

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Catherine "Evie" Drees

March 4, 1932 - Dec. 7, 2011

Evelyn Catherine "Evie" Drees, 79, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at her home in Prairie Village. A rosary and a funeral mass were held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Wichita.

Evie was born on March 4, 1932 in New Almelo, to the late John and Ruth Austerman. She attended Sacred Heart Cathedral High School in Salina and St. Francis School of Nursing in Wichita. After graduation she married her sweetheart, Paul J. Drees, whom she had met during her senior year in high school. They were married on June 26, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo. Over the years, while raising their children, they made their homes in Topeka and then Wichita.

Evie was proud to be a registered licensed nurse and worked at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka and Via Christi-St. Francis in Wichita. She was a devoted servant of God and prided herself on lovingly and faithfully caring for the needs of her family which was her life and passion. The spirituality of her family was shaped by her strong Catholic example. She and Paul were members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for 40 years and later

members at St. Anne Parish in Prairie Village. She was the heart of the Drees family. Throughout her life she maintained a sweet, simple demeanor and her children benefitted greatly from her constant nurturing love. Evie loved to pray, read, do crossword puzzles, shop with her daughters, play cards, travel with her family. They frequently traveled to the home of their children.

Her surviving family includes: her husband of 56 years, Paul; their dear children, Linda Drees-Kingswood (Bob) of Fort Collins, Colo.; Debbie Wight (Matt) of Liberty, Mo.; Greg Drees (Lorri) of Prairie Village; David Drees (Stacey) of Portland, Ore.; Karen Lane (Darryl) of Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren, Marianna Irene Drees-Kingswood, Jordon and Johnathon Wight, Taylor and Evan Drees, Duke Drees, Madison and Tucker Lane; sisters and brothers-in-law, Devota and Walt Arthur, Bernita and Chuck Holmes, Bonnie and Jon Boxler, Louise and Deon Carlson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to The Sisters of St. Joseph, P.O. Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901.

Peace on earth and good will to men

The Christmas season is upon us. For Christians who pay attention to the liturgical year, it is Advent, a season of penitence and preparation. Other Christians have already decorated their churches and launched into the use of Christmas carols during worship services. Wherever on the continuum Christians find themselves, most see this period of time as a time to get ready to welcome the Baby Jesus. They make an effort to see the true meaning of Christmas and exchange greetings, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

I personally found little good will toward men in the reports of Black Friday - pepper spraying other customers, gunshots fired, rude customers and clerks needing to call security. It seems this side of the Christmas season represents some of the worst of our culture. It represents materialism, self-centeredness and lack of any concern for one's fellow men. I have a friend who says materialism is the great-

Life is Good Rita Speer



est threat to Christianity in this country today. After the news reports about people's behavior on Black Friday, I believe he may be right.

On the other hand, I still have hope. Several months ago I wrote about Concordia's Year of Peace, which was a concerted community effort to restore civility in social exchanges. It began in September, 2009 and ran until December 31, 2010. The citizens involved felt that was not long enough and extended it through 2011. I asked if we could do that on an individual basis here in Norton.

I have made a specific attempt to speak kindly to those people who offer me service. This in-

cludes clerks in stores, people who check me in when I see physicians or have lab work, people who bring the mail and newspapers. I want to live in peace, and this is a beginning place for me. I have chosen to remain quiet when others around me are cutting down this politician or that one. I have opinions, of course, but I don't need to share them; that's what the voting booth is for.

I also mentioned that I enjoy watching whodunits on TV, and I was giving some thought to whether those programs were consistent with my desire to live in peace. The programs don't usually bother or upset me, and if a particular episode is particularly graphic or otherwise bothers me, I turn it off. I have quit watching one series, but that is mostly because I dislike the change of characters.

So I am trying to find peace on earth and create some good will for men during this Advent season. Will you join me?

Hines-Hazlett reunion held

Relatives of the Hines and Hazlett families gathered in Norton on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011 to attend the 62nd annual reunion. Seventy-seven relatives and friends were in attendance.

Those attending were: Linda Cox, Hutchinson; Clayton and Caleb Turman, Shawn Schock and Terry Billings, Brittne Schock, Leon and Keira Hughes, Norton; June Crouse, Arlene and J.W. Lynch, Connie Crouse and Kyleigh Gentile, Eric Crouse, Kay Gruel, Ronda, Riley, and Ryan Hott, all of Aurora, Colo.; Cindy Mattison, Jonathan Mattison and Sarah Crawford, Joe and Jonah Black, Colby; Mark and Rachel Van Patten, Tea, Khrianna, and Serenity, Almema; Heath Pinzenscham, Norton; April and Jarrod Moppin, Aaron, Adam, and Lori, Almema; Gertrude and Linda

Hazlett, North Platte, Neb.; Ron and Ginger Hazlett, and Isabell Cocia, Burlington; Tami Dugan, Wichita; Elaine Schukman, Melissa Galvan, Alyssa Bryant, Caden, Wyatt, and Mason Galvan, Josh and Lacey Hansen, Jeremiah, Haley, and Lucas, Almema; Charlotte and Bud Cox, Weatherford, Texas; Gloria Zwickle, Norton; Jule Shearer, Brad Shearer, Luke and Jennifer Leibbrandt, Alex and Dane Simoneau, Norton; Randy and Deana Shearer, Amy Shearer, Owen Stong, and Ellie, Almema; Terrel and Gary Crawford, Fall Branch, Tenn.; Andrea Crawford, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dan Hazlett, Norton, and Joyce Quinn, Almema.

Also visiting were: Don and Connie Grove, Edinburg, Neb.; David and Matthew Stansberry, Aaron Hoft, Meagan Milton and Kaydn Webb, Norton.

NORTON MANOR

Bill Matchett in Apt. 103 had family visitors. His brother Frank Matchett and wife Janet were visitors of his for two days. They live in Aurora, Colo.

Gretel and Gilbert Janssen recently moved to Norton and are residing in the Norton Housing Authority. They moved here from Bella Vista, Ark.

On Thanksgiving Mary Keith spent the day with the Ed Keith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy

of Lake Wilson; Mr. Pat Murphy and Austin of Kansas City, joined the Sunshine Club Saturday evening with Mary Keith at NHA.

Violet Clark had Thanksgiving dinner with Donna and Chauncy Marsh.

Mrs. Jo Murphy spent several days with her Mother Mary Keith after her return from the hospital.

Clara Shewey spent Thanksgiving with her daughter Julia

Jellison of Tonganoxie. While there, her family all visited.

Doris Mizell's family had Thanksgiving dinner here at the Community Room. Ray and Ruth Mizell were hosts.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell to the Cantata in Phillipsburg Saturday evening. Lester went with them as well. Then Sunday afternoon they picked up David Mizell in Hays and went to Victoria where the college was putting on their Christmas Musical program at the St. Fidelas church. Jacob Mizell was a member of the Choir. Stephen and Karlynn Mizell, Hays, also attended. We went back to Hays to get a bite to eat. Took Jacob back to the church for the evening program and then we came on home.

CLUB NEWS

The Heritage Quilt Club met Dec. 12, which was postponed from Dec. 5, at Prairie Land in Norton. There were 21 members present. Everyone brought snacks which were enjoyed by all. Hostesses were Freda Weyand, Sarah Durham, Connie Miller & Rita Speer. Roll call was taken with members showing recent projects made. It was reported that Jerris McMullen had delivered 18 baby quilts to the hospital from club members. A committee is working on ideas for National Quilt Day in March. Next month the meeting will be the second Monday which is January 9. Hostesses will be Jerris McMullen, Lynn

Tacha, Kathie Skrdlant and Mary Jo Montgomery. Next month there will be a round robin for the program. The meeting was adjourned and a game was played using strips of fabric. Also a game was played to distribute the gift wrapped patterns brought by members.

FYI

The Norton Medical Clinic will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas. The clinic will once again be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's.

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Winning smiles



Charlene Weskamp of Norton is the latest winner in the Christmas On Us promotion. She received her \$25 winnings from owner Bradley Sander after purchasing a mattress at Sander Bed Shop. Weskamp recently retired after working for the Norton County FSA Office for more than 33 years. She said she participates in the promotion every year but never won before and plans on being at the big drawing. On the promotion, Weskamp said, "I think it's wonderful. It's exciting. It makes you look at the ads and it keeps money in Norton."

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

The plight of December babies

Everybody raises a big fuss about the first baby of the New Year. The very first to make a January appearance even wins a contest in some communities, earning many gifts from the more generous local merchants. Babies born in February are dear little Valentines.

March, April and May are wonderful spring months in which to give birth. As a matter of fact May and April are often chosen for little girls' names if they are fortunate enough to have spring birthdays. Spring and summer babies romp around in a little bit of nothing and never have to wear booties or bonnets or scratchy little sweaters crocheted with good intentions but not a lot of understanding of tender baby skin.

June is the favorite month of all for baby arrival as well as weddings, providing the latter comes well before the former. July and August babies, while welcome, are miserable months for Mommie, who cannot enjoy iced tea or watermelon unless willing to pay with swollen ankles and constant bathroom trips. September and October are nice months for the stork to arrive. My third boy chose Sept. 30 to open his door to the world, just after the twins started first grade. Three thirty, when they came in from school, was the high point of his day.

November is not bad, either, although nasty weather may set in, necessitating a lot of bundling for the trip home from the hospital. My twins, born Nov. 30, were given several cute stretch terry footsie sleepers, which they wore almost exclusively their first few months of life. When they outgrew them we found it impossible to keep socks or booties on either one so they grew up with blue toes. Bothered me, didn't bother them at all. Still can't keep shoes or socks on one of them except when she's working.

But, oh, pity the little one who

Pieces of life's puzzle Liza Deines



chooses to make an entrance in the final month of the year. Everyone says "Oh, a Christmas baby! how sweet". Not so sweet if you're in charge of the children's pageant at church while enduring back aches and the afore-mentioned swollen ankles. Of course you dare not nibble even one crumb of fudge because you have to weigh in at the doctor's office day after tomorrow. The average mother is praying that her little blessing will arrive well before the holiday parties begin, hoping (usually in vain) to be able to squeeze into her red velvet sheath and perhaps indulge in a couple of drinks. By the way, did you ever try to string lights on a Christmas tree with a tummy clear out to "here?"

Deprived December babies often live lives sans birthday parties; everyone is just too busy around the holidays to plan one. They also suffer from the dreaded "One Gift for Both Occasions" syndrome, which is just about as unfair as life gets. My blessed mother and sister once

threw a birthday party for me in July, just so I'd have one to remember. Yes, I am a December child, as is my granddaughter, Elizabeth, who has her natal day just after Christmas, and my niece, Crista Noel, born on Christmas Day.

Back in the day, as my children refer to my younger years, babies arrived as a gift from God whenever His plan called for your family to begin or enlarge. Why, believe it or not, we didn't even know if our little bundle of joy was to be a boy or a girl until the ultimate arrival! We were just happy with a healthy child, no matter what, and usually had both male and female names at the ready. A member of my family, after eight sons, still has a pristine, always available, girl's name in reserve. Times change, however, so if you can, I'd sure advise arranging to avoid a December visit from the stork.

"They" say every baby expresses God's opinion that the human race should continue. So, whenever, wherever and however, treat that little new life with the respect it deserves and love it with all your heart. Like you could do anything else!
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Metcalfe Real Estate
is proud to announce the addition of two new agents
Nicole Sauvage became a real estate salesperson in November 2011. Nicole has been working at Metcalfe Real Estate and Randal Appraisal for almost a year now under the supervision of Kris Randal. Nikki is a 1999 graduate of DCHS and a 2011 graduate of NWKS Technical College in Goodland, KS with an associate degree in Medical Assistance. After working at the Oberlin Clinic for several years, she decided to make a change. Nicole and her husband Justin have two boys, Breckin, age 7 and Talan, age 4.
Abby Rice is the newest member at Metcalfe Real Estate and will be an agent for our neighboring county, Norton. Abby graduated from Kansas University with a degree in Finance. She and her husband Chase have lived in Norton for three years, both grew up in Smith Center. Abby and Chase are currently in the process of buying Moffet Drug, where Chase has worked as a pharmacist for three years. Together, they have a son named Hadyn who will be two in March.
Metcalfe Real Estate welcomes these two agents and is proud to have them as part of the team!

BIRTH
Trent and Jennifer Hanni are the proud parents of Kaden Zeke Hanni, born Nov. 13, 2011 in Topeka. Kaden weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 21 inches long. Kaden's siblings are Kailyn Sloan Hanni and Kylie Kay Hanni. Grandparents are Jon and Wendy Sloan of Norton and Richard and Shayla Boyd.

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Dec. 28
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