

OBITUARIES

John DeBates

March 9, 1937 - Feb. 19, 2012

John DeBates, son of John and Evelyn (Stuffer) DeBates, was born March 9, 1937 in Vinton, Iowa, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Feb. 19, 2012, at the age of 74.

John grew up in Vinton and attended the schools there, graduating from high school in 1956. He also received an Associate Degree. On April 30, 1994, he married Carolyn Buchler in Norton, where they made their home. John had been a counselor at Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

John was a member of the Christian Church and AA for 33 years.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn DeBates, Norton; five children, Damen DeBates, Des Moines, Iowa; Nola Wray, Pittsburgh, Pa.; T.J. DeBates, Salasaw, Ark.; and John "J.P." DeBates, Mason City, Iowa; Elaina Woods, Ft. Smith, Ark.; one daughter-in-law, Connie Chandler, Norton; one foster daughter, Rhonda Davies, Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; other relatives and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and one son, Ty Chandler.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton and inurnment will be at Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the John DeBates Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com

Arrangements made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

New zone map will help gardeners

The new Plant Hardiness Zone Map released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers gardeners greater accuracy and detail about winter temperatures, in some cases changing zoning designations.

The map is designed to guide gardeners in choosing plants that will survive the winter by dividing the U.S. into temperature zones ranging from 1a to 13b. The zones are based on average extreme minimum temperatures. Zone 1a represents average extreme minimum temperatures of -60 to -55 degrees Fahrenheit, while zone 13b represents average extreme minimum temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

The new map shifts many areas up the zoning scale, categorizing them as warmer than the previous map did. The USDA said this apparent warming trend is due to using data from a longer time period. This map replaces the 1990 map, which was based on only 13 years of data. The 2012 zoning map reflects nearly 30 years of data from 1976 to 2005.

Rebecca McMahon, K-State Research and Extension horticulture agent in Sedgwick County, said she is reminding gardeners this map does not offer advice on when to plant. Instead it tells gardeners what levels of hardiness they should look for in plants when designing their landscapes and gardens.

Much of northeast Kansas shifted from zone 5a to 6a, meaning the average extreme minimum temperature is about 10 degrees warmer than the

previous map indicated. Patton said he expects to see gardeners spreading their wings a little in terms of planting more zone 6 plants. However, if they want to plant something with longevity, such as a shade tree, he recommended selecting hardiness for zone 5 to ensure survival through extra cold winters.

McMahon said the new zoning designations will have little effect on plantings in southern Kansas.

"Southern and south central Kansas have changed from 6a to 6b-not a real drastic change," she said. "Based on the new map data, some of those plants that are considered marginally hardy for zone 6 will potentially be more successful to grow here."

McMahon and Patton emphasized the importance of remembering the map is a guide. "There is still the whole concept of the right plant in the right place," Patton said. "Plants still need the right amount of sun, shade and water. The new map data suggests a few other plants are now potentially more durable in this climate."

Patton also said cold hardiness is just one aspect of plant growth. Gardeners should also consider the heat tolerance of plants. The American Horticultural Society has a plant heat zone map that creates zones based on the average number of days per year an area has temperatures higher than 86 degrees Fahrenheit.

To see the USDA's new Plant Hardiness Zone Map, go to www.planthardiness.ars.usda.gov.

New displays showing at the library

By Beverly Kindler

Carl Warner stated, "Life can be a puzzle sometimes." And his collection of brain teasers focuses on that theme. He received his first puzzle when he was in sixth grade-it was a brain teaser puzzle.

About 30 years ago Carl started collecting brain teasers. The first ones were wooden. Then he started looking for other kinds, plastics and metals. He has purchased them all across the United States. His favorite one was given to him by his grandpa who made it for him. It was a simple piece of wood with three holes, a long string and two washers.

The idea was to get the washers on the same side without untying the string.

Carl said, "Brainteaser puzzles are a lot of fun. They remind me of problems we run into during our life. Sometimes it takes a while to figure things out, but there is a solution."

Be sure to check out the many brain teasers that Carl has in the display case.

Ada Arford has filled the tall display case with coffee pots and related items. Enameled coffee pots (or granite wear) first began in Europe in the late 1800's. Almost all the granite wear with flower or other decorations can be traced to Europe. Companies in the United States made many plain, swirled, spotted and speckled colors that are highly desirable.

Granite wear was subject to chipping so finding a piece today, in good condition, usually means it wasn't used much.

The tall pots with curved spouts are known as coffee biggins. The tall fat coffee pots are known as campfire pots or boiling pots.

Copper coffee pots were made prior to granite wear items.

Coffee measures were giveaways and almost always have advertising.

Coffee tins are a whole category of collecting. The rusted Golden Wedding tin still contains its original coffee.

Check out the many coffee pots Ada has shared and compare them with coffee pots that

have been used by your family.

And speaking of coffee, next admire the collections of demitasse cups and saucers. Traditionally, hostesses served black coffee in these dainty cups and saucers following a dinner party. Each cup holds a serving of approximately one half cup of coffee.

The collections now on display belong to Kim Chambers and Mary Beth Boyd. Kim's collection is part of a much larger collection that belonged to her grandmother. Most of Mary Beth's cups and saucers once belonged to her mother.

There is a story behind each cup and saucer. They come from many countries. One of Kim's favorites was made in occupied Japan and probably given to her grandmother by her father. Most of Mary Beth's are from the United Kingdom.

Check out the labels they have provided with each cup and saucer. For those who enjoy fine china, this display is a must see.

In the Art Gallery, you will find three large photos taken by Daniel Riemann on New Year's Eve 2000. Daniel's grandparents, Patricia and Paul Deiter of Norton, had taken Daniel to New York City for his 18th

birthday. He had always wanted to see the ball drop in Times Square on New Year's.

For his 21st birthday, he and his best friends went to Chicago. The smaller photo is from that trip in September 2003.

Daniel graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism. Daniel was killed in May 2008 by a drunk driver.

These collections will be on display at the Norton Public Library through the end of March. Take time to enjoy each display when you visit the library.

Honoring history



City employee Andrew Knuth is seen putting up flags Monday morning on State Street in Norton to celebrate President's day. Many businesses were closed in observance of the holiday.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Gardens aren't just for vegetables

Kay Melia
Master Gardener

Early in the new year, I rewarded myself with a thump on the head to remind me to devote a little more time writing about flowers this year in this space. After all, I told myself, there are more backyard gardeners involved with the planting and nurturing of flowers than there are vegetables.

But here's the thing. You can't eat flowers. Oh sure, you see pictures of a few upscale big city restaurants garnishing their salads with nasturtium blossoms. Or we read about the tremendous food value contained in tulip petals and assorted and sundry other blooms. I suppose my problem is that I grew up during the depression and war years and learned at an early age that flowers were to look at and not eat. And that every inch of yard space must be planted to vegetables. As a direct result of those early days, I just didn't learn much about growing flowers. I knew they were nice to look at and usually smelled good, but that was about it. They simply could not add any nourishment on the dinner table. There wasn't even an entry class at the county fair for flowers. There were no gorgeous, showy Hybrid Tea Roses, only the prickly climbing roses with single rows of petals

and usually only in colors of red, yellow, and white. I'll never forget, though, the long row of yellow climbers that lined my Granddad's driveway for years and years. Man, would I love to have a few of those today!

So, I grew up among big baskets of beans and cucumbers, and virtually ignored the talents of those who knew the joy of decorating their corner of the world with beauty and grace and elegance. I learned to enjoy a few flowers in my garden space, but not with the general knowledge of what I was doing. But I have learned to respect and appreciate the tremendous talents of those who devote most of their time and effort to flowers.

As space will allow, lets visit a little about flowers. There is only one All America Rose Selection this year, and you should see it! It's a gorgeous light yellow Grandiflora called "Sunshine Daydream" and was released this year by Conrad-Pyle/Star Roses. That's the same rose breeder that gave us the Knock-out series of roses, the unrivaled

shrub rose called Bonica, and perhaps the most beloved rose of all time, the Peace. Sunshine Daydream should be readily available this spring.

Other new offerings this year that have caught my eye include the first introduction of the Cool Wave Hybrid Pansy, from the same people who have given us all the Wave lines of petunias. And then there's the unbelievable Yellow Crown Peony, only \$49.95 per plant. Then there's the Banana Cream Shasta Daisy, the Paradise Oriental Poppy, the Sombrero line of Echinaceas, and the unbelievable Winter Jewels series of double Hellebores. They're all new this year, and all listed in most of the new seed catalogs.

Indeed, flower breeders have outdone themselves this year! If you come to my house this summer, you'll probably see a lot of Wave petunias, maybe a few zinnias, and perhaps even some Bachelor Buttons. That's about it. Hopefully, you'll also see some gorgeous onions and lovely cabbage!

FHSU Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBCD) in partnership with Norton City/County Economic Development is offering the following FREE classes:

- **Business Plan Essentials**
Thursday, March 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Profit Visioning and Goal Setting**
Thursday, March 15, 5:15-6:15 p.m.
- **Succession Planning**
Friday, March 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Financial Basics Workshop**
Friday, March 16, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

All classes will be held in the Norton Public Library Community Room. **Space is limited, advanced registration is required.** Register online at <http://ksbcd.eccenterdirect.com/>. **Registration deadline is March 14.** Questions may be directed to Megan Horinek, email mlhorinek@fhsu.edu or (785) 734-2592.

Computers are not required but feel free to bring your laptop. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASSES IS AVAILABLE ON THE discovernorton.com WEBSITE**



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