

OBITUARIES

Viola L. Meier Nov. 7, 1918 - April 25, 2008

Viola Lavina Meier, 89, died at the Andbe Home, Norton, on Friday, April 25.

The daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Strecker) Schneider, she was born Nov. 7, 1918, in Bazine.

She grew up in Bazine and later Jetmore and Russell. She attended the Hodgeman County public schools.

On Nov. 24, 1937, she and William A. Meier were married in Russell. They moved to the farm northwest of Norton in 1945, where she and her husband farmed and raised their family. Following her husband's death on Nov. 14, 1966, she moved into Norton in 1967, where she lived until her death.

She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Ladies Country Club, Harmony Homemakers Extension Homemakers Unit, Willing Workers, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one infant daughter, Edna May, one infant granddaughter, Theresa

Meier, one grandson, William L. Meier, three brothers, Victor, Clarence, and John, two infant brothers, and three sisters, Ruth, Edna, and Helen.

Survivors include: two sons, George and Joan Meier, Oakland, Ma. and Dean and Colette Meier, Cocoa, Fla.; a daughter, Evelyn and Dean Sprigg, Norton; two brothers, Lloyd Schneider, Coffeyville and Ruben and Effie Schneider, Greeley, Colo.; four sisters, Elnora Schwen, La Crosse, Catherine and Marvin Barnes, Dodge City, Alta and Elmer Wiegand, Houston, Texas, and Amelia Grace and Arnold Michaelis, Russell; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the church and the Andbe Home. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Dental hygienist wins award



Julie Niles

Julie Niles, Cozad, Neb., was voted as Dental Hygienist of the Year for the state of Nebraska. She received her award Friday evening at a ceremony held at the Hilton Hotel, Omaha.

Mrs. Niles is the daughter of Melvin and Lavonne Juenemann, Norton. She graduated from Jennings High School in 1985 and from Johnson County Community College in 1987, where she earned her degree as a dental hygienist.

She and her husband, Brad, live south of Cozad with their three children.

Nothing says 'Spring' like asparagus

Missouri spring has been a tumultuous season thus far. Somehow, though, the combination of wet and chilly days, winds and occasional hail managed to combine with warm, sunny crispness to bring forth an amazing and almost overnight transformation. This week a drive through Shawnee Mission treated our group to flowering crab, redbuds and Bradford pear trees, bursting with blossoms and scenting the air with their sweetness. Golden forsythia, Japanese magnolias and pure white dogwood spread their glory far and wide. Daffodils, narcissus, hyacinths and tulips of every hue splashed color over yards where cascades of purple creeping phlox

Cook's Corner Liza Deines



delicious in their natural state, but both take to fancy flourishes as well. Here are two "spiffies", one for asparagus and another for strawberries.

FROM THE GARDENER: Asparagus season is short so harvest new stalks daily. Insert a sharp paring knife just under the surface of the soil and slice the stalk. Best when less than six to eight inches tall. Leave the spindly stalks to reseed.

Remember to water the asparagus bed with the salty water from the ice cream freezer — asparagus must have salt water to thrive. No ice cream freezer? Sprinkle rock salt along the row of asparagus before watering.

EMPORIA ESCALLOPED ASPARAGUS

(from a summer school friend)

One pound of fresh young asparagus, cut into one-inch segments
One big sweet red pepper, diced (save four nice rings for topping)

One can sliced bamboo shoots
One cup grated Cheddar cheese, save a bit for topping

One cup coarsely crushed Twigs snack crackers, save a bit for topping
Four eggs beaten with a cup of whole milk

Salt, pepper, and a little onion powder to your taste
Two hot hard boiled eggs, sliced

Combine asparagus, diced pepper, bamboo shoots, cheese and most of the cracker crumbs with seasonings, add beaten egg-milk mixture. Pour into a deep 9x13 pan. (It will puff up some, allow space.) Top with the four red pepper rings and remaining crumbs. Bake for 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees or until filling is set. Slice the hot hard boiled eggs. Choose the four prettiest slices and place inside the red pepper rings. Chop the rest very fine and sprinkle around corners. Sprinkle on remainder of shredded cheese. Can be used as a meatless meal if desired.

STRAWBERRIES IN GLORY

Meringue crust: Three egg whites beaten with one cup sugar and two teaspoons vinegar. Bake in a nine-inch glass pie plate at 300 degrees for one and a half hours. Cool. If desired this meringue may be made into individual shells by dropping it in blobs onto a cookie sheet and creating hollows with the back of a wet tablespoon before baking. One year Mama and a friend even formed these into heart-shaped meringue cups tinted pink for a very la-ti-da ladies' luncheon.

Filling: Three egg yolks, beaten with half a cup of sugar, one cup of milk, a tablespoon of flour, pinch of salt and a teaspoon vanilla. Cook in double boiler until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. Cool a bit, then stir half a cup of crushed, salted cashew nuts into this custard and pour it all into meringue crust. Cover generously with freshly sliced strawberries. Spread with whipped cream. Serve each piece with one whole cashew nut, curved around one whole strawberry and a sprig of fresh mint on top.

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.**

Vocal students from Norton Community High School and

Junior High will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium at East Campus. The concert will be under the direction of Valerie Leising.

ALMENA NEWS

By FLETA HANLON

Matthew George celebrated his sixth birthday April 19 with his classmates and family at Bantam Park. He is the son of Charlotte and Adam George, Almena.

Eldo and Laverne Graham flew to Blairsville, Ga., March 29 to visit their daughter, Pat, and husband, Dr. Mark Stallings. The highlight of the trip was being able to make the acquaintance of their 10-month-old great-granddaughter, Keirsten Jones, and three-month-old great-grandson, Hagen Glenn. They also visited Laverne's sister in Grain Valley, Mo., and their son, Kent and Cathy and great-grandson, Casey Bryson in Stockton, Mo. The Grahams returned to Almena April 19.

Don and Dixie Covington returned home from a nice long winter vacation after starting out on Jan. 14. They visited friends at Garden City then went to Apache Junction by way of Dalhart, Texas. They enjoyed the scenery. In Arizona, they stayed in an RV camper at the base of Superstition Mountain. They made side trips to Casa Grande Ruins, the St. Augustine Monastery and Mission San

Xavier De Bac. They even got to see the control room of the Titan Missile site. Don explained that the trip wasn't all fun — he did help his friends with repairs to their property. While in Tucson, they visited the wishing shrine in the Garden of Gethsemane. Watch next week for more travel details.

On the way home, they went by the copper and turquoise mines in Arizona. In Texas, they stopped to visit the Abilene Christian College. The last three weeks in March, they were able to visit all their kids and lots of friends in Arkansas. They had a great time and just got home in time for the April snow.

Gerald and Jackie Wilson celebrated his 70th birthday with an open house at the Almena Senior Center April 13. A good turn-out of local friends and neighbors enjoyed ice cream, cake and beverages. Out-of-town guests were Travis and Laquita Smith, Makayla and Jaden; Jeff and Michelle Armbrister, Norton; and David and Twila Wilson and children; and Alvin and Leanne Armbrister, Ellis.

Area youngsters invited to Kids Day at state park

The eighth annual Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day is planned to begin at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 3 at Prairie Dog State Park.

With financial assistance from sponsors Bass Pro Shops and Capitol Federal Federation, it is hoped that dozens of Norton area children will be able to enjoy a day of outdoor activities.

A fishing clinic will be sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County and Longspur Chapter of Pheasants Forever; an archery clinic will be sponsored

by the Norton Archery Club; and a trap shoot for youth 10 and over will be sponsored by the park and the Longspur Chapter. The park will also provide a laser hunting and shooting simulator.

All participants will receive a free t-shirt and be registered for additional prizes. They can also enter an OK Kids Picture contest for a chance to win a cash prize.

Anyone interested in sponsoring an event or helping the day of Kids Day should contact the park office at 877-2953.

Quilters will hold annual salad supper on May 7

The Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 7 at the Prairie Land Electric Meeting Room. All members are reminded to bring a salad for the Salad Supper.

The program feature will be a trunk show of art and embellished quilts by Janet Bamberger, Indianola, Neb.

There will be an election of officers and plans for the Summer Challenge will be announced. Dues for the next year will be

payable. Hostesses will be Cindy McMullen, Rhonda Mudloff, Mary Ann Hadley, Lavonne Juenemann and Lavon McCormack.

MARKETS

At close of business Apr. 28

Wheat.....	\$8.23
Milo	\$5.22
Corn.....	\$5.64
Soybeans	\$11.56

Students win at contest

Music students from Northern Valley High School attended State Solo and Small Ensemble Festival held at Stucky Middle School, Wichita, on Saturday, April 26.

Soloists receiving superior I ratings were: Brittney Braun, vocal; Travis Redeker, vocal; Alison Cole, alto saxophone; and Stanton Nelson, trombone, violin and vocal.

Those receiving II ratings included the Hi-Lighter Men and the Junior/Senior girls.

The Northern Valley music department is under the direction of Patricia David and Jeremy Wetter.

Women's club hears from florists

Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met April 7 at Garden Gate Floral in Norton. Owners, Lynn Ward and Ruby Pflieger, discussed their business and goals. They fulfilled a long time dream when they opened the shop two years ago. Their goal remains to provide the best product possible to their customers. Mrs. Ward explained the elements and principles of design. Mrs. Pflieger laughingly said they

have the reputation of trying to create nearly anything that a customer might want. Members were impressed by the wide variety of items for sale in the shop.

A lunch was served at the home of hostess Jean Skrdlant. Co-hostesses were Glenda Smith, Brenda Mann and Terry Hillman.

President Nan Smith conducted the business meeting with 22 members present. Julie Schrum was elected as the new vice-pres-

ident. It was unanimously decided to retain the other officers. They are: Nan Smith, president; Julie Thompson, secretary; and Virginia Will, treasurer. Money the Fun Way was won by Sandy Worden.

The next meeting will be the annual salad supper. It will be held at 5:30 p.m., May 5 at the home of Nancy Sebelius. Each member should bring a salad and table service.

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•May 22-Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
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