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## Breast cancer more than just a pink ribbon

by Tessa Burgener

October is breast cancer awareness month, but it is about so much more than NFL players sporting pink shoes on Sunday.

Lisa Boeke said it's a time to recognize the sisterhood of women coming together to help each other out, whether it be through breast cancer prevention or treatment.

"We are a sisterhood," she said. "That is what we are going to focus on today."

Boeke, a registered nurse for 30-plus years and the current community health supervisor at the Central Nebraska Department of Health, spoke about various aspects of breast cancer during Memorial Community Health's women's lunch and learn series.

She gave definitions for cancer, breast cancer, screenings and risk factors, but the most important one she stressed was sisterhood.

"The big definition I want you to think about is for sisterhood," she said. "It's a relationship between sisters, an association of society or a community of women linked by a common interest. Today our common interest is breasts."

### Statistics

The statistics she provided about breast cancer were from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Cancer Society. There is a tremendous amount of information out there for women, which Boeke said can be both good and bad, but the key is to learn as much as you can from credible sources.

Not counting some kinds of skin cancer, breast cancer in the United States is the most common cancer in women no matter what race or ethnicity.

"In 2015 there are more than 2.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States," she said. "This would include women who are currently being treated and the women who have finished treatment."

A women's risk of breast cancer approximately doubles if they have a first degree relative, a mother, sister or daughter, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

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Harv Bish demonstrates the automated, retractable roof of his 1959 Ford Galaxie Skyliner, one of more than 100 vehicles he is putting up for sale. Bish can recall with precise detail how and where he bought each and every vehicle in his collection.

## Harv's vintage vehicles on the block

■ Oct. 17 sale expected to draw 1,000 or more to Aurora

by Kurt Johnson

Every car has a story.

From the oldest to the newest to the most unique, each and every vehicle in Harv's Classic Car collection has a tale to tell, and owner Harv Bish can recite them all. Just ask him, but if you do, you better have time to listen and learn.

"I just like to be around them," Bish said of his prized collection.

He won't be around his vintage vehicles much longer, however, as the Giltner native and former farmer has decided to put them up for sale. All 108 vehicles, including seven Mustangs, five Jaguars, two Mercedes Benz, a military jeep, a fire truck and a Rolls Royce will go on the auction block Oct. 17 during a one-day sale. He's been told by Minnesota-based VanDerBrink Auctions that the event could bring 1,500 or more car buffs, collec-

tors and interested onlookers to town.

"I've really enjoyed it, but I've been thinking about selling for two years or more because I don't want the kids to have to do this," Bish said. "I'll be 86 in November and I want to do this while I can."

Looking out across his vast assortment of classic automobiles, Bish said he never really set out to start a collection. He was on the road a lot over 30 years delivering ag equipment custom made by Harv's Farm Supply. On the way home, his truck bed would be empty, though usually not for long.

"I would see a car sitting behind a filling station or something, even if it wasn't for sale," Bish recalled. "I'd just stop, get it bought, and put it on the trailer. I didn't want to come home with it empty."

With a built-in delivery system and a passion for unique vehicles, Bish had a blast building up his collection. It gave him a chance to meet people, talk about cars and preserve their individual histories.

"I have note cards on all the cars so people looking around can know their stories," he said. "Each one of them has something in-



teresting to tell about. That's the part I really enjoy."

Bish retired in 1999 and moved to Aurora, spending the winters in Arizona. That's when he started going more frequently to large car sales, adding to his classic car collection every chance he got.

"It's really fun when you are going to the shows," he noted. "You meet people, and I would run into a lot of people who bought merchandise from us in the farm equipment business. That's the fun part."

Asked which vehicle is his favorite, Bish doesn't hesitate.

"This one is what they call a concept car," (See **BISH**, A8)

## Aurora band shines at Harvest of Harmony

■ Cold weather tries to create challenges at Harvest of Harmony

by Tessa Burgener

It's been 14 years since Dan Sodomka took over the Aurora Husky marching band and so far he is 14 for 14 when it comes to superior ratings in the Harvest of Harmony field competition.

■ See pictures of all four area bands at Harvest of Harmony. Page B7.

on Saturday as well as making it into the top 10s overall band, tying for fifth with 95 points.

"I was very pleased with their performance," Sodomka said. "I was pleased with how they handled themselves, the way they were able to handle the schedule with all the different obstacles we encountered

and by being ready at this early stage of the season. We say early stage of the season, but we only have three weeks left."

Harvest of Harmony is the marching band's first competition of the season and Sodomka said for the kids to be at performance level at this time is something to be proud of.

The band had more than just the cold, rainy weather to overcome on Saturday. With students getting in at 4:30 a.m. from the football game in Scottsbluff, possible bus changes and the parade taking two hours rather than 25 minutes, the band had many odds stacked against them.

"We practiced and practiced and drilled what the schedule was going to be like, but yet have them still be flexible enough to change on the fly of what we have worked on as far as schedules, which is a true testament of how good these kids really are," Sodomka said. "We had some football players in the band and they were troopers."

The timing issues of the



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Abby Ostdiek, left, Alyssa Caretti and Carla Saltenberger perform in the Harvest of Harmony parade on Saturday. Aurora High School received second place in the Class B parade competition.

parade got a lot of bands out of rhythm. There were several hurry-up-and-wait moments throughout the parade, which can get in the kids' heads, Sodomka explained. The drummers had to play continu-

ously from beginning to end, keeping the band in step and stride.

The cold weather would have been enough of an obstacle because of how it can affect sounds and even

muscles.

"It really affects just how loose muscles stay," Sodomka said. "Just like an athlete has to deal with cold and muscles tightening up, we have to deal with the same thing. It really

can affect the intonation of the band to where it can throw things out of whack as far as sounds goes, but again the kids were working really hard to try and keep all that at a mini-

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# BISH

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Bish said of his prized red and black 1966 Ford Mustang, one of only four ever made. "It has a retractable hardtop and the man who designed it will be at the sale. What a car. It's just so different and rare. It's a nice car."

Ford execs wanted Ben Smith to design an electric retractable roof, but he thought they would be too hard to fix or maintain. Smith is 93 now and lives in Arizona, though Bish has stayed in touch over the years and sent him a personal invitation to the sale.

Twenty feet away sits a 1959 Ford Galaxie Skyliner with an electric roof system that Bish loves to demonstrate. He says it's an engineering marvel to watch the intricate pieces go up and down, recalling yet another story about the man who designed the retractable roof.

"The engineer who did that was uneducated and the only reason he got it done was because they said he couldn't do it," Bish recalled.

The stories run together, one after the other, with each step toward another vehicle.

Like the 1957 Chevy pickup: "That's a pickup you would buy just to show your neighbors you have a better truck. You don't drive it. You just put it outside so the neighbor can see it," Bish says with an ornery grin.

Or the 1968 Dodge Sub-berBee: "A young man from Seward bought that in California, but sold it to me because he needed a down-payment on his house."

Or the 1960 Oldsmobile 4-door hardtop: "It's one of my favorites because I stole it. It only had 41,000 miles on it but I found it in a salvage yard and bought it for \$600." That Oldsmobile sat idle for a decade before Bish finally fired it up, painted it and redid the upholstery.

Or the fire truck: "I bought that in Detroit and drove it 870 miles with a vent that wouldn't close. It was 12 degrees out and I froze my way home."

Or the 1909 Waltham Runabout: "This little car is probably the most unique," he said. "The engine wasn't working, so I put in a lawn mower motor



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One of the most lasting images of the 2008 tornado was that of Harv Bish's Highway 14 building, which he used to store his classic cars. One vehicle was crushed and 17 others had to be repaired, though Bish said he remembers the community's show of support more than the damage.

from a John Deere 140 Hydro, took 11 inches out of the frame and put it together."

He's especially proud of the Runabout, which he was demonstrating at his car show Sept. 27, an annual event which allows him to showcase his own vehicles while also inviting other car buffs to join the fun.

So how much did Bish pay for some of these engineering marvels and classic designs? He's not saying, nor will he predict how much they'll bring on sale day.

"The car I paid the most for was that red 1958 Lincoln Continental convertible," he shared. "Let's just say I paid too much for it. But maybe not. Maybe it will come out okay on sale day."

"There will be some cars here I lose money on, like every sale, and there will be some that bring two to three times what I paid for them," he added. "You just never know."

### Parade vehicles

What friends and family do know is that Bish's prized possessions weren't just a hands-off collection. He liked to drive them, and let lots of other people enjoy them over the years as well.

"Most collectors won't let anybody touch their cars, but I'm not that way," he said.

A high of 17 Bish classics were featured in one parade, and over the years they've been a part of many weddings, proms and other special events.

"He believes in driving them and enjoying them and sharing them," said daughter Roxie

Hinrichs of Kearney. Her two favorites among her father's collection are a 1956 Chevy and a 1963 Mercury Monterey, which her friends called "the mafia car."

"I was mortified when it brought it home from the auction, but it was actually kind of fun," she admitted.

"My kids all took the cars to prom and we just had a wedding this summer with three Model T's," added daughter Gina Aspegren of Aurora. "There was one for the groomsmen, one for the bridesmaids and one for the bride, so it was fun."

In all the years of loaning out vehicles for special occasions, Bish said he never once had to file an insurance claim. He rotated coverage based on the vehicles heading out the door and never had a problem.

"Insurance companies don't like me on account of that, but I said 'That's the way it's gonna be.'"

All those memories will be sold to the highest bidder on Oct. 17. Bish has a lot of cars to wash between now and then, but he says he actually enjoys taking care of them.

"It will be an emotional day, but it will also be a relief," he admitted. "It's quite a few things to keep track of."

So what will happen after the sale, Harv, when your Highway 14 building is empty, you're driving down the road somewhere and a vehicle catches your eye?

"I'll let you know on Oct. 18th," he replied.



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Cars are lined bumper to bumper inside Harv Bish's Highway 14 building, though they will be spread out with many sitting outdoors for the Oct. 17 sale.



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Harv Bish, center, loves to talk about his classic cars, as he does here at the Sept. 27 car show he hosted. He is leaning on one of his favorites, a 1909 Waltham Runabout, which he retrofitted with a lawnmower engine.

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