

# OBITUARY

## Vern B. Archer

March 6, 1909 - Dec. 20, 2003

Vern B. Archer, 94, Mill Creek, Wash., died Dec. 20, 2003, in Kirkland, Wash.

Mr. Archer was born March 6, 1909, in Densmore, the second of three children of Garfield and Adah Archer.

At 15, he met Ruth Blair at a church conference in western Kansas. He graduated from high school in 1926; from Central College in McPherson in 1928; and on June 12, 1929, he and Miss Blair were married. The depression had begun and the couple became the entire faculty in a school in Calvert.

Mr. Archer earned a degree in history and civics in 1937 from Seattle Pacific College and completed his master's degree from the University of Washington.

His career was cut short when his father died back in Kansas. The Archers returned to live in Almena.

In 1942 Mr. Archer enlisted in the Navy. During the first part of the war, his wife followed him all over the country. During World War II he was a quartermaster on an LST.

Returning from the war in late 1945, the Archers settled in Seattle where he became the secretary/treasurer of the 40,000 member Washington Education Association. He worked as director of field services and then as assistant ex-

ecutive secretary.

The Archers adopted a daughter, Randi Lynn. Ten months later Mrs. Archer gave birth to Mary Gail.

Over the next 25 years, Mr. Archer's professional work included advancements in WEA insurance and annuity programs, professional certification standards, code of ethics, performance standards and legislation for retirement benefits. He retired in 1971, a veteran of 43 years in education.

In 1984, his wife of 55 years, died of cancer.

He was a devoted Christian family man and civic leader. He enjoyed golfing, local and world travel, studying butterflies and spending time with his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his brother Glenn Archer.

Survivors include his daughters Randi Lynn Michalsky, Boulder, Colo.; Mary Halvarson, Kirkland; a sister Terressa Nelson, Seattle; and two granddaughters.

A memorial service was held Jan. 5, at the First Free Methodist Church in Seattle.

Memorial donations may be made to Seattle Pacific University (Vern B. Archer Media Center), 3307 3rd Ave. W, Seattle Wash., 98119 or First Free Methodist Church, 3200 3rd Ave. W, Seattle, Wash, 98119.

## 'SHARE' deadline is Thursday

The deadline for ordering the February Heartland SHARE food package is noon Thursday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Norton Senior Center.

The February Heartland SHARE food package contains one pound sausage patties, 12-ounces turkey breast, one-pound breaded salmon fillets, 12-ounces boneless chicken breasts, 14.5-ounces barbecue pork ribs, baby carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, apples, oranges, Texas grapefruit, red pears and lemon turnovers.

For \$17.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive the food or "SHARE" listed. You may order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only package for \$10.50 plus one additional volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE, you may order as many February specials as you want for \$15 plus one additional volunteer hour.

February's special is eight 8-ounce beef rib-eyes.

## Bluegrass band will perform

Scenic Roots, a family Bluegrass group, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The group is comprised of the Rogers family of Concordia, including Amber, 14, who plays fiddle, hammered dulcimer, banjo and mandolin and is lead singer; Erin, 16, who performs on mountain dulcimers and sings harmony, and Doug, (Dad), who plays guitar and sings.

Sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, this is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, 1-12. For information, call Mary Henzel (785) 475-3329.

## CORRECTION

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.



David Letterman (center) was surrounded by soldiers stationed in Baghdad, Iraq during a visit over the Christmas holidays. Standing to the right of Mr. Letterman is Pfc. Jason Brannan, 25, son of Tom and Cathy Brannan, Norton. Private Brannan, who is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Assault Squadron, has been stationed in the capital city since mid-August. He was able to get Mr. Letterman's autograph on a camera case. Brannan's father, Tom Brannan of Norton, said his son's plans include returning stateside the first of May and coming home to Kansas for some peace and quiet.

## Always tell stories behind collections

If you want your children and grandchildren to value your collections, be sure they know the stories behind them. Tell them again and again.

Even when they roll their eyes and say "I've heard that story a million times, Mom."

Some collectibles, it is true, are so valuable and fragile they must be kept in the china closet or on a high shelf for safety, especially if you have young children or indoor ball players. Some collections are your own enthusiasms, collected simply because they appeal to you.

A collection you may not even know you have, however, are those things handed down through the family and every one of those has some history to be told.

When Dad tells his son "Get me Grandpa's saw," while working on a project together, it's a perfect time to tell him how he and his father used to build birdhouses using that very saw.

When a daughter is setting the table for supper and automatically puts the cottage cheese in Aunt Mabel's blue bowl, that's an opportunity for Mom to tell her about eating homemade cottage cheese from that same bowl when she was a little girl visiting the farm.

Collector  
Chat  
Liza Deines



My family lost their home in a tornado in 1951, including almost everything in the kitchen cupboards. Since that time I have searched for and retrieved through auctions and shops some of the things I remember from those early days but the family history behind them is lost.

My children, however, do remember the things their grandmother kept house with even though they were all purchased after 1951. It's fun to overhear the little things they remember about these treasured dishes and the foods served in them. To this day they recall that Grandma always served yellow potato salad in the cobalt blue Fiesta bowl and the carrot-pineapple Jello that was always made in the bowl with the frosted grapes.

Many a collection today was

started with one piece that was a gift from a favorite relative or a friend. If you are in the process of trying to clean cupboards or window out a few things, consider passing them, along with their stories, to your children for a special birthday treat.

Has a neighbor child or one of your child's friends admired a pretty dish or cup and saucer? You might give them a happy memory and the start of a pleasant hobby. My first piece of glass came from one of Mama's friends and I still treasure it 55 years later.

So when you serve up the Thanksgiving cranberry sauce in the big glass bowl be sure the family hears that it was a wedding gift. Serve the apricot jam from that dear little jar with the ruffle and be sure they know it was on Grandma's table whenever there was company.

Any cake tastes better if you know that pink cake plate has held birthday cakes for the last 40 years. Even a truly humble dish can be special when served with a memory.

If you treasure it, tell the tale.

# READERS

**FIRST STATE BANK AND FIRST SECURITY BANK WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEB. 16 FOR PRESIDENTS DAY. 2/10**

Kary Harshbarger, Norton, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Friends University, Wichita.

Mid-Century Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 12 at the high school art room. Peggy Stull will present a demonstration of "Art".

**PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Norton American Legion. 2/10**

Shana Persinger, Norton, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2003 semester at Barton County Community College.

Connie Hafliager, has been hired by Nex-Tech, a subsidiary of Rural Telephone, as an administrative assistant in Hays. Mrs. Hafliager graduated from Cranford Busi-

ness College in Hutchinson and lives in WaKeeney with her husband, Mark, and their two children, Paige and Allie.

**Steak and seafood night, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 2/10**

Listed among the more than 250 Fort Hays State University students who received bachelor's and associate's degrees during the 2003 fall semester were: Michael Thompson, Almena; Rebecca Jo Feldt, Lenora; Amy Walker, Jennings; Jana Switzer, Logan; and Ryan Washburn and Travis Fredde, Norton.

## MARKETS

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Soybeans .....	\$7.90

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TIME: 7 a.m.-12 noon—(No Appointment Necessary)  
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