

# OBITUARY

## Rex B. Davis, Sr. July 21, 1934 - March 5, 2009

Rex B. Davis, Sr., died March 6 in Winfield at the age of 74. He was born on July 21, 1934 in Clayton to Percy M. and Mazie F. (Higgins) Davis. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1953. He attended Dodge City Community College and Fort Hays State University.

On July 21, 1955, he and Ann Browne were married. The couple resided in Norton where Rex was a cattleman/farmer. In 1975 he started work at the Norton State Hospital as head of grounds maintenance until he retired from the Norton Correctional Facility in 1990.

He was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church

in Norton and later Holy Name Catholic Church in Winfield. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Dorothy Goodman and Janiece Lawshe.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of the home; sons Rex B. Davis, Jr. and Robert B. Davis, both of Winfield; daughters Denise and husband Tom Dragastin of Washington, Regina and husband Raj Aiyar of Austin, and Stephanie and husband Dennis Owen of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; a sister, Georgia and husband Lyman Rowe of Norton; grandchildren Justin and wife Emily

Dragastin, Brooke Ann and husband Jeremy Stallbaumer, Matthew Davis, Chase Constance, Jacob Davis, Paul Aiyar, Kelly Davis, Andrew Aiyar and Abigail Owen; and great-grandson Max Dragastin.

Rosary will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton.

Burial Mass will be next Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, with Celebrants Father Vincent Thu Laing and Father Bernard Gorges.

Inurnment will be at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

# Employees of the Quarter

## Non-Uniform Employee: Jeff LeClair, Corrections Counselor II

Mr. LeClair began his employment with NCF during November of 1987 as a Corrections Officer I. Mr. LeClair was promoted to a COIII [Sergeant] on or about 12/18/1988, and later to his present position as a CCII on or about 3/18/1989. Jeff is very dependable and always here. He is willing to help out with extra projects when needed and volunteers to assist with scheduled drills. Jeff is trustworthy and has a positive attitude. Jeff takes ownership of his duties and assigned tasks and takes pride in making them run efficiently. Jeff has developed strategies to use Risk Reduction concepts in his Case Management duties in an effective manner. Jeff continues to develop and grow with all the continued changes involving Risk Reduction and Reentry.

## Uniform Employee: COI Mark Richmeier

Mr. Richmeier originally began his employment with NCF in October of 1989 as a COI, a position he currently holds. During the 4th quarter, Officer Richmeier served as the 8 to 4 OIC for A-5. His attention to detail and the dedi-

cation to his responsibilities is just one area he greatly excels in. When you go to A-5 to talk with him, he isn't to be found in the office. He is constantly busy and can frequently be found walking his floor, conducting his duties in a professional and efficient manner. It is a pleasure to supervise COI Richmeier as he keeps his supervisor well informed of the situations under his command, and his supervisor is confident in COI Richmeier's decision making.

## Contract Employee: Diana Helms, ARAMARK

Ms. Helms is currently employed with ARAMARK as a Food Service Supervisor. Ms. Helms arrives at work in a timely manner, and can be counted on to be at work as scheduled. Although a quiet person, Ms. Helms is quick to flash a smile and to speak.

Ms. Helms is meticulous in her work and pays attention to details such as ensuring chemicals are logged accurately, that proper procedures are followed in sanitizing the area, and in remaining aware of where the inmate workers are and what they are doing. Food items are carefully tracked for expiration dates, and proper

storage is maintained to ensure no health related issues develop. Ms. Helms is also careful about security related issues and keeps appropriate areas and items locked that would threaten the safety and security of the inmates and staff, and measuring and monitoring food items that could be misused by inmates.

Ms. Helms attends to details in completing required paperwork and submission of said paperwork within deadlines. Ms. Helms maintains a professional demeanor as she works with the inmate population. She never just shrugs her shoulders and says, "Oh, well!". Instead, she works to identify solutions to problems and improve the work area.

Dedicated, prompt, reliable and friendly are four words used to accurately describe Ms. Helms. In her position of operating Staff Dining and supervising the inmates working in that area, she is alert to detail and operates a clean, appealing kitchen and dining area. Ms. Helms is friendly and supportive of all employees of the facility, and carefully carries out her duties to enhance the security of the facility.

These individuals are to be congratulated on their selections.



Jeff LeClair



Mark Richmeier



Diana Helms



Larence and Ruth Kentfield

## Couple to celebrate 80th birthdays together

The children of Lawrence and Ruth Kentfield invite the public to join them in a combined 80th birthday celebration.

The celebration will be held on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at

the Hollinger United Methodist Church, seven miles east of Beaver City.

The family requests no gifts, just the pleasure of your presence.

## Bells to ring in late summer



Sadie Kaup and Gabriel Fitzmaurice

Sadie Kaup and Gabriel Fitzmaurice, Kansas City, will be married on Sept. 19 in Kansas City.

Parents of the bride are Bruce and Carla Kaup of Maud, Okla.

Parents of the groom are the late Kimberly Shiflett, Fayette, Mo., and Joseph Fitzmaurice, Loveland, Colo.

Grandmother of the bride is Marge Snyder of Norton.

Grandmother of the groom is Delores Fitzmaurice of Norton.

## Disease showing up in pine trees

Pine wilt disease may end the era when Scots pines can usually survive in Kansas. The always-lethal problem has shown up in the state's Austrian and white pines, too.

"Pine wilt has made real inroads since it first appeared in southwest Kansas 30 years ago. For awhile, it seemed confined to the eastern third of the state. But, now it's well past that and moving into the west. And, the only real control is still to remove infected trees before they can spread the disease to others," said Ward Upham Kansas State University Research and Extension horticulturist.

By April 1, even the stump should be gone and all the wood burned, chipped or buried.

"That's the only way to prevent further spread of the pinewood nematode, which causes the problem, as well as the nematode's transportation from tree to tree — the pine sawyer beetle," Mr. Upham said.

Difficulty in recognizing pine

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— Pecans for sale by Almena Coterie Club. Call 785-664-8036 or 785-871-2020.

## Past 50 years of lightning statistics

Lightning is a dangerous killer. In Kansas, from 1959 to 2008, there have been 208 injuries and 63 deaths from lightning.

Deaths by month, from 1959 to 2008

- April, 4
- May, 11
- June, 10

- July, 15
- August, 14
- September, 4
- October, 2
- November, 3

- Injuries by month, from 1959 to 2008
- March, 5
  - April, 12
  - May, 24

- June, 37
- July, 51
- August, 36
- September, 37
- October, 5
- November, 1

There have been no recorded injuries or deaths in Kansas in the last 50 years in January, February or December.

## FYI

Duplicate Bridge met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor with four tables present. First place went to Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges; second

place went to Bob Jones and Carl Latimer, and third place winners were Duane Stapp and Charlotte Miens.

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