

OBITUARIES

Mary Rose Sterrett

Aug. 12, 1921 - Oct. 24, 2011

Mary Rose Sterrett, 90, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Oct. 24, 2011 at Little Sisters of the Poor, in Lee's Summit, Mo., where she had resided the last seven years. She was always nourishing heaven through numerous masses she attended and said rosaries throughout her life.

Mary Rose Comeau was born in Clyde on Aug. 12, 1921, and was raised in a family of 15 children. Mary Rose and Raymond (Pappy) Sterrett were married on June 2, 1941, in Concordia. Mary Rose was a homemaker, part-time nurse, seamstress, and raised seven boys in Norton. In her spare time she enjoyed playing cards with her grandchildren, bingo, and dancing with Pappy.

One of her cherished moments was celebrating all seven of her sons' college graduations.

Mary Rose was preceded in death by her loving husband Pappy, twin sons, Richard and Robert, and youngest son, Reverend Father Brad. Surviving sons are Dr. Patrick Sterrett (Jeanette), Micheal Sterrett (Sue), Dr. Jack Sterrett (Quenadyne), Tim Sterrett (Terry) and daughter-in-law Connie Sterrett. Grandchildren include: Carrie, Sam, Stacey, Micheal II, Morgan, Nicholas, Sarah, Annie, Cameron, Bethany, Paul, Lori, Joshua and Aaron. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, with rosary immediately following

at 7 p.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, followed by burial services at Norton Cemetery. A family luncheon will be held following the burial at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Parish Hall.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at the Little Sisters of the Poor for the excellent care provided and the many prayers offered in the final stages of her journey. The family asks that any memorial contributions be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 8745 James A. Reed Rd., Kansas City, MO 64138.

40th Anniversary



Gary and JoLynn Lockhart are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married Oct. 23, 1971, and have three children; Jason and Kent Lockhart and Katie Brennecke.

Engagement



The parents of Kayla Cook and Jesse Moller announce the couple's engagement and approaching marriage. Kayla and Jesse have chosen the first day of their new life to begin on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011. Family and friends are welcome for the reception, dinner and dance at the American Legion following their 4 p.m. ceremony.

Social Security benefits increase

Congressman Tim Huelskamp of Kansas released the following statement upon learning that the Social Security Administration announced a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income. "One of the most common inquiries our office receives is about cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security. And I tell constituents that the decision to adjust payments rests with the Social Security Administration - and not with Congress. While it will be good

news to Kansans who receive Social Security and SSI that they will receive a cost-of-living increase, the current formula for calculating cost-of-living adjustments is not the most accurate measure for the real costs Americans face. Seniors - and all Americans - are dealing with fast-rising costs of health care, energy, and food, and these inflationary impacts need to be measured accurately."

"Additionally I still remain very concerned about the outlook of this program - and

Medicare. Without measures to strengthen and protect these programs, they both face serious threats of insolvency. The Medicare Board of Trustees estimate Medicare will face bankruptcy in 7 to 19 years, while Social Security may be insolvent in a generation. Instead of ignoring the reality, I hope Washington will pass real solutions to protect and preserve these programs."

More information is available at <<http://ssa.gov/cola>

Gardener to hibernate for winter

By Kay Melia

This is the 39th and final essay of the season. It's time for the old Gardener to hibernate, migrate, emigrate, or whatever it is that old gardeners do when the green beans quit growing and the mercury in the thermometer slowly sinks out of sight.

However, we must understand that here during Indian Summer there will be many days of extremely nice weather until the ground freezes, which usually occurs between December 15th and 25th in most of Northwest Kansas. We must use those nice days to finish what we started, and that means to put the garden plot to bed so that it will magically recharge and present us with nice things in 2012. Please allow me to present you with a 10 point checklist of vital services you must perform now to assure maximum production next year.

#1...Completely glean the remaining edibles from the garden until either Jack Frost or Frosty the Snowman prevents you from doing so.

#2...Thoroughly clear the plot of all the materials that were growing just a few weeks ago. Burn the old tomato vines, or haul them to the landfill. Rake up everything else, run the mower over it to reduce it to small pic-

es, and spread all of it evenly all over the garden plot.

#3...Procure a pickup load of leaves, old straw, old hay, or dry manure and spread it evenly over the entire plot. Beg someone for another pickup load of leaves and bag 'em up to use for mulch next summer.

#4...Plow the area as deeply as possible. If some of the dry material you have spread out over the garden still seems to protrude from the soil, water the entire area and plow it again when it's dry enough.

#5...Write yourself some notes and ask yourself some questions. What varieties of sweet corn, carrots, beans, or tomatoes did I plant last spring? Of course you don't remember, so make yourself a note to write down the names when you plant your garden next year.

#6...Why, in your opinion, did the tomatoes fail to produce as well as the year before, and why did the potatoes really do well? If you feel like you may have made some mistakes, or, on the other hand, feel like you did some things right, make some notes of the good, the bad, and the ugly. Write it all down and make some changes next year, or not.

#7...Clean all your garden tools and equipment thoroughly

and store them somewhere out of the weather. Drain the oil from all garden related engines and remember next spring that you did that.

#8...Get yourself a bird feeder and a birdbath. Buy a birdbath heater, and make sure to add good clean water all winter. Place the feeder and the birdbath in an area that will allow you to watch comfortably from inside your home. Be entertained royally all winter.

#9...Please allow me to send you a copy of my top 3 favorite varieties of about 30 different garden vegetables. Just send me a stamp, or not, and I will mail the list to you sometime between now and the time the first seed catalog arrives in your mailbox. Or just send me an email and I'll worry about the stamp next time I see you.

#10...The Gardener wishes you a safe Halloween, a happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and an extremely healthy 2012!! Thank you so very much for reading all I've said for the past 39 weeks.

Transportation head steps down

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced recently that Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Deb Miller will be stepping down to take a position with Cambridge Systematics, a national transportation planning and policy firm. Secretary Miller has served under three Governors in her tenure at the department.

"On behalf of all Kansans, Lt. Governor Colyer and I want to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to Secretary Miller for her years of dedicated service to Kansas. She has faithfully served under three administrations and has earned a distinguished record in that time. Her dedication to serving Kansans and leadership are evident in our outstanding infrastructure and I'm thankful for her service in my cabinet," Governor Brownback said. "We wish Deb continued success in all her future endeavors."

Originally appointed by former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius in 2003, Sec. Miller was the first woman to lead the Kansas Department of Transportation. During her 26 years in the field of transportation, Miller was closely involved in the state's comprehensive transportation programs of 1989, 1999 and 2010.

"While there is never a perfect time to make this kind of transition, this feels like the right time," Sec. Miller said of her departure. "One of the reasons I stayed on after the election was to get TWORKS launched. I feel good about getting that done and appreciate very much Governor Brownback giving me the opportunity. Working at KDOT, on behalf of the citizens of Kansas has been more than a job to me, it has been a labor of

love."

Miller also has worked to shape national transportation policy as a member and chairwoman of national boards and committees. Prior to her service as department Secretary, Miller worked for HNTB and provided assistance to state Departments of Transportation and municipalities. She also served as the department's Director of Planning and Development and as a special assistant to the department Secretary.

Sec. Miller's last day with the Kansas Department of Transportation will be Dec. 16.

Call Mike with all your social news. 877-3361

90th Birthday

The family of Vi VanDerWege, Norton, are hosting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on Monday, Nov. 7. Cards will reach Vi at 803 Timbercreek Rd, Norton, KS 67654.

NORTON SENIOR CENTER

Norton Senior Center Menu
Monday, Oct. 31
Polish sausage w/kraut, green beans, mandarin oranges, bread, and cook's choice complement.
Tuesday, Nov. 1
Pasta beef and tomato casserole, corn, tossed salad, bread, and pineapple.
Wednesday, Nov. 2
Salisbury steak, mashed po-

tatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, and peaches.

Thursday, Nov. 3
Harvest turkey soup, gelatin w/mixed fruit, crackers, and brownies.

Friday, Nov. 4
Meat balls in gravy, parsley potatoes, pea salad, bread, and plums.

Oh my, it's been 40 years Debbie Graham has been a hair stylist in Norton!!

I want to take this time to thank all my clients throughout the years. A handful of those clients have been with me since that very first year! What memories we have made and what memories we will create in the years to come. I have been blessed with a great clientele, great working friends (Karen and Sid) and a great family. I am looking forward to your continued business!

Debbie Graham
The Razor's Edge

212 E. Washington, Norton - 785-871-0677

Oct. 28- Nov. 2

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
Courageous

2 Hours, 19 Minutes (PG-13) Presented in Digital Sound
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Puss in Boots

1 Hour, 40 Minutes (PG)

All passes accepted for Courageous; No passes accepted for Puss in Boots

Courageous is only \$4.00 per person (NO \$3 Sunday since tickets are already discounted)
Puss in Boots is Premiere Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00 (No Sunday Discount)

Premiering Friday, November 18 - Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I (PG-13)
Halloween Fright Night #1 - Fri Night/Sat. Morning and Midnight - Scream 4 (R) and Beetle Juice (PG)
Halloween Fright Night #2 - Sat. Night/Sunday Morning and Midnight - A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) and Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho (1960) (R)

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Commodities

The Norton County Senior Center announces the distribution of government surplus food for low income persons of all ages in Norton County.

Food available for distribution at this time:

Cranberry sauce, peaches, milk, creamed corn, grapefruit juice, macaroni and peas.

Distribution times and places:
Wednesday, Nov. 9- Senior

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Center, Alma, 9-11 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12- Library, Clayton, 5-6 p.m.

For more information call Ramona at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels Schedule

Nov. 14-20 Community Volunteers- Contact: Alice Hawks (877-3351)

Nov. 21-27 Norton Lions Club- Contact: Jon Boxler (877-5128)

Nov. 28-Dec. 4 Knights of Columbus- Contact: Tom Melroy (877-2754)

Dec. 5-11 Women's Council Christian Church- Carmen Lesh (877-2310)

Dec. 12-18 1.) Midwest Energy- Contact: Curt Luehrs (877-5487) 2.) Norton County Service Center- Contact: Nancy Hager (877-5156) 3.) Norton County Hospital- Contact: Alice Hawks (877-3351)

Dec. 19-25 Norton Rotary Club- Contact: Gloria Zwickle (877-3666)

Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Child Study Club- Contact: Amy Menagh (877-3238)