evening meal will not be guaranteed.

The Goodland conference will be at the First Christian Church.

Osborne's sessions will be in the Circle Inn.

Conference sponsors include Kansas State University Research and Extension — Northwest Area, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains, and the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University.

For registration or other information, interested persons may contact any Northwest Kansas County Extension Office. The Northwest Area Extension Office can be reached by phone at 785-462-6281, or visit <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwa/Block2FoodNutritionSafety.htm>, or e-mail ttwatts@oznet.ksu.edu

Junior KAYs go to Palco

AKAY unit conference in Palco, Feb. 15, was attended by 25 members of the Norton Junior High KAY Club.

Conferences bring the KAY clubs together to share projects and ideas. It is designed to focus on club leadership and to develop teamwork.

Activities the Norton club is involved with include running concession stands at home sporting events and league music festival; donation to hurricane relief fund; donated canned items to the Lions Club Christmas baskets; and sponsored an all-school dance.

Members attending the Palco conference were: Cole Archer,

Troy Bainter, Bill Broeckelman, Melissa Byler, Allie Corbin, Robert Derauf, Austine Dole, Dakota Dreher, Kendra Engelbert, Katie Gall, Marcus Herman, Emily Juenemann, Lacy Keilig, Landon Keiswetter, Kaid McKenna, Matt Miller, Meaghan Peterson, Casey Robison, Shelby Schaefer, Spencer Shirk, Dustyna Sprigg, Alyssa Thomson, Kegan Vanover, Bethany Winkel and Kaitlyn Wolf.

The group was accompanied by their sponsor, Lida Sharp.



MARKETS

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