Special Occasions

Happy 95th Birthday Eveline Bauer

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Happy 80th Wedding Anniversary Arne and Esther Larsen

Celebrating a special 80th anniversary in honor of Arne and Esther Larsen. An open house will be held on Saturday, December 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Courtyard Terrace in Hebron.

Esther Nielsen and Arne Larsen were married on December 23, 1934 at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Abdel, NE.

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The Hebron Journal-Register invites you to share your special occasion announcements with our readers. Contact us at hebronjr@windstream.net or 402-768-6602 for more information. There is a fee associated with published announcements.

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Hebron Senior Diners

Monday, December 15: Sloppy joes on a bun, tator curls, corn, chunky fruit. *Fairbury trip.*

Tuesday, December 16: Beef fritter, scalloped potatoes, garden veggies, brownie. *Bingo.*

Wednesday, December 17: Ham and bean soup, corn muffin, celery sticks, peach half with cottage cheese.

Thursday, December 18: Chicken cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, roll, birthday cake. *Music.*

Friday, December 19: Waffles at 8:30 a.m.; Tuna and noodle casserole, peas, crescent roll, sweet dark cherries. *Bingo*

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Card of Thanks

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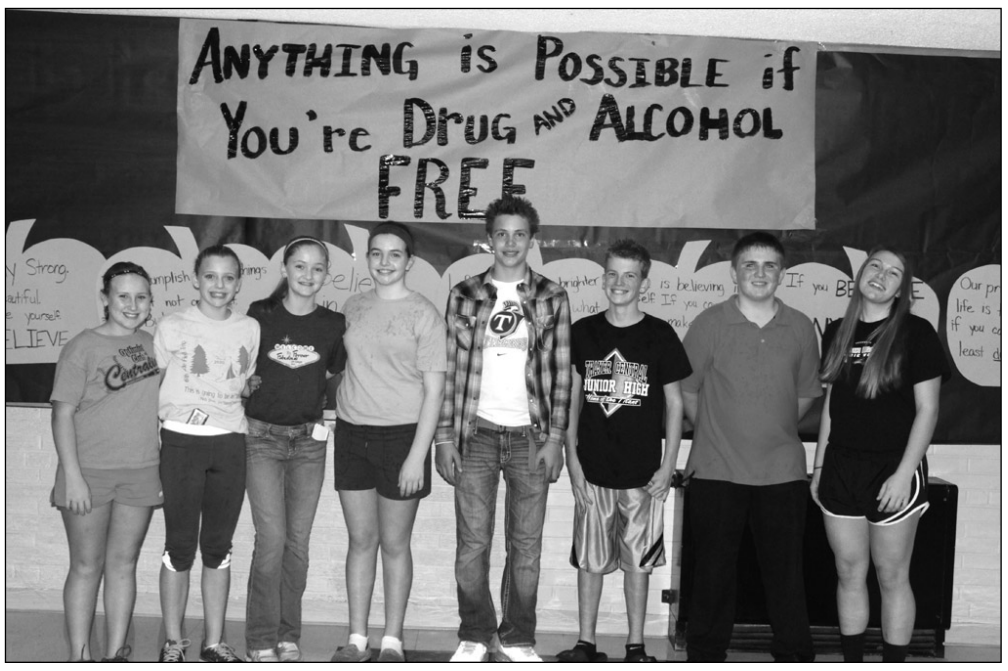

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Red Ribbon Week...

Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition (TCHCC) members from Thayer Central junior high decorated the front lobby of their school for Red Ribbon Week. To coordinate with their Red Ribbon Week motto, "Believe in Yourself to be Drug and Alcohol Free," the students decided to create a pumpkin patch with inspirational messages to encourage everyone to be part of their drug free patch. The students also created messages on the front doors of the schools and mirror messages in the bathrooms. Jana Tietjen is the Youth Coordinator for the group.

Courtesy Photo

Staying focused on important things...

Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition (TCHCC) members pose for a picture with Boys Town football coach Kevin Kush after he spoke for all the high school students from Thayer Central and all the junior high and high school students from Bruning/Davenport. Coach Kush spoke to the students about the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity that is given to you and how to make the most of every day. He also encouraged the students to make goals so they could stay focused on what is important in life. TCHCC is a youth driven organization that encourages all students to make good decisions and is lead by Youth Coordinator Jana Tietjen.

Courtesy Photo

Lung Cancer Awareness Month...

Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition (TCHCC) members from Thayer Central Junior High created luminaries for Lung Cancer Awareness Month to go with the 2014 theme, "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer." The luminaries featured smoking facts and lung cancer statistics to bring awareness to the public about this deadly disease. The students placed the luminary bags outside their school for a junior high basketball game and wrestling tournament.

Courtesy Photo

Smoke Free Campus...

A few members from the Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition and Youth Coordinator Jana Tietjen present new signs to Thayer Central Superintendent Drew Harris to bring awareness to students, parents, and fans that tobacco products of any kind and e-cigarettes are not allowed in school buildings or at the athletic field. By next year, the school will be a Smoke Free Campus.

Herta Drake

Herta Drake of Hebron, the daughter of Heinrich and Paula (Bechtold) Wiess, was born October 8, 1940, in Beschka, Yugoslavia. She departed this life on December 7, 2014, at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, at the age of 74 years.

Services are pending at Hebron Memorial Funeral Home in Hebron.

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* ALEXANDRIA *

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* BELVIDERE *

BELVIDERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Eldon and MaryBeth Nicholson, Pastor
Sunday, December 14: Worship, 9 a.m., "Let the Light Shine."; Lighting of the third Advent candle; Sacrament of Holy Communion.

* BETHEL *

BETHEL CHURCH
Jim Hubble, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* BRUNING *

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Stuart Sell, Pastor
Sunday, December 14: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, December 17: Confirmation class.

UNITED METHODIST
Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* BYRON *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
See St. Paul, Byron.

* CARLETON *

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

* CHESTER *

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.

* DAVENPORT *

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN
Kristen Van Stee, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ron Shields, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN
Patrick Flynn, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST
Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* DESHLER *

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN
George Lautner, Pastor
Wednesday, December 10: Advent service, 7 p.m.
Friday, December 12: Meadowlark Heights Bible study, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study, 1 p.m.
Saturday, December 13: Men's fellowship breakfast, 7 a.m.
Sunday, December 14: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 16: Ladies Bible study, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17: Advent service, 7 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN
Phillip Nielsen, Pastor
Wednesday, December 10: First through eighth grade program practice, 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 13: Holy Communion, 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 14: Sunday School program practice, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School for all, 9 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Madowlark Heights Communion, 3 p.m.
Monday, December 15: Parkview Haven Communion, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 17: First through eighth grade program practice, 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.; Peace choir to Parkview Haven, 6 p.m.; Soup and fellowship, 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.; Caroling party, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN
Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, December 10: Midweek confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Bells, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 8 p.m.
Thursday, December 11: DLS chapel led by grades 3 and 4, 9:15 a.m.
Friday, December 12: Bulletin folders, 1 p.m.
Saturday, December 13: Cookie walk at DLS, 8 a.m.
Sunday, December 14: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School and Budget and Election meeting, 10:45 a.m.; Thayer County Sacred Chorale Concert, 7 p.m.
Monday, December 15: DLS board, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16: Christmas LLL meeting, 7 a.m.
Wednesday, December 17: Midweek confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Bells, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 8 p.m.
Thursday, December 18: DLS chapel, 9:15 a.m.; January newsletter deadline.

* FRIEDENSAU *

TRINITY LUTHERAN
B. J. Fouts, Pastor
Wednesday, December 10: Advent supper for camperships, 6:15 p.m.; Advent service, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, December 11: DLS chapel by grades three and four, 9:15 a.m.; Women's Bible study at Ruskin, 10 a.m.
Saturday, December 13: Lectionary Bible study, 7:30 a.m.; Cookie walk at DLS, 8 a.m.
Sunday, December 14: Worship service, 10 a.m.; Bible class and program practice, 11:15 a.m.; TGIF, 12 p.m.; Council meeting, 2 p.m.; Voters' meeting, 3 p.m.
Monday, December 15: DLS school board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16: Vicarage meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 17: Parkview Haven Communion, 2:30 p.m.; Parkview Haven Chapel, 3 p.m.; Advent supper for NYG, 6:15 p.m.; Advent service, 7:15 p.m.

* GILEAD *

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Connie Raess, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

* HARDY *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Interim Pastor Tom Miller
See St. Paul, Byron
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* HEBRON *

FAITH LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Steve Speichinger, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, 6:45 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Connie Stone, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Keith Brozek, Pastor
Wednesday, December 10: Children's Christmas practice, 2:30 p.m.; Women of the ELCA Christmas soup supper, 6 p.m.; Administrative council meeting, 8 p.m.
Thursday, December 11: Ministerial, 11:30 a.m.
Friday, December 12: Men of Grace breakfast at Mary's Cafe, 6:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 6: Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 7: Worship, Children's program, coffee fellowship, Bible study, 9 a.m.

HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST
Mark Baldwin, Pastor
Sundays: Worship at Chester, 11 a.m.; Worship at Hebron, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, Chester, 9:30 a.m.; Hebron, 10:15 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Darrell Sutton, Pastor
Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.
Sundays: Worship, 3 p.m.; Sunday School, 2 p.m.; first and third Sundays of month.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY
Mike Hood, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor
Saturday, December 6: Mass, 6 p.m.
Sunday, December 7: Choir, 8:30 a.m.; Mass, 10 a.m.

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH
Jeff Friesen, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Pioneer Club, 6:30 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Prayer time, 9 a.m.

* HUBBELL *

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 8 a.m.

* OAK *

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Keith Brich, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.
Fridays: Women's Bible study, 2 p.m.
First Saturday: Men's breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

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Obituaries

Alberta Bruning

Alberta June (Schweitzer) Bruning was born near Carleton, to Lloyd and Katie (Springer) Schweitzer on June 23, 1922. As a young girl, she was raised near Carleton. She was the first born in the family. After spending the last six years of her life at Blue Valley Nursing Home in Hebron, she peacefully passed away on December 1, 2014, at the age of 92.

Alberta attended country school through the eighth grade, at which time she helped out with the family. She also worked at London Hardware Store and J. C. Penney Store.

Alberta's sister Vera and her husband Reub Lichti lived in Bruning next door to Paul Bruning and his mother. Vera introduced Alberta to Paul, and they were married March 5, 1952. In September of 1954, Paul and Alberta welcomed their son, Douglas Paul.

Paul and Alberta lived on the family farm until 1971, at which time they moved to Bruning.

After Doug started school, Alberta was asked to come to work at the school as a cook. She was a school cook in Bruning for over 25 years. This gave her the opportunity to do what she loved-cook and bake.

In 1969, she also began cleaning the bank in Bruning and continued to do this through all the additions and remodels. She always got worried when Frank walked through the bank with a yardstick, thinking he was going to do another remodel or addition--more dust to clean.

Alberta attended Salem Mennonite Church growing up and joined the United Methodist Church in Bruning after her marriage. She was a member of Durham-Mammen Legion Auxiliary, Bruning United Methodist Women, VFW Auxiliary, Thayer County Historical Society and enjoyed playing cards with the Chit Chat Club in Bruning.

Alberta enjoyed quilting with her friends-and especially making and enjoying lunch with the quilters. Both of her granddaughters were presented with quilts made by grandma for their wedding gift.

Everyone in Bruning knew Alberta was a great cook-especially her "famous" doughnuts! She loved to bake and share what she had made, especially with the staff at the bank in Bruning. She also loved to entertain family and friends.

Her granddaughters were her greatest joy. Michelle didn't have an interest in grandma teaching her how to bake, but Maggie would put on her apron and help grandma make doughnuts, cakes, cookies, pies or whatever else she was making when she was visiting at grandma's. She also had the girls help her with her garden. Her garden harvest was always enough for her to can several jars of vegetables, especially dill pickles, with plenty left over to share.

Alberta is preceded in death by her husband Paul of 44 years; sisters, Bernetta Swartzendruber and Betty Kennel; brothers, Everett Schweitzer and Edward Schweitzer; brothers-in-law, Reuben Lichti, Virgil Swartzendruber, Donald Roth and Robert Kremer; and sister-in-law, Marcia Schweitzer.

She is survived by her son Doug and wife Janelle of Bruning; granddaughters, Michelle (Jason) Paulk and Maggie (Justin) Jiskra, all of Lincoln; great-granddaughters, Emma June Jiskra, Caitlin Lucia Paulk and Skylar Quinn Paulk, all of Lincoln; sisters, Vera Lichti of Geneva, Marge Kremer of Omaha and Mary (Jerry) Stutzman of Phoenix, Ariz.; brothers, Clint (Marilyn) Schweitzer of Geneva, Galen (Joan) Schweitzer of Lincoln, Nick (Kit) Schweitzer of Fort Wayne, Ind., Ron (Judy) Schweitzer of Auburn, Ind., and John (Diane) Schweitzer of Lincoln; and nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning on December 5, with Pastor Stuart Sell and Pastor Mike Anderson officiating. Myra Kluck accompanied the congregational hymns "Just As I Am" and "Blessed Assurance." Employees of Bruning State Bank sang "I'll Fly Away."

Pallbearers were Fred Bruning, John Schweitzer, Larry Olson, Max Hinrichs, Jerry Catlett, Justin Jiskra, Jason Paulk and Bill Swartzendruber.

Honorary pallbearers are Frank Bruning, Ron Schweitzer, Nick Schweitzer, Galen Schweitzer, Clint Schweitzer and Wayne Kennel.

Interment was in the Bruning Public Cemetery in Bruning with Farmer and Son in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are directed to Bruning Community Foundation, Bruning Library and Foundation for Blue Valley Lutheran Home.

Robert Hayes

Robert Duane Hayes passed away quietly on Nov. 27, 2014, at The Villages Regional Hospital. Robert, or Bob as he was known to by his friends and family, the second son of Lester and Louise Hayes was born in Hebron and grew up on a farm near Chester.

Bob graduated from Chester High School in 1951 at the age of 16. After enlisting in the army, he married Norma Naysmith on May 24, 1954.

During his Army service, Bob was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. His military service included teaching at the Ordinance Guided Missile School. His knowledge and proficiency in rocketry and electronics enabled Bob to work various positions in the electronics field and space program.

At NASA, Bob helped develop the telemetry system for Project Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. He also did early work at SAC on the radar beacon for the B-58 Hustler Bomber. Later career work included designing an early digital telephone switch for Stromberg Carlson, which he holds a U.S. patent for, as well as Bar Code Scanners and Mag stripe encoding used on credit cards.

His experience in electronics enabled him to start his own company, Advanced Micro Technology. His company designed and developed energy management systems for Tyson Foods, Kraft Foods and various other food processing plants.

With his work on the space program and after, Bob travelled to all 50 states and abroad and lived in Nebraska, Kansas, Alabama, California, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, Maryland, and finally in Florida from 1969, where he and Norma have resided in the city of Winter Springs.

He is survived by his wife, Norma of 60 years. Their children, Sheryl Hayes-Pupko(Richard), Brenda Hayes Brown (Rick), and Randal (Lauren) Hayes; grandchildren, Andrew (Monica) Shinn, Allyson Hayes and Carly Hayes; step-grandchildren, Justin, Sean and Brendan Brown; and great grandchildren, Jack Brown and Haylee Brown; brothers, Harold Hayes and family and Cecil Hayes and family; and sister, Marjorie Darlene (Hayes) Everhart and family.

Bob was inventive and talented. His expertise on computers was well known and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Graveside services were held on December 6, at Chester Cemetery, Chester, and were conducted by Pastor Mark Baldwin.

Interment was in Chester Cemetery, Chester.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Chester, was in charge of arrangements.

Thayer County ECAP Results Summary

Thayer County online Discovery Tool results were announced at the ECAP (Entrepreneurial Communities Activation Process) meeting held at the Bruning Opera House. The results of what friends and neighbors believe are categorized according to the eight Entrepreneurial Community Characteristics found to be necessary for communities to be innovative and supportive of entrepreneurs and small businesses. The eight Characteristics are Community Vision; Sense of Place; Infrastructure; Digitally Connected; Education and Workforce IQ; Entrepreneurial Support Systems; Culture of Change and Leadership.

When asked about the community strengths, "Sense of Community" is an over-arching phrase that can describe the themes identified by many. People are assets of the county; there is community support/care; community pride; and strong work ethic/working together are themes that Thayer County residents expressed.

84% of respondents believe that their county/community has a moderate to strong identify and 75% of residents believe the county has moderate to strong pride in where they live. One comment stated that Thayer County has a lot of potential to grow, and is composed people that are assets to the community.

Many of the respondents indicated that the county had only a little or did not have at all a shared vision (52%), or goals to accomplish a vision for the future (52%), or create opportunities for diverse involvement of visioning and planning for the future (65%).

The first two ECAP meetings developed a strong foundation for working together and understanding of where we are now. One survey comment, "Collaboration would be wonderful if we can get citizens to come together and share ideas and talents" is a great invitation for you to become engaged. On Wednesday, January 7, 2015 join the ECAP County Conversation to develop a plan of action for a stronger Thayer County. Come to the Thayer County Fairgrounds Conference Room in Deshler at 7:00 p.m.

Obituaries

William Nystrom

William Carl Nystrom of Lincoln, formerly Hebron, the son of Carl and Shirley (Jestes) Nystrom, was born June 8, 1937, in Hebron. He departed this life on December 1, 2014, at Tabitha Health Care Services in Lincoln, at the age of 77 years.

Bill grew up on a farm and attended country school at District 79 near Alexandria and graduated from Belvidere High School with the class of 1954.

After graduation Bill moved to Lincoln working at Common Wealth Electric Company, Cushman of Lincoln, then moving to Milwaukee, Wisc., and working for Evinrude Motors, then venturing to California where he worked as an Experimental Mechanical Technician for Varian Associates. Upon retiring, they moved back to Lincoln, but also kept a summer home in Hebron to stay in touch with friends.

William Carl Nystrom married Evelyn Walker on October 28, 1956, at the Christian Church in Belvidere. This union was blessed with the birth of two children.

Bill liked spending time outside just admiring God's great country, spending time with friends, but most of all his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, infant son, and daughter, Jacqueline Castner.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Evelyn of Lincoln; son-in-law, John Castner of San Jose, Calif.; aunt, Marge Nystrom of Hebron; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held December 6, at The United Church Of Christ in Belvidere. Officiants Pastors Eldon and Mary Beth Nicholson, organist and pianist were Ila Currey and Linda Dudgeon. Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Joy To The World.

Burial will be in the Hebron City Cemetery.

Memorials are directed to the church or Country House, 6616 South 84th, St. Lincoln, NE 68516.

Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com.

Hebron Memorial Funeral Home of Hebron is in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Seifert

Arlene Virginia (Keeler) Seifert of rural Clyde-Clifton, Kansas area, passed away Saturday, December 6, 2014, at the Republic County Hospital, Belleville, Kan., at the age of 95 years. She was born April 4, 1919, to August Carl and Clara Elizabeth (Fredericksen) Avers near Davenport, the eighth of nine children.

She attended the Davenport school graduating the eighth grade. She was unable to finish high school due to having to work at home.

She became good friends with her neighbor Waunita Keeler and three years later married her brother, Lowell, on January 23, 1938. They lived with her parents until their son Gordon was born. Arlene and Lowell moved to their own home nearby and in 1946 their son Valdon was born.

As a family they enjoyed going to the Belleville, Kan., fair, 4th of July celebrations, free town movies, and even a trip to the Black Hills and Kemmer, Wyo.

On January 30, 1985, Lowell suddenly died. A week later Arlene was visiting her son and her home and all of her belongings were lost to a fire. She moved to a trailer home in Davenport and lived there until August 21, 1993, when she married Dean Leon Seifert, whose wife had died in 1991.

They moved to Dean's farm in the Brantford area and were involved in the farming operation. When Dean's brother, the other half of the farming operation, died they had a farm sale and retired.

Arlene loved to quilt and go to garage sales. She and Dean soon began to travel to various flea markets as vendors. They traveled to Fairbury, Hastings, Marysville, and even Salina. Arlene sold her quilts to those in nine different states and over 100 for the World Relief Organization. As her eyes were failing she gave up quilting, but took up bingo. They traveled to many communities playing Bingo and she even won several large jackpots. Arlene's back injury and failing hearing eventually led to giving up her Bingo games.

She was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church of Davenport. Arlene was a very hard worker throughout the years and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Although she lost her husband, home, grandson, two sons, a daughter-in-law, and her hearing and her spirits were shattered, Arlene carried on, never complaining, only occasionally asking why me?

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lowell; sons, Gordon and Valdon; grandson, Danny; daughter-in-law, Shirley; sisters, Gladys, Orva, Friedline and Bernice; and brothers, Roy, Alvie, Burdette, and Merle.

She will be forever remembered by her husband of 21 years, Dean; grandchildren, Paige (Jeff) Bridges of Littleton, Colo., Brenda (Ron Smidt) Keeler of Lincoln, Kelly Brandt, Jeff (Lori) Keeler of Glenville, Michael Keeler and Brandon (Joni) Keeler of Lincoln; 15 great grandchildren; step-daughter-in-law, Joyce (Charles) Jones of Hickman, and their daughter Tina (Daniel) Carsinton of Lincoln; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held December 10, at Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport, with Pastor Kristen VanStee officiating.

Burial was in Davenport City Cemetery.

Memorials are directed to the Church or Republic County Hospital.

Urbauer-Price Funeral Home of Davenport and Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home of Belleville, Kan., were in charge of these arrangements.

Bill Svoboda

Bill Svoboda, long-time Hebron resident and businessman, died in Lincoln, where he had resided for 27 years, on December 3, 2014.

Born in Blue Springs, Bill grew up in Thayer County, living with his parents, William and Velda Svoboda, in the communities of Carleton, Bruning and later, Hebron, where Bill graduated from Hebron High School in 1942.

He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and served through 1945 as a 2nd Lt., with the rating of Bombardier-Navigator- Co-pilot. His unit was ready to leave for the Pacific arena when the war ended.

Bill attended Doane College, later managing several Hested stores in Nebraska before returning to Hebron in 1945, establishing a real estate, insurance and investment office as well as being a well-known auctioneer. Also, he was a real estate broker for over 60 years and owned D&S Lumber in Hebron.

Bill was the first president and organizer of the Hebron Jaycees in 1952, also serving on the City Council, president of the Rotary Club, and Commander of the Saxton American Legion Post. He was a past chair of the Hebron Methodist Church, a youth leader with his wife, Kathie, and a Sunday school teacher.

Before moving to Fayetteville, Ark., the Svobodas were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron.

From Fayetteville, Bill and Kathie relocated to Lincoln in 1987, where Bill was co-owner of Century 21 Home and Farm Realty.

Through the years, Bill was primarily a family man, loving and guiding his six children, supporting them at all their activities and on through their lives until his death.

Mourning the loss of his presence are his wife, Kathleen; daughters, Deborah of San Francisco, Calif., Sally of Atlantic Beach, Fla., Nancy of Lincoln, Barbara and husband Steven Fierro of Seattle, Wash., and Stacey Svoboda Tittle of Dallas, Texas; son, Scott and daughter-in-law Jan Enstrom of Lincoln; and loving grandchildren, Alexandra Svoboda of Denver, Colo., Patrick Godfrey of Atlantic Beach, Nicholaus Svoboda of Lincoln, Hannah Ledford of Washington, D.C., Kathleen Godfrey of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Natalia Ledford of Zela, Guatemala, Markus Svoboda and William Ledford of Lincoln, Jackson Tittle and Molly Tittle of Dallas.

Services were held December 5 at Friedensau Lutheran Church with burial at Wyuka Cemetery.

Pallbearers were four of his grandsons and Daniel Russell and Josh Ferdinand.

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Obituaries

Shari Westwood

Shari Ann Westwood was born to Dale Arnold Schropfer and Leota Bertha Nelson on March 2, 1961, at Geneva, and passed away on November 30, 2014, at Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, at the age of 53 years, eight months, 28 days. She was one of six children in the family.

Shari graduated from Ohiowa High School. After high school, Shari married Dale Turner in Geneva on July 14, 1979. To this union two sons were born. On June 1, 2002, Shari married John Westwood in Milligan.

Shari started young at life by working hard to provide for her family by doing several jobs. Shari worked at Fillmore County Hospital from 1981-1987. From there, she went on to drive the school bus for Geneva Public Schools and cleaned houses. Shari took much pride in keeping her home, as well as many other homes in the community clean.

Shari enjoyed getting the kids to and from school and their school events as their bus driver. After that, she worked at the Fillmore County Department of Roads where she operated heavy equipment and helped with the development of county roads and ditches.

In 2000, Shari lived her dream of being a pen rider at Gottsch Feed Yard in Red Cloud. She worked for five years before having the chance to pen ride at the prominent Cactus Feeders in Ulysses, Kan. One of the duties she enjoyed the most at Cactus Feeders was helping doctor the animals.

After Shari's pen riding accident in 2005, Shari decided it was time to move back home to be closer to her family. In 2007, Shari went to work at Mid-America Feed Yard in Ohiowa, where she was currently a member of the field crew.

Shari enjoyed her years as an EMT for the Geneva Volunteer Rescue Squad, volunteering her time for nearly 15 years.

Shari also always enjoyed cheering her boys on with everything they did in life. Shari's biggest treasures in her life were her two boys and her grandkids that she loved dearly. Family and friends were always high on her spectrum of life. Shari enjoyed her life with her husband John at their new home and porch on a farm in Ohiowa where she proudly raised her five horses, two dogs, and flowers.

Shari is preceded in death by her parents, Dale A. Schropfer and Leota B. Nelson.

She is survived by her husband, John Westwood of Ohiowa; sons, Josh (Valerie) Turner and Shad Turner all of Geneva; grandchildren, Jackson, Sarah, Zachary Turner and Emily Turner, all of Geneva. Shari is also survived by her sisters, Kathy (Mike) Hudson of Belvidere, Judy (Louis) Schweer of Beatrice, Debbie (Bob) Theye of Geneva, Tammy Hoffman of Hebron, Janie Schropfer of Deshler; uncle, Len Schropfer of Milligan; aunt, Jean (Don) Molde of Reno, Nev.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Shari were held on December 5, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohiowa. Pastor James Sells officiated the services. The recorded music "When I Get Where I'm Going," "Cowgirls Don't Cry," and "Go Rest High On That Mountain" were played during the service.

Pallbearers for the service included Sam Hogue, Chad Bumgarner, J.D. Korbelik, Mitch Ozenbaugh, Gary Nunns, and Ralph Graham.

Honorary bearers included grandchildren Jackson, Sarah, Zachary and Emily Turner.

Interment was held in the Ohiowa Public Cemetery following the funeral service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services.

Memorials are directed to the Ohiowa Rescue Unit and Geneva Rescue Unit.

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