

Martha Schultz

Dec. 5, 1925 - Oct. 13, 2010

Martha Jane Jackson was born on Dec. 5, 1925, on a farm near Stratton, Neb. She was the second child of Ross John Jackson and Sarah Pearl (Wolfe) Jackson. She had an older brother, John Quincy, and two younger sisters, Mary Jean and Margie Ann. She died in St. Francis, Kan., on Oct., 13, 2010.

Martha attended school in Nebraska through the third grade, then her parents purchased and moved to a farm 3 miles northeast of McDonald. She completed her schooling in McDonald.

Martha remembered that her mother was in the hospital in Stratton during the flood of 1935, and she and her siblings all contracted red measles at that same time. They were all so happy to be reunited after the river receded.

Martha was an excellent student and was the drum majorette for the McDonald High School band. It was at a football game that Edward Schultz saw her perform and informed his friends that he was going to marry that girl!

They were married on July 4, 1942. Soon after, he was inducted into the Army and was stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyo., for three years. During that time, two children were born, Jackie Sue and Eddy Paul. Larry Ross was born in Kansas after the family left the military.

After they settled down in Cheyenne County, Martha found employment in the county treasurer's office in St. Francis, in 1953. She worked as deputy county treasurer under Lillie Gillespie.

In 1956, she was elected to the office of county treasurer which she held until 1963, when she became secretary to the high school principal. In 1966, after school district unification, she worked for the superintendent of schools until June 30, 1987. She greatly

enjoyed her time with the school system.

Over the years, she belonged to the Saddle Club and Eastern Star, and enjoyed many hours of playing bridge. She was a talented seamstress and a wonderful cook.

Upon her retirement, she and Edward spent much of their time traveling. They visited all 50 states and many of the provinces in Canada. They enjoyed spending winters in Texas with a group of friends and did lots of fishing.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Schultz; her parents, Ross and Sarah Jackson; a daughter, Jackie Sue Keller; granddaughter, Carrie Diane Keller; brother, John Jackson and his wife, Edith; sister, Mary Rogers; and brother-in-law, Johnny Walz.

Survivors include her sons, Eddy and wife, Sherry and Larry and wife, Carolyn; her sister, Margie Walz; brother-in-law, Harland Rogers, all of St. Francis; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. (She always admonished her siblings that their children should call her Aunt Martha, and to the last, they honored her request.) Survivors from Edward's family include sisters-in-law Margaret Schultz, Wray, Colo.; and Leona Schultz of Independence, Iowa; brother-in-law, Rueben Schultz and his wife, Valjean of St. Francis.

The funeral service for Martha was held at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 16. Pastor Morita Truman officiating. Inurnment at the St. Francis Cemetery. Honorary escorts were her grandchildren, Wade Keller, Wendy Pulkrabek, Shauna Hausback, Kelli Githens, Sara Schultz, Kimberly Witt, Kyle Schultz and Ryan Schultz.

Darlene Schultz

Jan. 1, 1926 - Oct. 10, 2010

Darlene Schultz, 84, Neosho, Mo., died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at Joplin Health Care Center, in Joplin, Mo. She was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Oberlin, Kan., to Fred and Grace (Sumner) Zimbelman.

Mrs. Schultz moved to the Neosho area in 1955, from Kansas. She was a homemaker and owned and operated the Wildcat Drive-In for five years, and Darlene's Beauty Shop for 15 years. She was a member of the Neosho First Christian Church, and was active in the annual pie making fundraiser for the church.

Darlene married John Jacob Schultz, June 4, 1944, in Goodland. He preceded her in death March 4, 2008.

She is survived by a son, Ron Schultz, and wife, Marilyn, Joplin; a daughter, Darla Graue, Anderson; two grandchildren, Tisha Bowman, and Justin Graue and wife, Julie, all of Neosho; three great-grandchildren, Carter and Lili Graue, and Lindsey Bowman; and a sister, Reva Parrish, Adona, Ark.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Rogers, and a brother,



Deb Raney

Author speaks at meeting

Award winning Kansas author, Deb Raney spoke about her publishing journey last Saturday in St. Francis to a group of about 30. A book signing followed.

The luncheon event was sponsored by St. Francis Community Church as part of their seventh anniversary celebration. Mrs. Raney also met with members of the Mug N Muffin book group that morning. The book group had read "Beneath a Southern Sky" by Mrs. Raney last month.

"It was very interesting to discuss a book with the author and discover her reason's for plot points and characters," said Kim Zwegardt, founder of the group.

"She was very down to earth and interested in what we thought of the book, both pro and con. We were thrilled to be able to visit with her!"

Mrs. Raney just finished her 20th novel. "A Vow to Cherish," her first novel, was turned into a movie of the same name by World Wide Pictures. She is winner of the Honoring Outstanding Literary Talent (HOLT) medallion, the RITA award and the American Christian Fiction Writer's book of the year in 2008.

Several of Mrs. Raney's books were purchased to be donated to the library and will be available for checkout.



Thank you * Thank you * Thank you

I cannot say enough how thankful I am for everything everyone has done for me and my family. I appreciate all the meals, flowers, balloons, calls, cards, visits, hugs and prayers. I am so lucky to live in such a caring community.

To the group that sold "IN SUPPORT OF DAWN" bracelets, and to all of you whom purchased them, THANK YOU. I feel a tug at my heart every time I see someone wearing one.

To the Doctors and nurses in St. Francis, thank you so much for your care and concern. You were there when I needed help and Denver was just too far away.

Gerald, you have been my rock! Thank you for all your love, patience and understanding. I couldn't have gotten thru this without you holding my hand. I love you so much!

Tyler, Jaly, Kodi & Darren, Thank you for everything you have done this year. Our lives were definitely turned upside down and you helped hold us all together. I am so thankful I have been blessed with such wonderful, responsible children.

Maci Dawn, you bring me so much joy! Your giggles and smiles gave Grandma something to push for, you are my ray of sunshine!

To my family and friends, thank you for staying with me, checking on me, praying for me, and at times "speaking" for me. Please keep the prayers coming, I'm not finished yet. I still have tests to pass before I can say "I am cancer free"!

I thank God for my yesterdays and have faith in my tomorrows.....

Dawn Lauer

Noxious weeds discussed by county commissioners

By Karen Krien

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It was a wet spring and summer. Consequently, the weeds grew and, among those weeds were the noxious weeds like Canada and musk thistle and bind weed.

Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, told the county commissioners on Friday that he had already sprayed about 275 acres for noxious weeds and he would be spraying into November.

For the last two weeks, Mr. Lohr has been working on plans for the Cherry Creek aerial spraying project. The project will start just east of K-27 north of St. Francis and spray the Cherry Creek area to the Colorado border. He has contacted 25 of the residents with land on the creek and the majority of them have agreed to share the cost for Grace Spraying Service, St. Francis, to spray for the noxious weeds.

Mr. Lohr said the wet weather conditions had caused the noxious weeds to spread and grow this year. The terrain along the creek makes it almost impossible to spray with the county's equipment.

Mr. Grace plans to use the chemical, Milestone, which will not have any effect on the stream or pond water and will not kill fish.

The spraying will be done after a freeze and the trees have lost their leaves. The spray will not kill the trees and, with the leaves gone, it will allow the chemical to reach the noxious weeds.

Fall, Mr. Lohr said, is the best time for spraying thistles, whether they are in conservation reserve program land (CRP), draws, rangelands, roadsides or pastures. There are no grazing restrictions.

Spraying the noxious weeds in the fall knocks them before spring when farmers and landowners are busy. Also, by the time the noxious weeds are noticed in the spring, they are already way ahead of the game and millions of seeds are already airborne and looking for a place to start new plants.

Milestone does not require a pesticide license so the farmer/rancher can spray their own weeds. If they turn in their chemical bill to the noxious weed office at the courthouse, the county will share 25 percent of the cost.

People need to be responsible neighbors, said Mr. Lohr, and get rid of these weeds before they spread.

Mr. Lohr, who took the position earlier in the year, has the goal of spraying all noxious weeds in the county right-of-ways. He will also be doing small acreages for private landowners but urges landowners to contact some of the commercial sprayers in the area as he will spray for landowners only when time allows.

These other sprayers, he said, are in the business and will be able to do the spraying in a timely fashion.

In the future, he hopes to coordinate spraying of other areas

where the noxious weeds have spread more rapidly.

Aerial spraying is a way of taking care of a large area of land, getting rid of the majority of the weeds so they will not be sprouting new plants on neighboring land.

If individuals, hunters or just people driving in the county come across a patch of noxious weeds, call Mr. Lohr at 785-332-8840 to report them. If a farmer needs help with the identification of noxious weeds, Mr. Lohr said he will be glad to help.

Time is right to get rid of prairie dogs

By Karen Krien

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Oct. 15 marks the beginning of the season for getting rid of prairie dogs.

People should not be deceived by the name because they are rodents, not the cute little pet people have in their homes. The dogs ruin pastures and cropland, eating the roots of the plants and digging their holes, leaving mounds of tell-tale dirt.

Prairie dogs are big producers, with litters averaging around one to six pups every year. They move from one pasture or field, to another, as the food source is eaten.

Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, is also in charge of prairie dog eradication. He will be

seen on his prairie dog missions between Oct. 15 and March 15 or when the grass begins to green up.

He uses the chemical "Rozol" which is placed in the prairie dog holes. He also has purchased a "Varminator" which allows him to take the gun, which looks like a paint ball gun, into a field where there are only a few dogs visible. Otherwise, he uses a four-wheeler to carry the necessary equipment and chemicals.

Those using Rozal chemical must have a pesticide license. Mr. Lohr asks that those seeing prairie dogs in fields to please call him as it helps him have a better idea of where there might be prairie dog problems.

St. Francis student receives scholarship

Black Hawk East College

Courtney Douthit of St. Francis, who attends Black Hawk East College, was one of the students who received a scholarship from the Black Hawk East College Foundation at the annual scholarship banquet on Oct. 5 at Kewanee Dunes. This year the foundation awarded \$69,733 in scholarship to 58 recipients.

During the banquet recipients shared what receiving the scholarship meant to them; as well as their plan for the future.

Steve Spivey, president of the

foundation, encouraged the students to engage in college both in and out of the classroom. He challenged them to chase their dreams, saying one never knows what circumstances, successes and achievements will lead to what outcome.

Douthit was the recipient of the Walter H. Shreck Scholarship.



Douthit



Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The September meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held on Sept. 1, at the St. Francis Library meeting room in St. Francis at 7 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited. The song leaders led the club in singing 'I've Been Working on the Railroad. No minutes were presented. The treasurer's report, 4-H Council report and Club Leaders report were given.

The club members discussed community service projects and voted to donate to the Flag in the Park project sponsored by the Auto Club. County 4-H Award nominations were taken. The club will make bierocks on Oct. 23 as a fund raising project. Club members will be selling bierocks until then. The recreation committee led the members in a game of tag.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Jandy Dunn, reporter

WANTED

Part-time Office Help

Applicants will need computer and office skills. Will be required to answer phones, wait on customers, proof read, type, take photos and make pages.



The Saint Francis Herald

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JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

The 2nd coming of Jesus Christ is closely tied to Christ's first advent. If Christ had not come the first time and won a decisive victory over Satan (1 John 5:4,5), then we would have no reason to believe that he will now come to end Satan's dominion of this world and restore it to its original perfection where there will be no more sin or death. Praise God!

To enable believers to distinguish between the genuine event and a false coming, several Biblical passages reveal details of the manner in which Christ will return because the Bible says false christs and prophets will arise and show great signs and try to convince people that Christ is here already on earth (Matthew 24:24-27).

1) **Literal and Personal return** — Read Acts 1:11. In other words, they said that the same Lord who had just left them - a personal, flesh-and-blood being, not some spirit entity (Luke 24:36-43) would return to earth. And this event would be literal and personal as His departure was when He left the earth after His resurrection.

2) **A visible return** — Read Matthew 24:27. Christs coming will not be an inward, invisible experience but a real meeting with a visible Person. Leaving no room whatsoever for doubt as to the "visibility of His return" Read also Revelation 1:7

3) **An audible return.** Read 1 Thess. 4:16. Adding to the picture we have thus far, now we read about His coming that will be made known by sound and sight. Matthew 24:31 says the "great sound of a trumpet". There is no secrecy here.

The Bible repeatedly assures us that Jesus will return. But will he come next year? 5 years? Ten years? No one knows for sure. Jesus Himself declares, "of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only!" (Matthew 24:36).

What about all the "signs in the earth" that Jesus gave us and what about other events that will happen at Christ's second coming? What about those who are living and those who have been dead and are still in their graves? What happens? The word of God does not leave us in the dark about this "grand event" that is soon to happen. It's closer than you think. Are you ready?

We would like to send you a "free book" on this very important truth. Please write to:

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