

Woman leaves journalism

A familiar name and face to northwest Kansas is joining the staff of The Shepherd's Staff, Inc. in Rexford. Jan Katz Ackerman has accepted a position as administrative assistant to Executive Director Joan Dingwerth and Director of Outreach Ron Boller.



Jan Katz Ackerman

Mrs. Ackerman, for the past 14 years, has been a member of the working media, having started her career as a circulation manager for the Wichita Eagle in Wichita. For the past 10 years, she has been an area reporter covering much of the 18 county region of northwestern Kansas working for The Hays Daily News, Hays, and more recently the Colby Free Press, Colby.

"I am excited about my new opportunity to serve God at the

Shepherd's Staff," Mrs. Ackerman said. "God has provided me this open door to serve not only his followers, but to assist Joan and Ron, along with the board of directors, in reaching out to those who do not know Jesus Christ as their savior."

Working along side Mrs. Dingwerth and Mr. Boller, Mrs. Ackerman will assist with business office duties and serve as a hostess for groups using the conference and retreat center. She will also help develop and oversee a new volunteer staff program which will allow more people to increase their own faith by serving those utilizing the center.

Mrs. Dingwerth said Mrs. Ackerman's joining the staff of Shepherd's Staff involved more

than just a matter of an interview process. "God's timing is perfect," she said. "And, we are grateful to Him for sending Jan to minister with us as the Shepherd's Staff's ministry grows."

Besides serving as The Shepherd's Staff executive director, Mrs. Dingwerth is the treasurer for the board of directors. That board consists of Dr. Frank Dingwerth of Arlington, Texas, who is the president of the board; Pastor Kenneth K. Kilinski of Castle Rock, Colo., vice president; Harry Bishop of Goodland, secretary; Kent Brown, Coppell, Texas, and Jennifer Van Nostrand of Colby.

The Shepherd's Staff is a non-profit Christian conference center located in northwest Kansas. It is dedicated to offering excellence in rental facilities, caring staff and programs that foster Christian growth.

For more information about The Shepherd's Staff, call (785) 687-2565 or stop by the office located at 240 Main Street in Rexford.



Phillip Potter, left, and David Wedow, gave their grandmother, Lula Hix, a big kiss on the event of her 90th birthday. Both men recently returned from tours of duty in Iraq.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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Woman celebrates her 90th birthday

Family and friends convened at Whispering Pines, Norton, on Sept. 8 to honor Lula Hix for her 90th birthday.

Family traveled from all parts of the U.S. for her celebration: Lula Hix and Sue Weinstein, Crownsville, Md.; Kendra, Phil and Steven Potter, Navarre, Fla.; Linda Young and Nokia, Conifer, Colo.; Wes and Lisa New, Norcatur; Terry, Debbie and Sarah New, Lakewood, Colo.; Lynn and

Ed Wedow, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Allen and Lori Floyd, Taylor and Jeffery, Fort Collins, Colo.; David, Logan and Abby Wedow, Clinton, Utah; Chanin, Tim and Ava Beckman, Denver.

Other family members present included Lula's brothers: Clair and Barbara Kintigh, Riverside, Calif.; Cletus and Norma Kintigh, Lyons; and Duane Kintigh, Courtland. Also attending were sisters-in-law Betty Reid, Whis-

pering Pines, Norton, and Arlene Hix, Norcatur, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

After the day's festivities, Mrs. Hix's family met at Attitudes Restaurant in Norton for supper and then spent the evening at Wes and Lisa News' home in Norcatur.

The next morning, all met at the Frontier Café in Oberlin for breakfast before going their separate ways.



Seth Henrickson, left, imagined how the old printing press at *The Norton Telegram* might have worked when newspapers were printed on it. His sisters, Katie and Rebekah watched as he threaded an old page between two rollers. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Study brings children to newspaper

Katie Henrickson, 8 and Seth Henrickson, 5, are home schooled. They are studying about Benjamin Franklin and the curriculum suggested a tour of their local newspaper office. Even though *The Norton*

Telegram is no longer physically printed in Norton, the children were allowed to take a close look at the old printing press.

They were also given a demonstration of how newspaper pages

are assembled on computers and sent, via e-mail to the printing press in Goodland.

Katie and Seth are the children of Phil and Jennifer Henrickson, Norton.

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