

OBITUARIES

Margaret A. Davis

April 9, 1942 - March 24, 2011

Margaret Anna Davis, daughter of Francis and Mattie (Ridgeley) Kent, was born April 9, 1942, in Norton and died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on March 24, at the age of 68.

Margaret grew up in Norton and attended the Norton schools, graduating from the Norton Community High School. She was a postal worker for the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years. She married Charles L. Escudero and they made their home in Oakley and Silverthorne, Colo. In 1967, she married Paul Davis and they made their home in Castle Rock, Colo. In 1985, she married John D. "J.D." Ryan. In 2008, she returned to Norton where she has made her home since.

Margaret enjoyed gardening and reading books.

Survivors include: four children, JoAnn, and husband, Bill Evans, Ellsworth; Charla Escudero, Kit Carson, Colo.; Charles Escudero, Littleton, Colo.; Lonnie, and wife, Heidi Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; six brothers, Francis "Fritz", Michael, David, Paul, James, and John Kent; one sister, Carla Rowe; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and one sister, Agnes Joann.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton. The Memorial is to the American Cancer Society. Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home.

Jacqueline L. Wilson

January 24, 1944 - March 27, 2011

Jacqueline Lee Wilson, daughter of John Virgil and Evelyn Louise (Eckhardt) Merryman, was born Jan. 24, 1944, in Holdrege, Neb., and died at her home in Almena, on March 27, at the age of 67.

Jacqueline grew up in Huntley, Neb., and graduated from the Huntley High School. On April 18, 1965, she married Gerald Wilson in Norton. They made their home in Almena where she was a homemaker and advanced computer technician and was a former co-owner of J & R Computers in Norton. Her favorite hobbies were finding bargains on E-Bay, spending time on Facebook, and collecting Elvis Presley music. She excelled in her various college computer courses. Her greatest joy in life was her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include: her husband,

Gerald of their home in Almena; her daughter and son-in-law, Laquita and Travis Smith, Norton; her son and daughter-in-law, David and Twila Wilson, Ellis; four grandchildren, Makayla, Jaden, and Trista Smith, Alan and Lee-Ann Wilson; her twin sister and brother-in-law, Jeannine and Roger Sindt, of Neb.; two nephews, Mark and Jon Sindt, Nebraska; other relatives and friends.

Jacqueline was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter, Charlotte Sue.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton. Burial will be in The Mt. Hope Cemetery in Almena. Memorial is to Jacqueline Wilson Memorial Fund. Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Student News

Northern Valley Junior High School released the Honor Rolls for the third nine weeks:

Honor Roll
Sixth grade:
 Kylie Kinderknecht and Damian Wellman

Seventh grade:
 Brooke Baird, Sarah Baird, Kirsten Burger, Camden Cox, Vanessa Garcia, Trey Hall, Eli Lowry, Brianna Martin, Ryan Thraikill and Shayna Vincent.

Eighth grade:
 Ame Baird, Phillip Bryant, Shilo Cline, Clinton Cole, Brant

Cox, Morgan Hawks, Macy Kasson, Carson Montgomery, Makayla Smith, Khrianna Van Patten, Tea Van Patten, Stewart Whitney and Matt Stutsman.

Honorable Mention:
Sixth grade:
 Carson Wallace

Seventh grade:
 Eleesa Anderson, Colten Bach, Allison Keith, Cody Land, Talia Lowry, Dalton Smith, Michaela Sorenson and Skylar Wright.

Eighth grade:
 Tony Anderson, Gabriel Anderson and Phillip Rupp.

New members of society

On Wednesday, March 23, the eleven senior members of the National Honor Society inducted seven new members into the Norton Chapter.

The seven new members include: Eric Becker, son of John and Ann Becker; Brae Bigge, daughter of Pamela Bigge; Melissa Byler, daughter of Wayne and Mary Byler; Rhees Carlson, daughter of Dale and Glenda Carlson; Robert J. Ellis, son of Brock and Kim Ellis; Mariah Farber, daughter of Shannan & Mitchell Hempler and Eric and Renee Farber; and Mitchell Shelton, son of Pam and Jay Shelton.

Senior members include: President Dakota Dreher, Vice President Dustyna Sprigg, Troy Bainter, Melinda Becker, Billy Broeckelman, Maia Carlson, Deidre Kramer, Nikki McVey, Kaylen Rossi, Spencer Shirk, and Rebekah Streck.

Membership into the Norton Chapter of National Honor Society is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, character and school and community service. Students meeting the scholarship criteria of a cumulative 3.5 grade

point average are invited to fill out an application.

Second, students must exhibit leadership by holding office or being in leadership positions. Applicants must also acquire three positive leadership recommendations from teachers, coaches and sponsors.

Character is the third criteria. Students must have at least ten positive character references filled out by teachers, sponsors and coaches.

The fourth criterion includes both school activities and community service activities. Students must be involved in a minimum of twelve school activities in three different areas. Applicants must also accumulate at least eight different community services activities.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Jason Jones spoke to the National Honor Society members and student body about the gifts life has to offer.

A short reception for new members and their parents followed. Mrs. Robin Sides is the National Honor Society advisor.

Glassy-eyed with delight

Collector Chat Liza Deines



Lillian, (owner of the Reverse 44) and I love to talk glass patterns but our companions at The Carlyle find it a foreign language, so it's pleasant to be amongst others who "speak glass".

This year's jaunt was extra special because Joan, Shannon and Dan accompanied me and made it a family affair. We all have different enthusiasms, which guaranteed that we looked at and enjoyed every booth from depression patterns in every color to Fostoria, Cambridge and Heisey crystal, black Tiffin glass and my personal pick, Early American Pattern Glass.

Shannon zeroed right in on a rare jam dish in the Sharon or Cabbage Rose pink depression pattern, priced over \$300. In a nearby booth I saw my first piece of Martele` Glass, circa 1920's,

"Dancing Nudes" pattern. Dan, who collects unusual barware, was severely tempted by a set of tippy turvy cocktail cups formed as tipped black spheres on white bases. At \$75 each, they're still with the dealer. Joan lingered over carnival glass, especially Dugan's iridescent green Peacock pattern. Need I tell you our champagne appetites and beer budgets left us all frustrated?

We all were drawn to a display of crocks and Oxford pottery and there were a few settings of Franciscan this year but no Fiesta at all. Popularity of collectible vintage kitchen glass continues to increase, including old fashioned spouted measuring cups, nested mixing bowls sold as sets and colored Pyrex nesting bowls, selling at \$40 to \$50 per bowl. Lots of blue Fire King was available, as well as Hall's colored glass refrigerator storage dishes and one set of clear refrigerator water bottles marked \$29 each. Green glass Hoosier cabinet jars are still selling well but only found two. Hazel Atlas white glass spice jars were marked

\$15 each, \$20 if they carried Dutch motifs. Kraft cheese Swanky Swig juice glasses were going fast at \$12 each. Retro is still in, so pastel pitcher and tumbler sets from the fifties took center stage with widely varying prices. It's a bit of a shock to see my wedding gifts now qualify as retro.

I was disappointed to see very little 1800's pattern glass, only four goblets and a single covered compote. After a bit of bargaining Dan and I bought two goblets to add to my pattern glass goblet collection, which resides with him these days. He chose Beaded Grape Medallion and I picked a plain and simple Ball and Swirl design. We coveted a lovely Double Wedding Ring goblet, but at \$135, almost twice book value, it was no bargain.

We topped the day off with a family lunch out, another one of my favorite activities. Hunting is now more fun than buying for this crew so while we brought home little merchandise, we are rich in good memories of spectacular glass and a happy day together.

Club News

Mid-Century GFWC met March 24, at the home of Jean White, Maxine Wilfong co-hostess, with 14 members and guest Brenda Mann present. Beverly Kindler, president, called the meeting to order. The quote for the evening was "A prudent person profits from personal experiences, a wise person from the experiences of others" Joseph Collins.

Virginia Will introduced the guest, Brenda Mann. Mrs. Mann presented a very informative program "Radon, Detection and Correction". Radon is a heavy radioactive gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is active in much of northwest Kansas. This gas is found in many basements. To find out if your basement has radon, the Norton County Extension Office has test

kits you may purchase. A normal reading is 4, but some basements in Norton have had a reading as high as 17. If radon is found, there are companies that can install equipment to reduce the gas.

Beverly Kindler conducted the business meeting. Fonda Lawrence read Thank You letters for our donations from the Post Prom committee and from the Ft. Dodge Kansas Soldiers Home. Eunice Neiltopp announced that Mid-Century will deliver Meals on Wheels, April 11-17. A gift will be sent to the Okiciyap Tipi Indians for their Habitat for Humanity project. It was reported that during the last club year, Mid-Century members volunteered 5,538 hours in the community. They donated \$1,586 to various projects and raised \$500,000.

Geraldine Packer, nominating committee chairman, gave their report. The new officers for the club year 2011-12 are Virginia Will, president; Cheryl Scott, vice-president; Darlene McEwen, secretary and Lynn Nelson, treasurer.

Mid-Century will again sponsor Kind News for the kindergarten classes at Eisenhower Elementary School.

The GFWC of Kansas State Convention will be April 8-9 in Newton. Beverly Kindler will be the delegate to the convention.

The annual Mid-Century Pie Sale will be April 7, at the Norton Community Center. Selling will start at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until all the pie is gone. Another fund raiser this year will be conducting the Plinko Game at the Norton County Fair, July 26-30.

The Spring Dinner will be April

28 in Oberlin at the LandMark Inn. Everyone is to meet in the north parking lot at the United Methodist Church at 4:45 p.m. Fine Arts Day is May 17 at the Norton Community High School. The students' art will be viewed at 7 p.m. and the band concert will be at 8 p.m.

Geraldine Packer reported from the GFWC Web site. Beverly reported from the GFWC Clubwoman magazine, "Ten Steps to Take Care of You".

Roll call was answered with "A safety practice I do in my home".

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Cold weather planting of garden lettuce

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Very soon now, human beings of all shapes and sizes will emerge from hibernation and begin the six or seven month process of growing some of their own fresh food. This group of homo sapiens call themselves gardeners and take great joy in the practice of family food production. My guess is that many of these creatures will take hoe in hand as early as next week to begin this project, and I'll be among 'em.

Weather and soil temperature permitting, there are indeed certain vegetables that will thrive in your garden when planted early. Peas, onions, radishes, and lettuce all prefer a soil temperature as cool as 40 degrees. They also detest the 90 degree heat of early summer, so the earlier they can be planted, the longer the harvest.

We need your quilts for show

"KS150 Quilt Fest" is slated for Oct. 7 and 8 in Concordia, and we need your quilts to show off!

The main exhibit hall will be at the beautiful Nazareth Convent and Academy. There will be guest speakers, demonstrations and vendors at other locations throughout the city, plus a dinner and quilt auction on Saturday evening.

The theme of the show is "150 Years of Kansas Quilts" and celebrates the 150th anniversary of statehood this year.

Registration is free, and any quilted item is welcome.

Proceeds from quilted items donated for the auction will benefit Neighbor to Neighbor, the women's center in downtown Concordia.

To register your quilt or for more information, contact Cloud County Convention & Tourism, 785-243-4303 or tourcloudcounty@yahoo.com, or Gerry Pounds, 785-568-2442 or midgiemouse2@yahoo.com.

Garden lettuce continues to intrigue me. I never tire of planting 2 or 3 of the many, many different varieties of lettuce. The varying colors and textures are just sensational among the other early spring plantings. Never mind that garden lettuce offers very little taste, although occasionally, the name given to certain varieties conjures up imaginative ideas of how those leaves should taste. Like Buttercrunch lettuce for example. Buttercrunch doesn't taste like butter, nor is it crunchy. But it has been a favorite in my garden and salad bowl for years. Who could resist planting a few seeds of the old Austrian romaine called Flashy Trout's Back that gives the visual impression that someone has accidentally "dripped" red paint on its dark green leaves. No, it does not have a fishy flavor.

And then there is a lettuce variety called Drunken Woman Frizzy

Headed that is a Butterhead type that offers no explanation of how it got its name. Thank goodness! Some of the Loose Leaf types carry very descriptive names such as Green Deer Tongue, Merlot, Mascara, Pom Pom, and Midnight Ruffles.

There are literally dozens of other names of lettuces in all four of the garden lettuce types, which are, in addition to Leaf Lettuce, include the Crisphead, the Loosehead, and the Romaine. All offer their own growing habit, texture, and unique appearance. However, taste varies very little from one to the other. If you want lots of taste in your fresh salad bowl, plant some of the mescluns which include arugula, chicory, radicchio, or purslane.

The big news this year in the lettuce patch is that a few of the

seed companies have begun to "pellet" their lettuce seed. Pelleting is the process of forming a clay biodegradable case around a seed, or seeds, allowing you to grasp the pellet and place it in the soil at reasonable intervals, rather than dropping too many tiny seeds in one spot. Burpee, J.W. Jung, and Territorial Seed are among others offering pelleted lettuce seed for the first time this year. I'm anxious to see the result.

I intend to plant those lettuce pellets, a couple of rows of peas, and a packet of spinach late next week, providing the soil temperature is 40 degrees or above, and not too wet. Potatoes? Not yet. We'll discuss that subject next.

Bring your club news into the office or call Harriett at 877-3361

March 25-
March 30

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
Gnomeo and Juliet
1 Hour, 30 Minutes (PG)

Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

I Am Number 4
(Presented in Digital Surround Sound)
1 Hour, 52 Minutes (PG)

COMING SOON

All passes accepted for I Am Number 4, all passes accepted for Gnomeo and Juliet

Gnomeo and Juliet is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - Sunday Tickets \$3
I Am Number 4 is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - Sunday Tickets \$3

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Battle LA (PG-13)
PREMIERING IN NORTON RIO (PG)

This ad is brought to you by The Norton Telegram

Let's Go to the Movie

Bella Sole
tanning-aqua massage-infrared-sauna

will open
Monday, March 28

Bella Sole is under new management and the new owners are very excited for everyone to come check us out. Give Mindy a call for an appointment for: uv tanning, aqua massage, sauna treatment, body wrap, or a spray tan in the mystic tanning booth.

OPEN AT 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 28
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