

OBITUARIES

Richard Engelhardt Sept. 30, 1942 - Aug. 23, 2009

Richard Engelhardt, son of Ernest Engelhardt and Lucile (Douk) Engelhardt, was born September 30, 1942 in Phillips County and passed away at the Norton County Hospital on August 23 at the age of 66.

He grew up in the Phillips County and Almena areas. He attended the Almena Grade School and graduated from the Almena High School.

He worked for the State of Kansas Department of Transportation for 35 years. He loved to go to garage sales and he collected vehicle hub caps.

Survivors include: His wife

Jane, of Norton, his son Kevin and wife Catherine Engelhardt, of Minneapolis, Mn; his daughter Pam and husband Mike Hornung, of Centennial, Colo.; one sister Ardith Berry of Danbury, Neb. and two grandchildren, Brittany and Tyler Hawk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, and father-in-law.

Services will be on August 26, 2009 at the Enfield Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be on August 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Enfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Garden tastes into fall

Home vegetable gardening rose from its long-time slump this year in a resounding resurgence of popularity that now can continue into fall.

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Some vegetables are simply better suited for harvesting in fall, rather than summer. Besides, fall gardening extends the growing season for those who love fresh-picked flavor. It's also a second chance for gardeners who missed some or all of spring's planting deadlines.

Perennial favorites for fall are cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower.

These cole crops are short-lived in spring. They quit producing as soon as summertime temperatures arrive.

They bolt -- go to seed. In contrast, planting cole crops in summer gets them off to a quick start. Then fall's cool weather promotes a long harvest of high-quality produce.

Other good planting options for fall gardens are snap beans, beets, Brussels sprouts, carrots, Chinese cabbage, Swiss chard, collards, bush-type cucumbers, endive, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, Bibb

lettuce, mustard, snow peas, Irish potatoes, radishes, spinach, summer squash and turnips.

Lettuce, snow pea and spinach seeds won't germinate well if soil temperature are 85 degrees or above. So, you may want to plant more of them, slightly deeper than you would in spring.

After planting, you also can shade the seed row with a light layer of mulch. That should help, too.

The following are other tricks that can foster fall gardening success:

Prepare by removing weeds and garden residues and then tilling or spading at least 6 to 8 inches deep. Consider incorporating 1 to 2 pounds of general analysis fertilizer (e.g., 12-12-12) per 100 square feet.

If you won't have time to maintain a consistent water supply, start with transplants, rather than seeds.

Seeded areas can form a hard crust that interferes with sprouting. Prevent crust's forming by applying a light layer of a vermiculite, compost or peat moss mulch over the seed row.

Seed potatoes showing the greatest tendency to sprout are best for fall. If you don't have some on hand, buy them from an organic grower. (Supermarket potatoes won't do. They're treated to inhibit sprouting.)

If you have further questions regarding fall gardening, e-mail twatts@ksu.edu.

First day jitters



Eisenhower Elementary Principal Corey Roy directed a student to the appropriate area on Friday. Eisenhower halls were crowded, but staff were on hand to direct the children to their teachers for the first day of school. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Hummingbird rescue remembered

Hummingbirds have been on my mind lately due to a series of coincidences this summer.

My bird loving son called the other day to tell me about the flock of hummers dining daily at the feeding tube on their front porch. Within hours I was visiting a new resident here who collects hummingbirds in all forms.

Her apartment practically resonates with all the figurines, paintings, sculptures, even a bedspread that features these tiny colorful creatures.

When I picked up The Telegram and saw the article about Mary Beth and Dick Boyd's wedding anniversary it called to mind a day one summer not too long ago when Mary Beth participated with us in a hummingbird rescue.

While many birds spend most of their waking hours searching for food to sustain life, the tiny hummingbird has the toughest task of all.

A hummingbird must consume its own body weight every day, obtaining the required 6,000 to 12,000 calories from nectar, sap or insects. Having no sense of smell, they locate food by color and shape.

If you want this winged visitor in your yard, plant red salvia, begonias, trumpet vine, day lilies and other cone shaped or tubular flowers to attract them.

"He's been up there quite awhile," LeRoy said. "And he keeps bashing his wings against the door mechanism. We've got to get him down before he damages his wings or dies from starvation.

Collector
Chat
Liza Deines



They have to eat continually to maintain their body weight, so he has to be hungry and weak by now," he said.

First we opened all three doors to the garage, hoping he would fly to the open air. Nope.

Then we tried pie pans full of sugar water at the openings, hoping the scent would draw him down. Nope. We learned later on that hummers have no sense of smell.

I'd heard they liked red so I went and got the hanging begonia basket from the front porch and set it in front of one of the open doors.

No luck. Our little pet was becoming ever more frantic but it was obvious he was tiring. Hummingbirds prefer to hover and this one would not stop to rest even for a few seconds.

We stood on the driveway, stumped.

At last I remembered that Mary Beth Boyd was an avid bird watcher, so I made a quick call for some fast advice.

Better than that, she came right over, bringing her visiting mother, Mrs. Brooks, along. "I hope you don't mind," she said. "Mother knows a lot about birds, too."

Mind? Hardly! Mrs. Brooks assessed the situation with a practiced eye and asked for a broom. Fortunately a shabby old broom I used to sweep the porch was close at hand.

While Mrs. Brooks wielded the broom, attempting to herd the wildly fluttering bird out of his self-imposed prison, he saw a unique opportunity and clutched onto the broom straws. Triumphant, she simply lifted him down and out onto the west

porch. He immediately flew to the peaked roof of the garage and perched there, undoubtedly with his tongue hanging out, resting and recovering.

We rejoiced over glasses of iced tea and a cookie or two, chattering of birds we had seen, known and loved, as bird watchers do.

As our human visitors departed we all enjoyed seeing what we hoped was our feathered visitor drinking deeply from the red geraniums in the barrels by the porch.

He hung around for several more days before continuing his journey south and we flattered ourselves that he was trying to thank us. Probably he just liked our geranium nectar.

Thanks, Mary Beth, for bringing your mother to the rescue of one tiny bird. And Happy Anniversary to you and Dick!

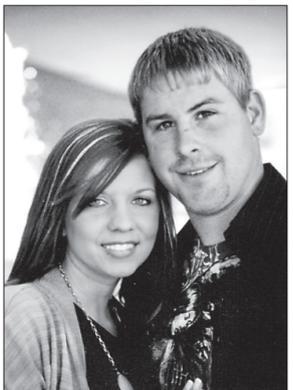
Area couple plans wedding

Steve and Deb Persinger, Marla Persinger and Tim Kelly, all of Norton, are proud to tell of the engagement of their daughter Shana Persinger to Ryan Gerhardt, son of Gerald and Patty Gerhardt, Hays, and Kristy and Lloyd Scheck, Great Bend.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 2007 graduate of Fort Hays State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree. She is employed by CPI Qualified Plan Consultants in Great Bend as a payroll administrator.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Hoisington High School. He is employed as a truck driver by Rainbow Trucking in Great Bend.

The wedding is planned for



Shana Persinger and Ryan Gerhardt

Sept. 19 at First Christian Church in Great Bend.

FYI

Duplicate Bridge met at the Norton Manor. First place was won by Jackie Porter and Joyce Sumner and second place went to Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges.

Jean Johnson has returned home following surgery in Denver. She is recovering well.

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