

OBITUARIES

Earl D. Powell, Jr.

June 9, 1930 - Nov. 28, 2011

Earl Delno Powell, Jr., son of Earl Delno and Susie Mary (Davis) Powell, was born June 9, 1930, in Allen, Kansas and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton on Nov. 28, 2011, at the age of 81.

Earl grew up in several locations, including Allen, Portland, Ore. and Emporia. He served in the U.S. Army and was a salesman. Due to his work he made his home in Emporia, Salina, Topeka and Lawrence. Follow-

ing his retirement, he moved to his current home in Lenora in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Lewis, Norton and Janice Hewes, Emporia; one step-daughter, Cheryl Walker, of Texas; two grandchildren, Josh and Joel, and three great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, one infant daughter, five brothers, and one sister.

Memorials can be sent to the Rathbone Rescues in Seminole, Fla. in the name of Earl D. Powell, Jr.

Per Earl's wishes, his body was cremated and services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, KS 67654. Condolences may also be sent to the family at www.enfieldfh.com.

Homestyle cookin' like grandma's

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

Let's go to a branding in the Flint Hills. The fire is hot and the branding irons are ready - but there are no cattle in sight. These brands are being burned into the walls of a new restaurant in a rural Kansas community.

Shelley and Charlie Davis and sons are owners of The Feedbunk, a new locally-owned restaurant in Yates Center. Shelley explains that her youngest son Lance had the dream of going to culinary school. While still a high schooler, Lance wanted to open a locally-owned restaurant in his hometown. When the city council ended up with a vacant grocery store building downtown, it turned out to be a great location for the restaurant.

The Davis family pitched in to help, and ultimately the restaurant opened on March 19, 2009. It is named The Feedbunk.

"We live in cattle country," Shelley explained. "All the animals go to the bunk to eat, so it seemed an appropriate name."

The restaurant's slogan is "Homestyle Cookin' like Grandma's." In fact, Shelley uses some of her grandmother's recipes in the cooking. "My son had the opportunity to be around my Grandma a lot," Shelley said. "She babysat for them and he was around her all the time."

The restaurant offers a full menu of sandwiches and dinners, plus breakfast. The "little kids and big kids menu" is for those under 12 and over 62. There are daily lunch specials, fried chicken and roast beef on Sunday, homemade Mexican food on Thursday nights, and steak night Friday and Saturday. Some of the entrees have names like the Farm Hand Breakfast, Harvest Crew, and Meat Galore Omelet, in addition to the meals on the lighter side.

"We want to provide a place for families to bring children," Shelley said. One corner of the restaurant is a play area called the Kids Corral where kids can play until their food arrives.

The restaurant offers affordable prices and hearty portions. One set of tables pushed together is called "the gossip table" or "the never-ending

table." Local farmers and others will come for breakfast and coffee before work, then return for lunch and again for coffee and conversation in the afternoon.

Friends of the Davis's came up from Georgia to deer hunt, and they love the restaurant. "They inspired our Feedbunk caps in camo and blaze orange designs," Shelley said.

Shelley worked for K-State Research and Extension but left that office to "devote 110 percent" to the restaurant. Son Lance took business classes at Allen County Community College and is now taking culinary courses at Washburn Tech with hopes of going to advanced culinary school. He returns on weekends to help.

The décor of the place is part of the fun. The walls are decorated with old barn wood. As a reflection of the local culture, ranchers were invited to burn their brands into the wood, and brands dot the walls in hundreds of places.

Then there are the license tags. "Lance was at a garage sale and he bought a bundle of 13 license tags," Shelley said. "When he put them up on the wall, lots of people got interested." Then people started volunteering to give them license tags to post.

Today, there are some 84 license tags of various types, styles, and vintages around the restaurant. These have come from coast to coast - literally from Alaska to Florida - plus Washington, D.C. and more. There are even tags from Newfoundland in Canada and the island of St. Maarten in the Caribbean.

That's impressive in a rural Kansas community. After all, Yates Center has a population of 1,586 people. Now, that's rural.

Let's go to a branding in the Flint Hills. No, there are no cattle in sight, but local folks were invited to burn their brand into the walls of this new restaurant. It's a fitting way to decorate a restaurant known as The Feedbunk in the heart of cow-calf country. We commend Shelley and Charlie Davis and sons Lance and Levi for making a difference with a locally-owned restaurant that is, well, almost brand new.

Bank on it



Lisa Donovan, Norton, received her winning ticket in the Christmas On Us promotion when she made a deposit and got some cash at The Bank. She received her \$25 winnings from Darcie Brooks, at The Bank, on Monday. Lisa works at Destination Kitchen as a baker specializing in cinnamon rolls. She has participated in the promotion for several years and plans on being at the big drawing. She doesn't know where she will spend the winnings but thinks "it's a great promotion, giving people the opportunity to get extra spending cash during the Christmas season."

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Award nominations now open

The Kansas Department of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2012 Governor's Exporter of the Year Award, which is presented to a single Kansas business for excellence in international trade and marketing.

Nominated companies will be evaluated on the totality of their international efforts, specifically:

- increase in jobs because of international activities.
- innovations in global marketing.
- number of countries exported to.
- effective use of international distributors.
- long-range international strategies and prospects for future growth.
- commitment to the state and local community.

The winner will be announced in the summer 2012. This is the 24th annual installment of the award.

Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by any other organization or individual. Visit www.kansascommerce.com/exporteroftheyear to download a nomination form. **The nomination deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2012.**

Nominations can be emailed to Greg Call at gcall@kansascommerce.com or mailed or faxed to:

Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council
c/o Kansas Department of Commerce, Trade Development Division
150 N. Main Street, Suite 100
Wichita, Kansas 67202
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Senior Citizens Christmas Party
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
108 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas

PLAY BINGO
WIN A PRIZE
CHOOSE AN ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE
Enjoy Refreshments

Safety needs to be on top of every shopper's list

While picking out a child's toy is an exciting part of every holiday season, *Safe Kids Kansas* wants to remind you that safety needs to be on the top of every shopper's list.

Selecting Toys

Parents and caregivers can make sure they're choosing safe toys for their children by paying close attention to warning labels and manufacturer's guidelines.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2009, there were an estimated 186,000 emergency room-treated injuries related to toys with children younger than age 15. This is an increase from the 152,000 injuries reported in 2005. However, toy-related fatalities have decreased; 12 deaths to children under age 15, down from 24 toy-related fatalities in 2007 and 2008.

Safe Kids Kansas also recommends:

Make sure to buy age-appropriate toys. All toys are clearly marked if they have small parts; do not buy toys with small parts for children younger than age three (or allow a child under age three to play with those kinds of toys belonging to an older sibling). Also, avoid building sets with small magnets for children under age six. These magnets are dangerous if swallowed.

Identify dangerous small parts. To be sure of a toy's size, use a small parts tester or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

Keep batteries out of sight and out of reach. Lithium button batteries are coin-sized batteries that can easily be swallowed by children and can come from many devices, such as remote controls. Other places you may find them are: singing greet-

ing cards, watches, bathroom scales, and flameless candles. If a child swallows a battery, go to the emergency room immediately. Tell doctors and nurses that your child may have swallowed a battery. Do not let the child eat or drink until a chest X-ray can determine if a battery is present. Do not induce vomiting. Call the National Battery Ingestion Hotline at 202-625-3333 for additional treatment information.

Buy the proper safety gear. Riding toys account for the greatest number of toy-related injuries. If you purchase a riding toy, such as a scooter, skateboard, in-line skates or bicycle, remember that the gift isn't complete without a helmet and appropriate protective gear.

Inspect toys to make sure they are in good repair. Check children's play areas for miss-

ing or dislodged parts. Do not let young children play with toys that have straps, cords or strings longer than seven inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

Actively supervise children. Caregivers should actively supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. Simply being in the same room as your child is not necessarily supervising. Active supervision means keeping the child in sight and in reach and paying undivided attention.

Practice proper storage. Teach children to put toys away after playing to help prevent falls and unsupervised play, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children.

Nov. 23-
Dec. 7

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 2 Hours
Presented in Digital Surround Sound
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

The Muppets
1 Hour, 48 Minutes (PG)
Only Premiere passes accepted for The Twilight Saga
Only Premiere passes for The Muppets

Breaking Dawn is Premiere Price: \$7.00 and \$6.00 (No Sunday Discount)
The Muppets is Premiere Price: \$7.00 and \$6.00 (No Sunday Discount)

Coming Soon: **Arthur Christmas** and **Happy Feet 2**
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Let's Go to the Movie

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This ad is brought to you by The Norton Telegram

Lots of Great Prizes Donated by Businesses Listed Below!!

CHRISTMAS COLORING Contest!
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WITH COLOR!

The Norton Telegram and area Businesses are Sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest

Stop by the Norton Telegram or the Almena Market in Almena and pick one of the six designs. Return the colored picture to The Norton Telegram or the Almena Market no later than Thursday, December 15. The pictures will be displayed in the lobby of The Norton Telegram for judging.

Prizes have been donated by the following businesses:
Dairy Queen: Treat tokens to all Entrants; Norton Animal Hospital: \$20.00; The Bank: Savings Bond; First Security Bank and Trust Co.: Gold Coins; End Zone: Ribbons; Norton Theatre: Movie Tickets; Pizza Hut: Personal Pan Pizzas; Rainbow Lanes: T-shirt; Garden Gate Florals Etc.: \$10.00; Norton Sports Center: Kawasaki Teddybears; Here's Your Sign: Headband and Hair Tie; Woody's Diner: Gift Certificate; United Northwest Federal Credit Union: Kansas Teddy Bears; First State Bank: \$25.00 Savings Account; Norton Telegram: \$30.00