



– Jaynell Matzek –

## She searches for time to help others with their needs

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For 31 years patrons of Norton's Rainbow Lanes have been taken care of by Jaynell Matzek. She started at the bowling alley in 1981 and this is just her part time job. Jaynell is a Home Health Care Aide with Jill's Helping Hands.

In 1963, she and her husband, Gene, moved to Norton from Great Bend. Gene had secured a position with Ideal Truck Lines.

Jaynell was employed at the Andbe Home in the late 1960's until her children needed her to be home. She operated a Day Care out of her home when her children were small. She became a cook at Eisenhower Elementary in the 70's.

In 1987, Jaynell went to work for Social and Rehab Services (SRS) and Norton County Health Department as a Home Health Aide. In January, 1997, the program was privatized and she took employment with Jill's Helping Hands. With Jill's Helping Hands she maintains the care for home bound clients. Organizations like Jill's Helping Hand ensures that some disabled and elderly clients remain in their home and out of nursing homes.

"My day starts at 5:30 a.m. and with the

bowling alley it may not end until 11 p.m." said Ms. Matzek.

Jaynell is on the Norton Citizens Aide Residents with Essential Services (CARES) Board and is a volunteer driver when her time permits. Norton CARES provides friendly visiting, daily or weekly phone calls, letter writing or bill paying help, respite care and transportation to the doctor, hairdresser, church and dentist. There is no charge for this service.

She was a substitute driver for the public transportation bus from 2006 to 2010.

"When my job (with Jill's) went from afternoons to mornings, I had to give up the bus. They needed someone that could be available at all times." said Jaynell.

Jaynell has volunteered her time at the bowling alley for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Bowl for Kid's Sake.

In her spare time she volunteers at the Norton Senior Center.

Jaynell is a member of Crossroads Church. She has four children, Steve, Oakley; Rick, Kearney; Bryan, Woodward, Okla.; K.K., Overland Park and a step-daughter, Kay, Phoenix, Ariz. She has 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Gene, died in Dec. of 2005, they were married for 46 years.

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Pictured from left to right, front row: Cheryl Meyers, Lisa Henderson, Valerie Wagoner, Becky Graham and Karen Wright (holding the company dog, Tootsie); back row: Diana Smith, Sharon Batson, Robin Akins, Pam Harper, Linda Becker and Sandy Kaiser.

Not pictured: Cheryl Farr and Stephanie Cookson.

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