

# OBITUARIES

## Margaret M. Husted

June 3, 1916 - February 10, 2011

Margaret M. Husted, 94, of Hoxie, died Feb. 10, at the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie. She was born June 3, 1916 in Hoxie to Herbert S. and Leda Floy (Gregory) Montgomery. She married Frank Husted March 2, 1935 in Hoxie. She lived all her life in Sheridan County, except one year in Ava, Mo.

Frank and Margaret lived on a farm in Sheridan County until they moved into Hoxie. She babysat, painted and wallpapered for others, baked and decorated cakes and liked having a clean house. She was a member of the Christian Fellowship Church in Hoxie.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank; an infant son, Charles Edward; a brother, Raymond; a sister, Ruby; and Dru Hughes.

She is survived by a son, Dean and wife Ann of Norton; a daughter, Marian Kosovich and husband Steve of Junction City; a sister, Beryl Covalt of Hoxie; four grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren. Other survivors include Archie and Donna Hughes, Jodi (Hughes) Campbell, and Dru James and Hagen Campbell; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held today at the Christian Fellowship Church, Hoxie. Burial was in the Hoxie Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Health Complex or Christian Fellowship Church of Hoxie, or Hospice of Phillipsburg.

Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home of Hoxie was in charge of the arrangements.

# A gratitude attitude helps

## Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



Life can be hard on us sometimes and we can make it even harder if we try. Every one of us will experience pain, sorrow, misery and grief along the path. Every one of us will get our feelings hurt by a thoughtless word, be disappointed with a restaurant order, play a card wrong at bridge, waste money on a totally unsuitable outfit. Some of you are now saying, "Wait a minute . . . Liza's mixing tragedies with trivialities here" and you would be correct. The point being, whether large or small, whether major or minor, life will go on as it chooses. The way we choose to address it is the only thing within our control.

I am reminded of Miss Mae Heilman, my favorite Meals on Wheels patron. Mae was confined to chair or bed with only part time assistance, yet she always greeted me with a sunny smile. When her lunch was opened for her she never failed to share a positive comment. No matter what was served, it was "my favorite" or "oh goodie, a hamburger" or "just look at that nice dessert". Quite a contrast to another customer who met me at the door with "Well,

what kind of slop did they send today?" Guess which one brightened my day? The difference was what my friend, Sylvia, calls the gratitude attitude.

The importance of positive attitude has been expressed by humankind in many ways across the years.

Make lemonade when life gives you lemons, pull up your socks and go on, keep your chin up, smile and the world smiles with you, weep and you weep alone and all those other old platitudes endure because they work wonders. "Get happy" songs abound, both old and new -- "Sunnyside of the Street" and a vintage ditty that claims it isn't raining rain, but violets, "Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella" and the simple 1980's chant that advises us "Don't Worry, Be Happy". Soldiers, wives of the World War II era kept their

hopes high with the poignant melody "There'll be Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover" just as Civil War women sang "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again". And I haven't even touched on inspiring and uplifting hymns.

People often joke about attitude adjustments but just as often that is the only solution to a problem. Don't you just want to shake some folks and say "Oh, snap out of it!" occasionally?

Time and again we sigh over those who make their ailments worse with "wailments". We rejoice to witness a humorous attitude in others who have good reason to feel down in the dumps. One of our arthritic residents, becoming more bent each day, was heard to reply to a concerned comment, "Yes, I'm learning a lot about carpets and flooring nowadays," and she went her merry way with a smile. Both positive and negative attitudes are contagious, so be very cautious what you spread around.

Yes, a true friend should bear with your failings but why should they have to do so?

A sad attitude too prevalent in us oldsters is that of "the good ol' days" are gone and nothing will ever be the same. We need to learn the secret of why a windshield is so much larger than the rear window in a vehicle. What lies before us, you see, is so much more important than what lies behind us. Hindsight may well be 20/20 but it also traps us in regrets, grief over long ago losses and sorrows to which we should never return. Gratitude attitude retains only happy memories while turning trusting eyes as well as a hopeful attitude toward the future. Forego the Chicken Little world of What If the Sky Should Fall and journey onward into the enchanted kingdom of Joyful Anticipation.

Or, in Biblical language, let us walk in the Light of the Lord, counting our blessings, letting His light shine through our Attitude of Gratitude. May I join you on the sunny side of the street?

MY MAMA SAID: Every winter day is one day closer to spring and there's a darned good reason "Febru-weary" is only 28 days long.

## Student News

The University of Kansas provided the names of students that have earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2010 semester. The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of allied health; architecture, design and planning; business; education; engineering; journalism; music; nursing; pharmacy; and social welfare.

Students are listed by name, parents name, program/school name, student level award, high school.

Area students on the honor rolls are:

Lenora: Mathew James, Lawrence Shepard, Liberal Arts and Science, Undergraduate Senior 2010 Fall CLAS Honor Roll, Norton Community High School.

Long Island: Stanton David Nelson, Sara Nelson, Music Undergraduate Junior 2010 Fall Honor Roll, Northern Valley High School.

Norton: Matthew Allan Miller, Allan and Connie Miller, Liberal

Arts and Science Undergraduate Senior 2010 Fall CLAS Honor Roll, Norton Community High School.

Norton: Maggie Lynn Nielson, Jeff and Kathy Nielsen, Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Senior 2010 Fall CLAS Honor Roll, Norton Community High School.

Norton: Ashley Meredith Smith-Maybon, Dennis Maybon and the late Nan Smith, Liberal Arts and Science Undergraduate Junior 2010 Fall CLAS Honor Roll, Norton Community High School.

Hesston College announced the names of full-time students whose fall semester grades earned them a place on the Dean's list (3.9-4.0) and Honor Roll (3.5-3.89). Freshman Cody Cook, son of Brent and Nikki Cook of Clayton was named to the honor roll. Hesston College is the two year liberal arts college of Mennonite Church, USA and is located 30 miles north of Wichita.

## FYI

Thomas Averill will be at the Norton Public Library on Friday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Norton Library community room. Everyone is invited to attend. Refresh-

ments will be served. Thomas Fox Averill is a resident writer and Professor of English at Washburn University of Topeka.

## Pianist will entertain at dinner theater

Ronnie Kole, one of America's most exciting pianists and entertainers, will perform at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday, Feb. 19, during the dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. and also at the program, which will follow at 7:30 p.m. in Morgan Theater.

"Around the World on 88 Keys" Dinner Theater is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. Reservations are required for the dinner.

Mr. Kole is a class act and consummate performer who is popular both in his own country and overseas. The New Orleans-based musician spends much time abroad in Europe and Asia, where his smooth sound and elegant persona lend themselves to refined venues and guest appearances with symphony orchestras. He is a piano man's piano man, admired by many top stars in the business, from Harry Connick Jr. to Allen Toussiant.

Born in Chicago, he was afflic-

ted with heart trouble as a child, which landed him in Spaulding School for the handicapped and resulted in his involvement with charitable and civic organizations. He began his professional career on television, gaining exposure on the Johnny Carson Show. He is a protégé of Al Hirt and had his own club in New Orleans.

Kole is the fifth person to be inducted into the New Orleans Musical Legends Park, located in the French Quarter of New Orleans. His life size statue was unveiled and is standing along side of Al Hirt, Pete Fountain, Fat's Domino and Chris Owens.

Cost is \$30 for dinner and theater. Tickets for the theater only will be \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students grades 1-12. Anyone attending the dinner must make reservations, including season ticket holders, by Tuesday, Feb. 15. For details, call Ella Betts (785)-475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785)-470-0218.

## Sheriff's accident log

At 5:20 p.m. on Feb. 4, a 2000 Pontiac driven by Brenda Husted of Alma was traveling east bound on Highway 383 when a deer ran from the ditch.

She was unable to avoid striking the animal.

The accident was investigated by Undersheriff Rich Wenzl.

On Feb. 11 at 5:03 p.m. a 2007

Chevrolet driven by Joyce Edlund of Ely, Minn. was traveling west on Road W, when she lost control of the vehicle on the muddy road.

She slid into the south ditch knocking over a mailbox.

Damage was done to the vehicle.

The accident was investigated by Deputy Adam Wahlmeier.

## Police Log

**Feb. 4**  
2:16 a.m. Request for welfare check  
4:08 a.m. EMS assist  
9:16 a.m. Two vehicle accident  
11:24 a.m. Report of two dogs missing  
12:50 p.m. Request for welfare check  
6:08 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle

**Feb. 5**  
1:04 a.m. Noise complaint, one arrest for possession of marijuana  
1:47 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
10:31 p.m. Report of vehicle parking on wrong side of street

**Feb. 6**  
1:41 p.m. Report of two dogs causing problems with other dogs  
2:07 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter  
2:50 p.m. Activated alarm, at J&R Liquor  
2:54 p.m. 911 hang-up  
**Feb. 7**

3:45 a.m. Car lot checks  
8:43 a.m. Report of credit card theft  
8:45 a.m. Activated alarm, Norton County Hospital  
10:45 a.m. Funeral escort  
10:56 a.m. Report of dog caught inside house  
11:45 a.m. Two vehicle accident  
8:30 p.m. Report of phone harassment  
10:30 p.m. Vehicle stop, DUI arrest

**Feb. 8**  
8:45 a.m. Report of vehicle parked too far away from curb  
10:49 a.m. Report of truck stalled in middle of US Highway 36

12:00 p.m. Report of two vehicle accident  
3:12 p.m. Report of individual walking away from Valley Hope  
6:02 p.m. Report of 4-wheeler cleaning driveways

**Feb. 9**  
6:40 a.m. Report of car sliding on slick streets  
3:58 p.m. Two vehicle ac-

cident,  
6:30 p.m. Vehicle stop, one arrest possession of marijuana  
8:00 p.m. Report of domestic situation, one arrest

**Feb. 10**  
3:50 p.m. Two vehicle accident  
4:51 p.m. Report of individual banging on door and making threats

6:11 p.m. Activated alarm at Car Quest  
8:04 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
8:15 p.m. Report of fight  
9:17 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle

**Feb. 11**  
2:31 a.m. Request to investigate suspicious vehicle  
8:10 a.m. Two vehicle accident  
8:25 a.m. Report of vehicle parked on neighbor's property

11:15 a.m. Request for individual to remove belongings  
4:58 p.m. Report of individual's girlfriend going crazy  
5:00 p.m. Civil dispute  
6:50 p.m. Parking citation  
7:29 p.m. Report of female walking down Highway 36 with suitcase

**Feb. 12**  
1:09 a.m. Report of vehicle

driving slowly up street  
12:50 p.m. Report of individual wanting another individual out of residence

2:50 p.m. Locked city office  
4:42 p.m. Request for civil standby

6:23 p.m. Report that 4 year old son's mother is calling him, and he doesn't want to talk to her  
7:36 p.m. House fire  
8:53 p.m. Report of brown water

10:13 p.m. Report of female walking in Elmwood Park  
**Feb. 13**

1:36 a.m. Report railroad traffic arms down, and no train  
11:38 a.m. Report of civil dispute

1:06 p.m. Report of mini bike driving on streets  
1:13 p.m. Report of vehicle parked in handicapped parking spot

2:19 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning prior incident  
3:37 p.m. Report of civil dispute  
4:43 p.m. Search for missing individual

5:06 p.m. Report of individual being harassed  
6:28 p.m. Request for extra patrol  
Seventeen vehicle stops. Feb. 4 to Feb. 13

## BIRTH

April Dawn Slipke was born Dec. 29, 2010 in Topeka.

April weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of



April Dawn Slipke

Alan and Phyllis Slipke, Netawaka.

April was welcomed home by her one sibling, Brooke, who is two years old.

April's maternal grandparents are William and Kala Nickel, Hillsboro.

Her paternal grandparents are Edwin (late) and Miriam Slipke, Hoxie.

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