

OBITUARIES

Doris Fae Jackson

March 29, 1923 - April 1, 2012

Doris Fae Jackson, daughter of King Gallentine and Iva (Smith) Gallentine, was born on March 29, 1923, Clayton Community, and passed away at Whispering Pines, Norton, on April 1, 2012 at the age of 89.

When Doris was two years old, the family moved to Decatur County to become part of the Gallentine community. Doris attended grade school at the Gallentine Country School, and graduated from the Clayton Rural High School in 1941. In March 17, 1942, she married Marvin Jackson in Quinter. They lived on the family farm until they moved to Norton in 1993. To this union, three children were born, including two sons, Kenneth and Bob Jackson and one daughter, Karen Cozad. Marvin passed away on Feb. 28,

2004. Doris was an active member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren and the Maple Grove Women Fellowship. She also was a member of the Norcatur E.H.U.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth and wife Sue Jackson of Stillwater, Okla.; Bob and wife Jan Jackson of Littleton, Colo.; daughter, Karen and husband David Cozad of Norton; sister-in-law, Inez Jackson; three grandchildren, Tracy and husband Dan Engelhardt; Jan and wife Maria Cozad; Jeremy and wife Claire Cozad; Five step-grandchildren, Terry and wife Carolyn Eskew; Gary and wife Teresa Eskew; Rodney and wife Sharla Eskew; Kent and wife Jenny Eskew; Lee Zimmerman; three great-grandchildren and eleven step-great-

grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Marvin, husband of 62 years, and brother Lyman Gallentine.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with Darel Boston and Terry Loughlin officiating.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 3 from 4-8 p.m.

Interment will be at the Norcatur Cemetery in Norcatur.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norton Hospice, Whispering Pines and the Norcatur Citizens Fund.

Enfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emma C. Sanford

July 9, 1918 - April 1, 2012

Emma C. Sanford, Oberlin, passed away on April 1, 2012 at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin at the age of 93.

The daughter of Daniel Sanford and Minnie Pears, Emma was born July 9, 1918 in Bloomington, Neb. and was raised in Calvert, Almena and Jennings.

She never married and resided in Jennings where she worked as a housekeeper and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Jennings.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Minnie Sanford; two brothers, Frank and George Sanford; and three sisters-in-law, June, Zora and Marilyn Sanford.

She is survived by nieces and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Jennings on Wednesday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Barbara Patterson officiating. Burial will be at Jennings Cemetery and a memorial fund has been established in her name.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 3 from 1-8 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and Wednesday, April 4 from 8 a.m. until service time at the church in Jennings.

Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

Stepping back in time



The Prairie Dog State Park held an open house over the weekend, which offered visitors the chance to enter drawings, enter the park at no fee and to take tours of the Adobe House, the Hillman School House and the cabins. Americorp worker and park employee Diederik Kramer is seen here demonstrating how an old washboard was used to do laundry back in the old days.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

What matters is what we give

By Ron Wilson,
Huck Boyd Institute

What do you get for the man who has everything? That question seems to come up persistently around birthdays and holidays. In one case, the question led to a special gift that provided support to a special project which is celebrating 150 years of our state's vitally important beef industry. Specifically, this gift supported the creation of a wonderful book titled 150 Years of Kansas Beef.

Dr. Justin Kastner is assistant professor of food safety and security and director of the Frontier program in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

In 2007, Kastner was meeting with Dr. Dan Thomson, director of K-State's Beef Cattle Institute. They discussed the idea of a project to honor the beef industry.

"I commented that the sesquicentennial of Kansas was four years away, and that was how it got started," Kastner said. The idea was to create a book that would honor the Kansas beef industry in conjunction with 150 years of Kansas statehood. The Beef Cattle Institute provided the initial financial support.

"This book is intended to celebrate the people of our industry and celebrate the state of Kansas," Thomson said. "When we celebrate the beef industry, this truly is a celebration of years of labor, heritage, and a humble work force within our state."

Kastner and a team of students set out to do the historical research to produce the book. His co-editor was Blair Bryant Tenhouse, a research assistant with the Frontier program who grew up showing cattle in south central Kansas. They put in countless hours of research and miles on the road, studying the rich history of Kansas beef as well as

the stories of the families who are engaged in producing it.

It was envisioned as a coffee-table style book, with attractive photos and high quality workmanship. Unfortunately, that meant there were substantial production costs. But through the vet school's development office, key financial support for the project came from the Vanier family.

Jack and Donna Vanier are long-time ranchers, entrepreneurs, and rural philanthropists. They come from the CK Ranch near the community of Brookville, population 257 people. Now, that's rural.

Donna Vanier was wondering about a special Christmas gift for her husband. She hit on the idea of supporting the book project as a special gift in his honor.

"I don't have the opportunity to surprise Jack very often," she said. "This is why I want to honor his legacy as a prominent cattleman and astute businessman who has worked tirelessly for the state of Kansas."

The book was printed during the summer of 2011. In September, K-State held a book dedication event honoring Jack Vanier. The book expresses thanks to Donna Vanier whose gift made it possible.

"There have been many books about Kansas beef," Justin said. "What makes this book unique is that it combines the economic and social history of the industry with the family histories of those involved."

The first chapter of the book is about cowboys, cow towns, and cattle trails. The book goes on to chronicle international agricultural investment in Kansas, cattle production practices, the growth of livestock exchanges and cattle trade, families of the Kansas beef industry, and K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. The families featured include the Bragg and Coffman families of Dodge City and Overbrook, the Fink family near Manhattan, the Gardiners of Ashland, Schlickaus of Haven, Schulers of Chapman, the Perriers of Eureka, and more. So what do you get for the man who has everything? In the case of Donna Vanier, she made a surprise gift in her husband's honor to a project that very fittingly celebrates 150 years of Kansas beef. We appreciate the Vaniers, Justin Kastner, Blair Tenhouse, Dan Thomson, and all those producers who have made a difference with their hard work through the years. In the end, what matters is not what we get, but what we give.

BIRTH

Clarke and Julia Nelson of Long Island are the parents of a baby daughter.

Abigail Susan Nelson was born Nov. 8, 2011 at 3:13 p.m. and weighed in at seven pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Sara Brehmer of Norton; Terry Nelson and Marcia Zillinger of

Almena; Larry Platt of Alma, Neb.; and the late Susan Platt of Huntley, Neb.

Great-grandparents are Nyla Stuewe and the late David Stuewe of Oro Valley, Ariz.; Norman and Gloria Nelson of Norton; the late Ray and Lorraine Platt of Alma, Neb.; and the late Dexter and Betty Schluntz of Republican City, Neb.



Companion plants can help your garden

By Kay Melia
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I have in my possession roughly 250 old gardening magazines of varying ages that I enjoy referring to occasionally. There are Flower and Garden editions, Organic Gardening, Horticulture magazine, and Gardens For All publications standing by, ready for immediate use at the proper time. I'm not sure when that will be, but there they are, whenever I might need them.

Several months ago, I opened the pages of a 1984 Organic Gardening magazine and there was a tomato with a smiling face holding hands with an equally happy head of cabbage. An onion was dancing with a carrot, and a cucumber was having an obviously interesting conversation with a head of broccoli. I ask myself "What goes on here?"

The title of the accompanying article by one Elliott Tozer was "The Truth About Companion Planting", and the reader was invited to learn why some garden plantings make better neighbors than others.

But does planting one specie of plant beside another actually enhance the growth and production of each other, or is the whole idea just wishful thinking? It all started about 2,000 years ago when Pliny the Elder wrote that "rice seems to be very friendly

with figs" and ever since, gardeners everywhere have been swapping countless ideas and suggestions about various garden pairings.

Actually, there seems to have been very few controlled experiments on the subject, and therefore there is very little conclusive evidence that specific companion plantings really work. And in the research that HAS been conducted, the results are often not clear cut. When plant growth or yield IS improved by a companion it is likely due to subtle, biological factors that seem to vary from garden to garden. In some successful plant partnerships for instance, one plant will act to destroy harmful insects, luring them away from the target crop. In other instances, a companion may have a positive influence on the soil, or simply provide needed shade. The truth is, a companion planting does not help a fellow plant DIRECTLY. Instead, it might play a small role in a complicated series of events that may seem to enhance the other plants's growth or health.

But, for whatever it's worth, here are a few match-ups that the author, Mr. Tozer says may have the support of at least one scientific study. To benefit cabbage, plant tomatoes nearby.

To aid your carrot crop, plant onions. Sweet corn seems to appreciate a row of beans nearby. To keep broccoli happy, plant a hill or two of cucumbers in the vicinity. Collards seem to enjoy a tomato plant as a close neighbor, and bell peppers seem to welcome a few ragweeds or pig weeds nearby because the weeds attract leaf minors that peppers can't appreciate. And finally, an idea that seems to be a bit bazaar. Plant a few dandelions close to your tomato patch. The roots of dandelions seem to protect against fusarium wilt, one of the real killers of tomatoes. Somehow, it's tough to visualize a gardener purposely planting weeds anywhere, but then.....

Spring has arrived! Is your hoe sharp?

State site to open for travel season

The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site will open its visitor center Wednesday, April 4, for the spring and summer travel season. Visitor center hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, until Saturday, Oct. 27. Visitors are welcome to tour the battlefield and walk the nature trail from dawn to dusk year-round. Admission to the visitor center exhibits is \$5 for adults and \$1

for students. Kansas Historical Foundation members and children five and under are admitted free. Mine Creek Battlefield is located one-half mile west of the intersection of U.S. 69 and K-52, three miles south of Pleasanton.

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