# OBITUARIES

### **Donald James McMullen** Sept. 11, 1946 - May 1, 2013

Donald James McMullen, son of Cecil James and Margaret Ce-Doris (Conard) McMullen, was born Sept. 11, 1946, in Norton, and passed away at his home in Norton, on May 1, 2013, at the age of 66.

Don grew up in Norton and attended the Norton schools, graduating from Norton Community High School. He also received a Bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University. On June 18, 1967, Don and Cynthia Kay Johnston were united in marriage in Norton. They made their home in Hays for one year before returning to Norton. Don was a farmer and had been an auctioneer and real estate broker in the Norton area for many years.

Don was a member of the Norton Christian Church and had served as a Deacon. He was the chairman of the United Northwest Federal Credit Union Supervisory Board, served on the many years, was a life member of the Sons of the American Leantique auto racing. He was in-



in Norton, and spent many hours rebuilding the cars as well. He was also active with Norton's Longspur Chapter of Pheasants Forever and donated many years auctioneering at the annual banquet. Don had a great love for his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting with his family and is fondly remembered for the hours spent playing with tractors on the floor with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include: his wife, Norton County Fair Board for Cindy McMullen, Norton; six Funeral Home on Monday, May children, Darren, and wife, Kari McMullen, Norton; Derek gion. He was very active with and wife, Shannon McMullen, Underwood, Iowa; Dawn Mistrumental in getting their races chelle and husband, Paul Cum- Funeral Home of Norton.

mings, Littleton, Colo.; Dannon and husband, Donald Jones, Wichita; Desiree and husband, Kyle Rohr, Topeka; and Dallas McMullen, Manhattan; three sisters, Darlene, and husband, Duane McEwen, Norton: Dronda and husband, Larry Frydendall, Belleville; Darla Jean and husband, Gary Lahman, Fort Collins, Colo.; one sister-in-law, Rosalie McMullen, Norton; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; other relatives and many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Dennis

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church.

Burial will follow at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Donald McMullen Memorial Fund.

Friends may call at Enfield 6 from 3 to 8 p.m.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield

### Mary Opal Jones April 14, 1924 - May 1, 2013

Mary Opal Jones, daughter of Nathaniel and Edna (Bandt) Berney, was born April 14, 1924, in Phillipsburg, Kansas, and passed away at the Prairie Haven Nursing Home in Kensington, Kansas, on May 1, 2013, at the age of 89.

Mary grew up in Phillipsburg and attended the local schools. On March 19, 1946, she was united in marriage to Montra Gene Jones, Sr. They made their home in Norton/Edmond/Lenora communities where Montra worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation and Mary was a homemaker. They later moved to Glasco, then Phillipsburg, before moving to Kensington. Montra passed away Jan. 28, 2011.

Survivors include: one daughter and her husband, Opal Jean and Don Urbanek, Ellsworth; two sons, George Jones, Scandia; and Jim Hunt, of North Carolina; one son-in-law, Ralph Gitchel,

Agra; one brother, Larry Berney, of Arizona; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, Montra Eugene Jones, Jr., and Joseph Kelly Jones, one daughter, Betty Gitchel, six brothers, Amel, Bud, Lloyd, Clarence, Virgil, and Nathaniel Berney, Jr., and two sisters, Barbara and Laverne.

Graveside services will be Monday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m., at Edmond Cemetery in Edmond.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mary Jones Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh. com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.



## Strawberries on display



#### **By Beverly Kindler**

Strawberries, strawberries; you will see a lot of them in the display Mary Jo Montgomery has shared at the Norton Public Library.

Her collection started when her mother made the strawberry cookie jar in a ceramics class and gave it to Mary Jo. After that, gifts from family and friends usually featured strawberries.

In the display you will see dinnerware, a napkin holder, teapot, jars, coasters and even a strawberry stamp holder. Mary Jo says she also has linens and clothing items with strawberry motifs.

You will need to spend some time if you see many of the details in the collection of belt buckles of William Matchett. His collection probably started with the Wild Bill buckle which he wore to work for a lot of years. Through the years he bought buckles at yard sales and auctions. He has also received buckles from family and friends.

In the collection you will find buckles that represent events, places, insects, animals, stones, etc. The buckles are in all sizes and shapes. Bill stated that the collection will go to his grandson, Marvin William Matchett. Check out the collection, it says, "Wow."

In the next display case you will see beautiful china, hand painted by CeDoris McMullen. Many people have pieces painted by her, myself included, but these pieces belong to her daughter-in-law, Rosalie McMullen.

Rosalie said, "Every holiday or special occasion we were always surprised with hand painted items from Grandma Mac. She took great pride in her painting and enjoyed making items for her family and friends.

CeDoris died in October 2005, after a bout with cancer. Now the family enjoys her painted china and the memory of Grandma Mac."

A special item on display now is a wooden chest. It is a Norwegian Chest made by Doug Johnston in 2000. The painting was done by Peggy Stull, a former art instructor at Norton Community High School.

In the Art Gallery you will find a display of quilts made at the Norton Correctional Facility. Inmates at the Facility are putting their time to good use making quilts, book bags and other items. These items are donated to charities throughout the area. Last year more than 120 quilts were donated.

In this display you will see six quilts each of a different design. There is a lone star design, a cross design, scrappy stars, a nine patch, a modern big block and one with applique. This community service project helps inmates learn a skill while serving others.

The Facility quilt program relies heavily on donated fabrics. If you have fabric to donate contact Elaine Schukman at 785-877-6760 for more information.

These exhibits will be on display through the end of June. Stop at the library and enjoy these interesting and beautiful displays.

### Traveling wall coming to McCook

Veterans and active members of America's armed services travel great distances and make great sacrifices to preserve and protect freedom and liberty, how far will you travel to honor their contribution?

The American Veterans Trav-

specific tribute to those who gave all in that service. Since the tribute is mobile it allows people to honor and respect veterans and active military personnel without having to travel great distances to do so.

The AVTT presents the Trav-

AVTT. Honoring our nation's heroes one community at a time.

About the AVTT:

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute is a veteran-owned project committed to travel the USA to honor, respect, and remember those who served, and pay specific tribute to those who gave all.

Heather Thiem and Allen Collins have announced their engagement to be married.

Ms. Thiem is the daughter of Angela Thiem of Goodland.

Mr. Collins is the son of Horace Jr. and Marilyn Collins of Norton.

The wedding is set for May 25, 2013 at the Norton Christian Church.



eling Tribute will visit McCook, Neb., with the Traveling Wall. It will be on display at Weiland Field from noon on Thursday, May 16 until 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

The main sponsor for this event is The Chris Hansen American Legion Post #203. This project will also be assisted by The McCook Rotary Club. The McCook Area Chamber of Commerce and other interested organizations. Donations are being accepted by the front desk at McCook National Bank and are tax deductible.

The mission of the project is to travel the nation to honor, respect, and remember men and women who served, and to pay

eling Wall, an 80 percent scale version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. Across its 360-foot length the wall contains every single name etched on the original. At its apex the memorial is an impressive eight-feet tall.

The Traveling Wall was completed in early 1998 and began traveling that year. AVTT's Traveling Wall is the largest Wall replica traveling the United States, and is not to be confused with several other replica Walls; The Moving Wall, The Dignity Wall, the Wall That Heals. These replica Walls do a fine job, and we are all on a mutual mission.

Remembering, educating, and respect are the main focuses of

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For more information please contact Maggie Repass at 308-340-0256 or the Chamber of Commerce at 308-345-3200.

## GLUB NEWS

#### **By Beverly Kindler**

A spring dinner at the Barbeau House in Lenora was the last meeting of the year for members of the GFWC Mid-Century Club. Claire Ann Eppinger and Lyn Linde were hostesses.

Virginia Will, president, presented Certificates of Recognition: to the club for receiving a purple ribbon on the yearly program book and to four charter members in recognition of 60 years of membership - Eunice Neiltopp, Doris Winteroth, Leta Donovan and Jean White.

Katelyn Skrdlant read the story, "Kalena's Scruple," that she wrote for the GFWC Writing Contest. She received a first place rating in the state contest. Katelyn and her mother, Sue Ann, were guests for the meeting.

members and Seventeen guests enjoyed a dinner featuring smothered steak.

Leila Hall-Wheeler shared the story of the Barbeau House as she told about some of the furnishings and decorative pieces.

She also played a short number on the player piano.

Virginia Will reported that members of Mid-Century gave 2,599 volunteer hours of service to community organizations and projects during 2012. GFWC has a new official tag line, "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Beverly Kindler provided a handout for each member in recognition of Federation Day, April 24. It was "GFWC: A History of Accomplishments," from 1890 to the present.

Margaret Thomas read the club history, written by Darlene McEwen, historian.

Officers for the next term will be Margaret Thomas, president, Cheryl Scott, vice president, Fonda Lawrence, secretary, Lynn Nelson, treasurer and Claire Ann Eppinger, corresponding secretary.

The club members will observe Fine Arts Day on May 14 as they attend the Norton Community High School Art Exhibit and band concert.



