

OBITUARIES

Alma V. Blackford

Dec. 6, 1908 - March 10, 2007

Alma Vyvan Blackford, 98, Arcadia, Calif., cousin of Cecilia Hillebrand, Norton and Drake Gebhard, Long Island, died March 10.

She was born Dec. 6, 1908, on the family homestead east of Almena, the only child of Ray Carl and Jessie R. (Smith) Blackford.

In 1923, the family moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. She attended schools in Colorado, Florida, California and back to Kansas at Fort Hays State University.

She was married to Leonard E. Beverly. This union ended in divorce.

She lived in Los Angeles, Calif., for 40 years while she worked for the Los Angeles Times and for Louis Betze, Jr. as a real estate partner. The business allowed her to travel to Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Betze died in 1975. In 1978, she sold the real estate business and moved to Arcadia.

She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Norton.

Her body was cremated and interment will be held later at the Farmingdale Cemetery on the Blackford plot next to her father's grave.

Edward I. Kats

Feb. 23, 1922 - March 17, 2007

Edward I. Kats, 85, died March 17 at the Logan Manor, Logan, Kan.

Mr. Kats was born Feb. 23, 1922, in Phillips County, the youngest child of William Andrew and Libby (Schra) Kats. He grew up on the family farm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Long Island. He graduated from Long Island High School in 1939 and was salutatorian of his senior class. In the fall of 1942, he was inducted into the United States Army.

On April 10, 1947, he and Grace Eileen Ponstein were married in Dispatch. They made their home on their farm outside of Long Island.

He was a lifelong member of the Luctor Church. After retiring from farming, he took an active interest in prison ministry. His hobbies were woodworking, reading and gardening.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Harvey Kats; one grandson, Eric H. Kats; and five of his siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, of almost 60 years, two sons, Melvin and LaVon Kats, Long Island and Daryl Kats, Boise, Idaho; a daughter, Norma and David Meuzelaar, Pella, Iowa; a sister, Fanny Vanderplas, Phillipsburg; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 21 at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church with the Reverend Jeff Van Der Weele officiating. A quartet composed of Bob Ralston, Jerry DeWitt, Kent Thalheim and Cliff Van Kooten was accompanied by Gloria DeWitt. Songs at the service were "Amazing Grace", "He Leadeth Me", "O God, Our Help In Ages Past", and "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art".

Casket Bearers were Rex Kats, Lauren Kats, Lyndahl Kats, Bill Vanderplas, Harlan Ponstein and Kenny Ponstein. Honorary bearers were Jim Bayens, Ronnie Englesman, Larry McKenzie and Harry McKenzie. Burial was in the Luctor Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say, "Thank You" to friends and neighbors for their kindness and support since our recent loss. We truly appreciate the calls, cards, food, flowers and memorial contributions you've so generously given.

Also we'd like to offer special thanks to the ladies of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church for the meals provided before and after the service.

The family of Edward I. Kats

Audrey W. Lyon

June 21, 1916 - March 23, 2007

Audrey William (A.W.) Lyon, 90, formerly of Norcat, died Friday at the Andbe Home, Norton.

The son of Wesley W. and Lola E. (Goodman) Lyon, he was born June 21, 1916, near Reager in Norton County.

He grew up in the Reager area where he attended the Reager Grade School.

On August 19, 1939, he and Evelyn Irene Foley were married in Norton. They made their home in the country near Reager from 1939 until 1947 where he was a farmer/stockman. In 1947, they moved to Norcat, and in 2003, they moved to Norton.

He was an active member of the Norcat Community where he served as Mayor and Councilman for many years. He was also an avid card player and loved to

dance.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Larry Lyon, and one sister, Verlene Holland.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, Norton; one son, Terry and Barbara Lyon, Wichita; one daughter-in-law, Jodi Lyon, Norcat; one brother, Dale Lyon, Hill City; two sisters, Margaret Richards, Norton and Wanda Pool, Kinsley; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at the Norcat Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Norcat Cemetery Fund or to the Norcat Highway Fund. Contributions may be made in care of Lori Roe, 309 S. DeSoto, Norcat, Kan. 67653.

Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, was in charge of the arrangements.

Wax museum comes to Almena

Northern Valley sixth graders will host a walk through the Living Wax Museum. It will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 30 at the Almena High School band room. If you are

unable to attend the evening performance, the display may be previewed from 11 to 11:30 a.m. that day at the Long Island school.

4-H NEWS

By BAILEY AMBROSIER

The Busy Beaver 4-H Club meeting was held Feb. 11 at the 4-H Building. All members said the 4-H Pledge and answered roll call by "naming something red".

In club correspondence Norton County Hospital thanked the club for the First Baby of the Year basket. Kolton Harting read the treasurer's report and Joy Johnson gave the leaders report.

Under old business the Gill, Harting, and Johnson families will collect donations from the 4-H

journal sponsors. In new business a Club Day project was discussed. Jesse Gallentine and Kelsey Mordecai gave talks. Kelsey opened with some jokes while Jesse talked about the parts of a bow. Tyson Gill, Adrienne Hager, and Weston Harting all gave talks for the club. Tyson and Adrienne both shared about karate.

Mrs. Johnson gave some important announcements.

Adrienne Hager was in charge of a great game that the whole group played.

David J. Melroy

June 11, 1929 - March 20, 2007

David James Melroy, 77, Reno, Nev., formerly of Norton, died March 20 in Reno.

He was born on June 11, 1929, in Norton, the son of David James and Rosanna (Rose) Melroy.

At age 23 he married his sweetheart, Lee Ann Thoman of Russell in Coronado, Calif., while he was in the Navy. They were married for 55 years.

Upon honorable discharge, he returned to Kansas State University and finished his Civil Engineering degree. He began his professional career working for the Kansas State Highway Department, followed by 20 years with Shell Oil Company in commercial sales. In 1974 Mr. Melroy bought into DC Bath Company, a Shell Oil Distributor in Carson City, Nev. He retired from DC Bath Company in 1984. During retirement, David was actively involved with the Sunrise Exchange Group, Knights of Columbus, Benevolent

and Protective Order of the Elks, Kiwanis Club, and he was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3.

Surviving are his wife Lee Ann; a son David James and Jayma Melroy III; a daughter, Linda and Ulrich Vogedes; a brother Bob Melroy; a sister Patricia (Melroy) Martin; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Reno with a reception following at the church hall.

Memorials have been established to: the Boston Whaler Fund, Attn: Kathy Boyne, 643 Ibis Lane, Reno, Nev. 89503. Funds will be used to complete renovation of a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol boat that Mr. Melroy and the Auxiliary were constructing; or to the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Attn: Michael Wurm, Director, 2680 East 9th Street, Reno, Nev. 89503.

Norton scholar earns national honors

Mathew J. Shepard has been recognized as a Horatio Alger Association 2007 National Scholar. Mat is one of only 105 high school seniors, nationally, to receive this scholarship. He will receive a \$20,000 scholarship to be disbursed throughout his college career.

Mat will attend an all-expense paid trip to the 2007 Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C. While in the nation's capital, he will visit the Supreme Court, hear briefings by government leaders and have opportunities to meet other members of the association.

Horatio Alger Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a student's integrity, self-reliance, determination and perseverance in overcoming adversity as well as demonstrating critical financial need, personal potential, academic



achievement and promise of future contribution to society.

Mat is planning on attending the University of Kansas in the fall where he will major in Chemical Engineering with studies in Pre-Med. He is the son of Paul and Virginia Shepard.

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1 Hour, 54 Minutes — (PG-13)
\$6.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for Children 12 and Under
Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.

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1 Hour, 35 Minutes — (PG)
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\$5.00 for Children 12 and Under

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Nuthin' sez lovin' like gingerbread in the oven

Oh, the joy of coming home to the delicious aroma of something wonderful baking in the oven — unequaled! I do believe that little dough fellow got it right when he proclaimed that "nuthin' sez lovin', like somethin', from the oven". And, any good realtor will tell you that the best way to sell a house is to bake cookies just before someone comes to view the premises. Maybe that's why mine is still up for sale, even at a reduced price. Sorry, folks, I can't come bake for you but I guarantee there has been many-a-cookie baked in that kitchen and there is a brand new stove just waiting for you to come along with a bowl of dough.

However, if I were able to come home and bake, it would not be cookies. My favorite "household deodorizer" was Miss Rosa's Gingerbread. It was popular with all generations in our family, whether served with classic whipped cream or one of the sauces I show here. My brother and I even liked it perfectly plain or with butter.

Cook's Corner

Liza Deines



Molasses is an important ingredient in this recipe and I recommend you get the best and darkest you can find. I was blessed with Steen's Dark Cane Syrup which my sister brought to me from Louisiana. If you live anywhere near Almena, it is worth a trip to the annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Show where they make home-made molasses and sell it fresh. If there is any left you can usually buy it at Almena's senior center. My mama would have said it is "larrupin'" good. Failing that, good old Bre'r Rabbit from the grocery store will work.

MYMAMASAIID: Neverskip on ingredients if you want good food. Always fresh eggs, real butter, whole milk, fresh fruits and vegetables.

MISS ROSA'S GINGERBREAD

Three cups flour sifted with:	One cup brown sugar
One teaspoon cinnamon	One cup Crisco, melted and slightly cooled
One teaspoon ginger	One cup good dark molasses
One teaspoon cloves	Two eggs
One teaspoon baking powder	One cup boiling water
One teaspoon salt	

Stir brown sugar into melted shortening, molasses and unbeaten eggs, beat until well blended. Add sifted ingredients alternately with boiling water and beat well after each addition. Pour into greased 9 x 13 inch pan and bake at 350° for 40 to 50 minutes. If you prefer a thicker cake, use a 10 x 10 inch pan but check baking time.

Serve warm with lemon sauce, spiced raisin sauce or whipped cream.

LEMON SAUCE

one cup white sugar	one half cup fresh lemon juice
one-fourth cup cornstarch	one tablespoon grated lemon rind
one and half cups boiling water	one tablespoon real butter
two egg yolks	

Use a double boiler. Mix sugar, cornstarch and water together gradually and cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until smooth, thick and clear. Turn heat down, cover and leave over hot water 15 minutes. Beat egg yolks and pour a slow stream into hot mixture, stirring constantly. Cook 5 more minutes over boiling water. Turn off heat, add lemon juice, rind and butter. Stir in and set aside to cool. Best served cool on warm gingerbread or plain white cake.

SPICED RAISIN SAUCE

Soak one cup of dark raisins overnight in two cups of boiling cider. Drain cider off raisins and measure. Add enough cider, water or white wine to total two cups. Cook in saucepan with two tablespoons cornstarch until smooth and thick, add raisins back in. Make a mixture of half a teaspoon each of cinnamon, ginger, cloves and allspice plus a teaspoon nutmeg. Stir into sauce and bring heat just to boiling. Turn off and stir in a good lump of butter. Cool covered overnight and reheat before serving on gingerbread. Keeps well under refrigeration.

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April 3

VOTE

Sandra Anderson

FOR ALMENA CITY COUNCIL

Your Vote on April 3 Will Be Appreciated!

PD. POLITICAL ADV. BY SAUNDRA ANDERSON

Happy 60th Anniversary

The children of Marguerite and Elmo Bailey wish to honor them with a card shower celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 30, 2007.

Marguerite Kennedy and Elmo Bailey were married in Oberlin, Kansas on March 30, 1947. They have two children, Marcia & Ralph Hejny of Grand Junction, Co. and Mike and Vickie Bailey of Jennings. Cards will reach them at 715 W. Ash, Apt. 104, Oberlin, Ks. 67749

HERNIA PATCH RECALLED

The FDA has recalled certain Kugel Mesh Patches used to repair hernias because of the risk that the patches might rupture the intestine or bowel. If you or a loved one may have been injured by the Patch, call the Hollis Law Firm at 800-701-3672. You may be entitled to compensation.

Lee J. Hollis, Attorney

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