

# OBITUARIES

## John H. Kats Nov. 24, 1947 - Dec. 1, 2008

John H. Kats, Prairie View, died on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Norton County Hospital at the age of 61. He was born on Nov. 24, 1947 in Long Island to Henry S. and Alice (Rupke) Kats. He was a farmer and a rancher.

He attended schools in the Long Island/Prairie view area and graduated from Prairie View High School in 1965. On July 13, 1967 he married Audrey Lois Winchell at the Prairie View Reformed Church in Prairie View. This union was blessed with two children, Michael and Rhonda.

The couple also opened their hearts and home to several foster children over the years. They enjoyed teaching the basic lessons of life while instilling Christian values and work ethic. Kenny Sauvain became like another son to them, and is a cherished member of their family.

He was a farmer and rancher his entire life. After his son, Michael, graduated from Fort Hays State University, they partnered to begin their registered Red Angus herd. Outside of farming, his personal interests consisted of the four C's: Church, Children, Crops and Cattle.

He was a lifetime member of the Prairie View Reformed Church and served in various capacities

over the years, including RCYF sponsor, deacon elder and church choir member. He belonged to the Farm Bureau Association and the Red Angus Association. He served in the Army National Guard and also as mayor of the city of Prairie View.

In his spare time he enjoyed watching basketball, bull riding competitions, collecting International tractors, and having coffee at Denny's and Norm's. At family gatherings, "Big John" would serve as the "tackle dummy," and sometimes it took as many as ten kids piling on him to bring him down. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Audrey; and his sister, Phyllis Delimont.

He is survived by his son, Michael and wife, Shannon, of Prairie View; foster son, Kenny Sauvain, of Garden City; his daughter, Rhonda and husband Rudy Haberer of Luray; brothers Stanley and wife Donna Kats of Prairie View and Gary and wife Nora Kats of Norton; sister Gladys and husband Vernon Soodsma of Scott City; and eight grandchildren, Regan, Ryann, Rhett, Elaina, R.J., Aundrea, Cheyenne and Keyanna.

Funeral services were Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Prairie View Reformed Church, Prairie View with Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele, Pastor Mark Woeltge and Pastor James Wagner officiating. Burial followed in the Prairie View Cemetery.

Mr. Kats lied in-state today from noon to 9 p.m. at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg where family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Prairie View Reformed Church or Hospice Services.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

### Card of Thanks

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers and support during John's illness and since his death. The cards, calls, flowers, memorial gifts, and the food and fellowship you've shared with us have been a source of strength and will always be remembered.

Special thanks to our friends and neighbors at the Prairie View Reformed Church and the Prairie View Community Center for providing lunch following the Service.

*The family of John H. Kats*



Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Johnson (Mercedes Hays)

## Couple wed in August

Mercedes Hays of Almena married Zachary Johnson from Hugoton on Aug. 23, 2008 in Manhattan.

They met in at Manhattan Chris-

tian College where they both attended college. They will be living in Hugoton when Mercedes graduates from Manhattan Christian College this fall.

## Business notes

For the seventh consecutive year, the Pamida Foundation will be making donations to food banks in every Pamida community. Founded in 2000, the Pamida Foundation supports the local efforts of Pamida stores through financial contributions to non-profit organizations in communities where Pamida does business.

The total contribution from the Pamida Foundation to food banks this year is nearly \$200,000, twice the amount contributed last year.

"In this tough economy, it is more important than ever for the Pamida Foundation to assist those in need," said Jessica Strohmman, the Pamida Foundation executive director. "We are proud to partner with our local food banks for this important cause."

In addition to supporting food banks, Pamida will sponsor their annual Giving tree in most of their locations. This year, the Pamida Founda-

tion will further support this program by donating over \$165,000 toward gifts for those less fortunate.

For the past 21 years, through the support of their customers, Pamida has provided gifts to thousands of families who otherwise may not have received a Christmas gift.

"We thank our customers for supporting Pamida's Giving Tree over the years and encourage them to join us in our mission to make Christmas brighter for those in our communities," said Ms. Strohmman.

Tags containing requested gift items are available at participating Pamida stores. Pamida will wrap and deliver the donated gifts.

Throughout the past nine years, the Pamida Foundation has given more than \$4.5 million to the charities in their communities. In 2009, the Pamida Foundation will continue their support of their communities with contribution levels forecasted at an all-time high.

## Take care with plants

Killing houseplants may be easiest during winter. "All you have to do is to water or fertilize the plants just as you did last summer," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Light — direct or indirect — fuels plant growth, Upham explained.

"It's why some Alaskans can produce enormous garden vegetables in just 90 frost-free days. Their growing season is short, but it includes 20 hours of sunlight daily," he said.

To grow as well as stay alive, plants also need extra water and nutrients. So, even indoors, Kansas houseplants' water and nutrient needs peak during the state's sunny summers.

"The reverse is also true. When light is limited — as it is around here during winter — houseplants' need for water and nutrients drops dramatically," Upham said. "Not only are the winter days shorter in the central Plains but also the angle of the sun's light becomes quite acute.

"As a result, winter's sunlight enters windows at such a low angle that its intensity is just a fraction of the intensity of summer's overhead sun. The most tender houseplants aren't adversely affected by that direct winter sun."

The horticulturist strongly recommends that Kansans water their houseplants during winter only when the top inch of the potting soil is dry to the touch.

## READERS

— **Steak and Seafood Night, Thursday, 6-9, American Legion. Members and guests welcome.**

— **The Norton Rotary Scholarship Soup Supper will be Friday at the Norton High School Cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults will be charged \$4.50, children 12 and under will be \$2.50. There will be a variety of soups. Dessert and drink are included.**

## Jaclyn Lea 'Jackie' Rutherford March 29, 1941 - Dec. 13, 2008

Jaclyn Lea "Jackie" Rutherford, daughter of Ivan and Virgie (Gearhart) Sanborn, was born March 29, 1941, 15 miles south of Norton and died at her daughter's home in Larned on Dec. 13, 2008, at the age of 67.

She grew up in the Edmond area, attended the Edmond Grade School, and graduated from the Lenora High School. She received her Bachelor's of Nursing degree from Fort Hays State College. On Sept. 17, 1964, Jackie and Ken Rutherford were united in marriage in Armourdale. They made their home in Kansas City, Mo., where Jackie was a nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital and Ken worked for the Kansas City Power and Light Company. They later moved to Camden Point, Mo., where Jackie was a nurse at Spellman Memorial Hospital.

On Feb. 2, 1976, they returned to Jackie's grandmother's homestead 14 miles south of Norton to raise their family and take over the family farm. Jackie also worked at the Andbe Home in Norton. She retired as the Director of Nursing in 2000, after working there for 27 years.

Jackie was a member of the United Parish Church in Lenora and was currently serving as President of the Solomon Valley Club and the Heritage Quilter's Club. She was an avid quilter and reader and enjoyed sewing, gardening, and cooking.

She greatly loved her family and especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow and teaching them to cook, sew, and crochet.

Survivors include: her husband, Ken Rutherford, Edmond;

one son and his wife, Mike and Stefania Rutherford, Eudora; one daughter and her husband, Amy and Darin Schuckman, Larned; five grandchildren, Sydney Rutherford, Kelton, Jenna, Nathan, and Hannah Schuckman; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gary Sanborn.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Interment will take place at the Lenora South Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Norton Public Library and the Jackie Rutherford Memorial Fund. Friends may call the Enfield Funeral Home today from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Enfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Wanda Lea Turner Feb. 28, 1954 - Dec. 11, 2008

Wanda Lea Turner died on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Logan Manor Nursing Home in Logan at the age of 54. She was born on Feb. 28, 1954 in Norton, the daughter of the late Robert A. and Laura Belle (Laughlin) Turner. She grew up in Norton where she graduated from Norton Community High School in 1972. She moved to Salina where she was employed by Evans Grain Co. and later by the city of Salina as a 911 dispatcher until she had to retire due to a stroke and her health began to decline. She moved to the Logan Manor Nursing

Home in 2008 where she resided until her death. Wanda loved her only true Native American cat, Jasper.

She spent many hours on her computer. After losing most of her eyesight due to another stroke she had to give up her favorite pastime. She said at one time during a visit with her sister Linda that her 911 dispatcher job was her adrenaline fix. She loved her job and the people she worked with.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bob, in 1994, her mother, Laura in 1998 and one brother, Allen, in 2003.

Wanda is survived by one sister, Linda and husband Ron Martin of Danbury, Neb.; a nephew, Todd and wife Robin and their son Brandon Martin of Bennet, Neb.; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday at the Hermann Memorial Chapel in McCook with Rev. Dr. Jeffery Thurman officiating. Inurnment and a memorial service will be held at Salina at a later date.

Memorials may be given in her name and addressed to the family at P.O. Box 82, Danbury, Neb., 69026.

## FYI

The Salvation Army has reached a critical turning point. They've been flooded with requests for the most basic needs, particularly food and utility assistance.

Their donations are not keeping pace with demands, and they need support now to help families who have nowhere else to turn. Credit card donations may be called in to 1-800-725-2769, and items may be dropped off at the Norton County Health Department at 801 N. Norton. New gifts for children are desperately needed. Cash donations may be mailed to The Salvation Army, Norton County Service Unit, P.O. Box 403, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Duplicate Bridge, 3 tables. 1st place Myron Veh and Jerry Morrutz; 2nd place Bonnie Manning and Alberta Slaby  
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## Correction

In the Dec. 12 Norton Telegram, it was incorrectly reported that Dr. Richard Peterson was at the Norton School Board meeting in favor of adding baseball and softball to the Norton Community High School extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Peterson is against adding more sports to the high school.

This was due to the reporter's error, which she regrets.

Don't Forget!

Thursday, Dec. 18  
at the Washington  
Street Park at 7 p.m.  
is the grand prize  
drawing for more  
than \$1,200 in prize  
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