

OBITUARIES

Myrna Mizell Davis Oct. 6, 1919 - April 22, 2005

Myrna Mizell Davis, 85, Salina, sister of Phil Lesh, Norton, died Friday in Wichita, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident that evening. Mrs. Davis was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Norton County, the daughter of Lando G. and Leila (Williams) Lesh. She graduated from Almena Rural High School in 1936. In 1938, she and Carrol Mizell were married. They made their home in Norton where she was a homemaker, real estate broker and business owner. Mr. Mizell preceded her in death. She later married Ivan "Mike" Davis in 1978, and they made their home in Salina. She had been a member of the Norton Christian Church and later became a member of the University United Methodist Church in Salina where she was active in the University Methodist Women. She was a member of the Chapter ED, PEO, Kansas Wesleyan Auxiliary, Salina Regional Health Center Auxiliary and Board, Zeta Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Psi, Elks Ladies, bridge clubs and sewing club.



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She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, three brothers, Edgar Lesh, Ronald Lesh and Gilbert Lesh, and two sisters-in-law, Winona Lesh and Edna Lesh. Survivors include: three daughters, Loretta Oswald, Salina, Phyllis and Wally Agnew, Littleton, Colo., and Carole Sue and Gil Huxman, Topeka; one step-daughter, Sharon and Harlan Frymire, Tyler, Texas; two brothers, Gene and Dona Lesh, Claremore, Okla., and Phillip and Carman Lesh, Norton; two sisters-in-law, Caryl and Bud Schukman and Reva and Ken Rogers; six granddaughters; two step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one step-great-granddaughter. Visitation will be from 3-8:30 p.m. tonight at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton. Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Norton Cemetery, with Darel Boston conducting the services. Memorials have been established to the Norton Christian Church and University United Methodist Church in Salina. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Edith L. Gwaltney April 9, 1918 - April 24, 2005

Edith Louise Gwaltney, 87, Atchison, formerly of Norton, died Sunday at Heartland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Gwaltney was born April 9, 1918, in Norton the daughter of Noah and Besse Pearl (DuBois) Garrett. She attended school in Norton. She was a U.S. Navy veteran serving from August 26, 1943, to July 5, 1946, and obtaining the rank of chief yeoman. She attended Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., and later attended Sarchon Hooley Secretarial School in Kansas City. She had worked for Foster Lumber in Norton, the Norton State Hospital for 10 years, the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in Kansas City, for five years, and the De-Tox Center in Topeka. She also co-owned a retail business in Norton for over 20 years. She had served as a Brownie Scout Leader, a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Girl Scout Leader and had sponsored Ala-Teen for three



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years in Norton. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Shepard Center, a member of WAVES National, the American Legion, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Al-Anon since 1967. She enjoyed collecting dolls and teddy bears and was an avid Kansas University fan. She loved life and people and she never met a stranger. She married Preston P. Gwaltney on April 16, 1946, at Virginia Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. He preceded her in death in 1972. She is also preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Paul and Russell Garrett. Survivors include her sons Herb and Sabrina Gwaltney, Atchison, and Garrett and Dee Dee Gwaltney of Leavenworth; and great-granddaughter Melina. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, at Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, Atchison. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Hope Treatment Center, Norton, or the First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, in care of the funeral home at 800 Kansas Ave., Atchison, Kan. 67654. Condolences may be made online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Kenneth C. McClelland June 20, 1918 - April 24, 2005

Kenneth C. McClelland, 86, Beaver City, Neb., died Sunday at Methodist Homes in Holdrege, Neb. Mr. McClelland was born June 20, 1918, at Almena to Charles and Emma (Williams) McClelland. He graduated from Almena High School in 1936. During World War II he served in the Army. On Aug. 5, 1947, he married Noreen Faith Davis at Almena. She died in 1949. He married Darleen Roeder at Almena on July 3, 1949. Mr. McClelland worked at First State Bank in Almena for 10 years before moving to Beaver City in 1957, where he worked at the First State Bank of Beaver City. He retired in February of 1983. He continued to serve on the board of directors for the bank until his death. He also started McClelland Insurance in 1964, and continued to operate it until his death. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Beaver City where he had been finance chairman for over 30 years. He was a member of the Beaver City

Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and American Legion Post, all of Beaver City. He served on the city council and coached summer baseball teams in Beaver City. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife. Survivors include: his wife, Darleen, Beaver City; a son, Kennis and Nancy McClelland, Beaver City; two daughters, Kendra and Dave Anderson, St. Paul, Neb., and Kaylene and Jeff Bell, Holdrege; a brother, Robert and Donna McClelland, Almena; a sister, Beth and Elton Bryant, Norton; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., today at Wenburg Funeral Home in Beaver City and prior to services Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Beaver City with Pastor Linda Knipping officiating. Burial with military rites will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery at Beaver City. Condolences or personal reflections may be left at www.wenburgfuneralhome.com.

Jean L. Mulder Jan. 18, 1934 - April 23, 2005

Jean L. Mulder, 71, formerly of Almena, died Saturday. Mr. Mulder was born on Jan. 18, 1934 in Almena, the son of Ralph and Thula Mulder. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force when he was 17 and made it a 22-year career. After retiring in 1971, he made his home in Albuquerque, N.M. and worked at Plains Electric in Algodones, N.M. He also helped his wife with the family ceramic business. He enjoyed traveling and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Glendora L. Mulder; three sons, John Mulder and James and Lisa Mulder, Albuquerque, and Jerry and Suzanne Mulder, Frisco, Texas; two daughters Janet and

Richard Sisneros, Albuquerque, and Joyce and Dean Hitzelberger, Calloway, Fla.; three brothers Cleve Mulder and Leon and Jeannie Mulder, Salina, and Glenn and Marla Mulder, Almena; a sister, Donna and Earl Sorensen, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and 16 grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel of Sunrise, Albuquerque. Funeral services will be at 8:30 a.m. Thursday also at the Chapel. Interment will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association, 216 Truman NE, Albuquerque, N.M., 87108.

Kenneth G. Ward Jan. 21, 1914 - April 23, 2005

Kenneth Gerald Ward, 91, of Norcat, died Saturday at the Andbe Home in Norton. He was the son of Clarence Leo and Ethel Pearl (Stevens) Ward, born Jan. 21, 1914, near Norcat. He graduated from the Norcat High School in 1931. He also attended the School of Banking in Madison, Wisc. In 1936, he married Erma Jaquetta Railsback. She died in 1940. On March 10, 1946, he and Dorothy Arlene Dick were married in Norcat, where he was a banker and insurance agent for 59 years. In 1956, he bought Citizen's State Bank, Norcat and managed it until February of 1992, when he sold it to Farmer's National Bank of Oberlin. Mr. Ward was a member and Trustee of the Norcat United Methodist Church and had been a member of the Norcat City Council and School Board. He was a Mason and Past Master of the Norcat Lodge and the Mountain Slope Lodge in Oberlin. He was also a member of the Norcat Commercial Club and he helped



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establish the Norcat Citizen's Alliance. He loved to play golf and take walks. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a son, Douglas, a son-in-law, Lyman Leichter, three brothers, three sisters, and a granddaughter. Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy, of Norcat; a daughter, Lora Linn Leichter, Norcat; a son, Mark and Debra Ward, Hugo, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Paula Ward, Denver; two sisters, Edith Mavity, Cunningham, and Ruth Chamberlain, North Platte, Neb.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were to be held today at the Norcat United Methodist Church with Kathy Aeillo officiating. Burial was to be in the Norcat Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Norcat Citizen's Alliance and United Methodist Church. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Writer applauds community effort

Collector Chat Liza Deines



Time once again for one of my famous (infamous?) dust free collections. Now I cannot claim allegiance as a Norton County native but having lived here for 45 years this spring, it will always feel like home to me. LeRoy and I came here temporarily in 1960. He was fresh out of Fort Hays with a brand new teaching certificate, just married, flat broke and I was still too young to vote. Norton took us in and nurtured us and somehow temporary became permanent. So here's a little salute to Norton and what I love about it and what I call my Hometown Heroes collection. Norton has a lot of historic homes and while some are being left to rack and ruin, some have been purchased and proudly renovated, restored to former glory through paint, carpentry, landscaping and lots of cash and sweat. The people who accomplish those tasks are a joy. New residents are welcomed with smiles and it is especially appreciated when the residents are some of "our own" who have chosen to come back to live their lives among us. Every spruced up yard and home houses a family of heroes. Our downtown businessmen are heroes every day of the week. Times are tough out here but they know how much we need them and they persevere even in the face of financial difficulties. We are so fortunate to have kept established businesses that have been here many years. We are also fortunate to have new, small, experimental businesses. Owners put their faith in Norton by investing time, money, and their life's ambition. Again, some of these are "our own" come home to realize their dreams right here but some choose Norton because it "grabs" them and they want to live here. Do you do your part by buying from our own hometown heroes? My Mamasaid "If you don't buy in town, soon you cannot buy in town." Those were wise words. Advertisers in our local paper and on our local radio station also exhibit their faith in Norton and its future. Subscribers to the local paper, those who support local projects and services wholeheartedly are heroes that help boost our

economy. Our Chamber of Commerce works hard to come up with good promotions. Our mayor and council, our commissioners, our school board, our law enforcement officers are people who take lots of flak and criticism while doing the best they can do for the common good of all. Heroes every one. Volunteers abound in this small town with the big, big heart. To name only a few, Norton CARES, the "flower ladies", blood donors, library and theater volunteers, coaches for our children's teams, 4-H and Scout leaders, our service organizations that sponsor those teams and clubs. Medically we have hospital, nursing home and hospice volunteers who console, comfort and share willing hands and sometimes aching hearts. Food is supplied through Meals on Wheels, the Senior Center, the SHARE program and don't forget God's Pantry and those who contribute to it again and again. People who pick up litter, recycle, conserve, share garden produce, support every fund raiser and church dinner in town, no matter the denomination or the project. Heroes, sung and unsung. Yes, I borrowed the Hometown Hero phrase from the American Red Cross. My husband was a 10-gallon blood donor and earned a "Hometown Hero" tee-shirt. He was very proud of it and one time wore it to a family reunion. "Look, Aunt Marie," he said, "I'm a Hometown Hero!" His elderly aunt grinned and replied, "Well, LeRoy, you didn't look like such a hero to me when you used to chase your Cousin Lavonne with a garter snake." And they both dissolved in laughter and hugs. Well, folks, that's what a hometown hero is — just an ordinary person doing the right things for the right reasons. Are YOU in someone's hero collection? If not, why not? When do you plan to start?

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 4/26**

— **PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, May 1, Norton American Legion. 4/26**

BIRTH

Charleigh M. Ambrose

Charleigh Marie Ambrose was born March 3 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Mo., weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces and measuring 18 inches. Her parents are Ronee Lyn Craig



C. Ambrose

and Adam Ambrose of Osage Beach. Grandparents are Charles David Craig, Norton; Marilyn Craig, Osage Beach; and Cindy Monroe, St. Louis. Great-grandparents are Iva Gayle Craig, Norton and Kathy Reeves, St. Louis.



HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE
The exhibit, "Buffalo Hunters: Two Cultures", has brought a bit of history to the museum with artifacts from the 1850s through 1900s. As you scan the cases with clothing from different tribes and see tools that were actually used to work the buffalo hides, it makes you think back and visualize, what life must have been like for the American Indian. Gaining nearly all sustenance from the buffalo, they were doomed to be a dying people once their life source disappeared. This exhibit contains artifacts from both the American Indian

and the people who immigrated to the plains. Sharps rifles, ammo and authentic paper work from the time period can be seen in this show through May 1. Cindy Brader, Glenvil, Neb., has many of her picket fence benches in the museum as our honored "Artist of the Month". She also displays painted tins and other unique items for today's country look. The Logan Grade School auditorium will be the site for an upcoming educational "Science and Comedy" performance at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. This program, booked through the Bureau of Lectures, will be open to the public at no cost.

MARKETS

At close of business April 25

Wheat	\$3.02
Milo	\$2.92
Corn	\$1.88



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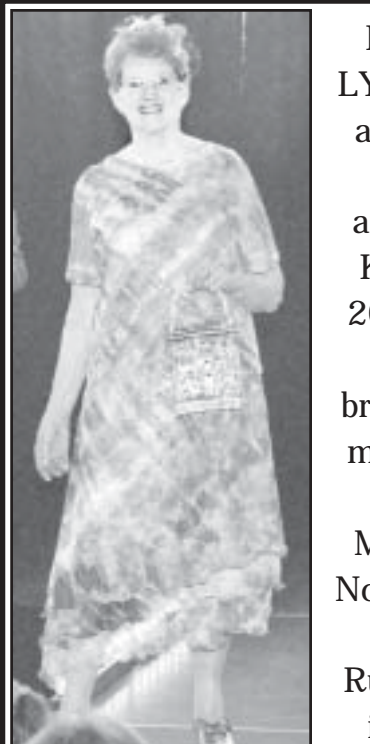
to everyone for their phone calls, flowers and plants, prayers, visits and expressions of concern during my recent time in the hospital and since returning home. Also thanks for everyone's extra effort at the sale barn and at home during this time. It will always be very much appreciated.

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Open House
for
Enid Foland's
80th Birthday

Sat., April 30
2:00-4:00 at the
"Lariat" Building, Almena
Come Help Her Celebrate!
NO GIFTS PLEASE



Norton's Supermodel, LYNN, also known locally as Lynn Nelson, is seen here on the runway at The Crown Center in Kansas City March 18, 2005. She is modeling a "grandmother of the bride" dress designed and made by Melissa Nelson, hand beaded by MJ Meyer, both formerly of Norton. The fashion show was sponsored by Cy Rudnick's Fabrics located in The Crown Center.