

# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy Joan (Woodard) Chandler

Oct. 8, 1938 - Dec. 14, 2012

Dorothy Joan Chandler, daughter of Nelson and Jessie (Gates) Woodard, was born Oct. 8, 1938 in Phillips County, and passed away Dec. 14, 2012, in Hays at the age of 74.

Upon the death of her mother, Dorothy moved to Almena, where she attended the Almena schools and grew to adulthood. On Dec. 26, 1956 Dorothy and Keith W. Chandler were united in marriage in Almena, where they began their family. The Chandlers moved to and resided in Ashland, from 1968 to 1971, until moving to Valley Center, where Dorothy was employed by the Twin Lakes Bank in Wichita. When the opportunity arose, the family returned home

to Almena, where Dorothy was employed by the Almena State Bank. Upon the passing of her husband and with declining health, she moved to Hays, to live out her life closer to family.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Fred (Lori) Chandler of Sedgwick; her daughters, Kristi (Sam) Schnuerle of Hays; Karla (Bart) Kenton of Hays; Karen (Lauren) Kats of Silver Lake; 11 grandchildren, Chandler, Landon, Katelyn, and Hayden Schnuerle, Gage and Greer Chandler, Brady and Riley Kenton, Ethan, Caleb, and Kennedy Kats; two brothers, Robert (Vanetta) Woodard of Overland Park; and Louis (Sharon) Woo-

dard of Phillipsburg; and one sister, Dolores Lessor of Kennewick, Wash.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Keith, two brothers, Vernon Woodard and William Dell in infancy, and a sister, Vivian Cruz.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton and burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Almena.

Memorials can be given to Almena Eastern Star and Smile Train.

Condolences may be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## KanCare ready to start January 1

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has informed Kansas it believes the State has demonstrated it is programmatically prepared for a Jan. 1, 2013, start date for KanCare, the proposed system of integrated care for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries.

"I want to thank the thousands of Kansans from across the state who worked with Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, M.D., KDHE Secretary Bob Moser, M.D., KDADS Sec. Shawn Sullivan and their staffs to craft a health care plan that is truly what Kansans want and need. Thanks to their efforts, we will have a Medicaid program that will work for Kansans," Gov. Sam Brownback said.

Federal and state officials have been in intensive discussions around the State's Section 1115 Demonstration application. As it has submitted documents to CMS, the State has been posting implementation activities reports, draft waiver amendments, and provider network summaries on its KanCare website: [www.kancare.ks.gov/readiness\\_activities.htm](http://www.kancare.ks.gov/readiness_activities.htm).

"We thank CMS leadership and staff for the time and effort they have dedicated to this process and look forward to continuing these important meetings around our KanCare system," Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer, MD Said. "Our work together will allow us to ensure a smooth transition for Kansans on Medicaid."

The State and CMS will continue work to finalize Special Terms and Conditions in advance of Jan. 1. The Kansas Department of Health and

Environment (KDHE) and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) are scheduled to launch KanCare following a nearly two-year public discussion on improving care for the 380,000-plus Kansans served by Medicaid.

KanCare includes continuity of care provisions to ensure members continue to have access to their current providers during the transition to KanCare. A summary of those provisions and other member protections is available on the KanCare website: [www.kancare.ks.gov/benefits\\_services.htm](http://www.kancare.ks.gov/benefits_services.htm). Other member protections include the creation of a KanCare Consumer Ombudsman, consumer telephone hotlines, and state oversight of the plans of care for members in home and community based services (HCBS) waiver programs.

The State is partnering with three health plans to achieve measurable goals, and to focus on wellness and care coordination. Savings are not achieved by reducing eligibility or provider reimbursement. KanCare continues current program benefits and also adds services such as heart and lung transplants, and bariatric surgery. Value-added services, such as adult preventive dental services, offered by the three health plans will be delivered at no cost to the state.

Each Medicaid consumer has been pre-enrolled in either Amerigroup of Kansas, Sunflower State Health Plan or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and members have the opportunity between now and April 4, 2013, to switch to a different plan for any reason.

## Remembering the meaning of Christmas

May the scents and sounds of CHRISTmas surround you as you hustle and bustle, baking cookies, shopping, wrapping and decorating. Amidst all that, take time to pause and remember all these preparations are centered around one event in history, the coming of the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. It is for this we light the candles, ring the bells, sing the hymns.

Jesus is and has always been the reason for the season. In spite of those who insist on calling it "winter holiday" and putting up a holiday tree, it will always be CHRISTmas Day and CHRISTmas trees for me, a birthday celebration for Jesus Christ. Although the sweet old traditions of Santa Claus, gifts and goodies, may add to the day, for me and mine they will never take precedence over the miracle in the manger so many years ago, so very far away.

All is well here with "me and mine." Everyone is in reasonably good health and we will

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all be together Christmas Day. It will be a special joy this year to have grandson, Chris, with us since he is now living and working in this area. Only Beth will be missing - maybe next year. My life changes little, revolving around dialysis treatments, writing, reading and outings with the children.

It is such a pleasure to open my mailbox, my e-mail, my Facebook page and see all the delightful depictions of CHRISTmas, the poems, the cleverly worded greetings. My cup overflows with joy reading your letters and messages and sharing, vicariously, your busy, active lives. Thank you, one and all, for such nuggets of happiness. For you, this column/letter/e-mail greeting will have to do

- the fingers just can't handle addressing cards these days. I am still writing columns for the Norton Telegram. In addition, I now have readers in a dozen states through e-mail contacts. If you would like to be added to my e-mail list (or to be deleted), just contact me at [childofthe40s@gmail.com](mailto:childofthe40s@gmail.com) and it shall be done!

I wish all of you, friends, family, my email readers and my newspaper fans a beautiful CHRISTmas, but more importantly, I wish you an everlasting CHRISTmas in your everyday lives. May each day of the coming year be a day filled with loving kindness to others, a day of sharing and caring.

Hugs and blessings from Liza.

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## Institute wants Medicaid expansion rejected

Last week, Kansas Policy Institute president Dave Trabert issued the following statement in response to Gov. Brownback announcing that Kansas will not establish a state-based health insurance exchange.

"We congratulate Gov. Brownback for acknowledging what most Kansans recognized a long time ago - ObamaCare does nothing to increase access to quality health care or control costs. Refusing to implement an exchange is only the first step in telling Washington that Kansans do not want federal intervention. The next step is to reject the expansion of Medicaid that is proposed in ObamaCare," said KPI president Dave Trabert.

Trabert continued, "For 70 years the federal government has layered more and more regulation on your doctor and your health care has suffered as a result. Rarely are Kansans better off when politicians, of either party, decide to interfere with their health care. A bureaucratic health care exchange will do nothing but make that prob-

lem worse. Medicaid funding will devour no less than 23 percent of state (general fund) revenues by 2023 and at least 31 percent if Medicaid is expanded, so it is clear Kansas needs to address our health care challenges.

"Kansans certainly need health care reform but the way to do that is with less government intervention, not more. Kansas Policy Institute is an independent think-tank that advocates for free market solutions and the protection of personal freedom for all Kansans. Our work centers on state and local economic policy with primary emphasis on education, fiscal policy and health care. We empower citizens, legislators and other government officials with objective research and creative ideas to promote a low-tax, pro-growth environment that preserves the ability of governments to provide high quality services.

To speak with Kansas Policy Institute, please contact mail to: [james.franko@kansaspolicy.org](mailto:james.franko@kansaspolicy.org)>James Franko at (316) 634-0218.

## Soup and scholarships



The Norton Rotary held its Soup Supper on Friday, Dec. 14 at Norton Community High School cafeteria. The supper featured home-made chicken noodle soup, chili and desserts made by Myron Veh. (Pictured from left to right) Warren White serves up some chili, Myron Veh stirs the soup as Dale Engelbert waits for his tasty supper. (Background) Connie Sanko helps out in the kitchen. The funds raised by the Soup Supper support the generous scholarships given to area high school seniors each year.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Questions raised about wheat survival

A combination of very low temperatures, dry soils and poorly developed wheat has created concern about the current wheat crop's survival, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

Will the wheat be able to survive this combination of conditions? There is no definitive answer at this point, but Shroyer said there are some basic questions to ask when evaluating how well winter wheat can survive cold weather:

\* How well has the wheat cold hardened? When temperatures through fall and early winter gradually get colder, that helps wheat plants develop good winter hardiness.

"When temperatures remain unusually warm late into the fall, then suddenly drop into the low teens, plants are less likely to have had time to cold harden properly and will be more susceptible to winter-kill. This fall, temperatures have fallen off gradually. As a result, the wheat should be adequately cold hardened in most cases," the K-State agronomist explained.

\* How well developed is the root system? Poor root development is a concern where conditions have been dry.

"Where wheat plants have a good crown root system and two or more tillers, they will

tolerate the cold better. If plants are poorly developed going into winter, with very few secondary roots and no tillers, they will be more susceptible to winter-kill or desiccation, especially when soils remain dry," Shroyer said. Poor development of secondary roots may not be readily apparent unless the plants are pulled up and examined, he added.

\* How cold is the soil at the crown level? Cold injury is possible if soil temperatures at the crown level -- about one inch deep -- fall into the single digits. When the soil is dry and there is no snow cover, as is the case now, the potential for cold injury is higher, especially on exposed slopes or terrace tops, depending on the condition of the plants.

\* Is the crown well protected by soil? If wheat is planted at the correct depth, about one-and-a-half to two inches deep, and in good contact with the soil, the crown should be reasonably well protected by the soil from the effects of cold temperatures. If the wheat seed was planted too shallowly, then the crown will have developed too close to the soil surface and will be more susceptible to winter-kill, he added. Also, if the seed was planted into loose soil or into heavy surface residue, the crown could be more exposed and could be susceptible to cold

temperatures and desiccation.

\* Is there any insect or disease damage to the plants? Damage from winter grain mites, brown wheat mites, fall army worm, aphids, Hessian fly, and crown and root rot diseases can weaken wheat plants and make them somewhat more susceptible to injury from cold weather stress or desiccation.

In most cases, producers won't know for sure if the wheat has survived cold temperatures until early next spring, Shroyer said.

"If plants are killed outright by cold temperatures, they won't green up next spring. But if they are only damaged, it might take them awhile to die. They will green up and then slowly go backwards and eventually die," he explained.

Direct cold injury is not the only potential problem, he added. Under the kind of dry conditions the state is currently experiencing, wheat plants may suffer from desiccation and from direct injury caused by blowing, he said.

"Any of these factors can kill or weaken plants," Shroyer said. "But you never want to count wheat out too early, unless it has blown out. Wheat has a remarkable ability to withstand more than it seems possible at times."

## Survey work to begin on Highway 83

Starting Wednesday, December 19 and continuing for approximately four weeks, a survey team from the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin surveying along U.S. 83 in Decatur County.

The survey work will take place approximately 1/2-mile south of the U.S. 36 junction. Specifically, the survey will focus on the bridge located over the drainage tributary of Sappa Creek.

The survey is necessary for the detailed design of the replacement of the bridge.

Survey activities will include the use of survey instruments on the ground to determine locations of features within the survey corridor. When it becomes necessary for crew members to enter private property, they will first obtain permission from the landowner or tenant.

Michael Selley, L.S., party chief with KDOT, will be in charge of this survey. For more information regarding the land survey, please contact Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org), or visit [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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