

OBITUARIES

Donna (Jilka) Andregg

Dec. 9, 1960 - Nov. 24, 2011

Donna (Jilka) Andregg, of Hill City, passed away Nov. 24, 2011, at the Kansas University Medical Center at the age of 50.

A Hill City native, Donna was born Dec. 9, 1960 to Lester Dale and Bethel Alice (Sams) Jilka. On May 17, 1986, she married Dean Goetz, they later divorced, and on Aug. 13, 2004, she married Ted Andregg. Donna was a homemaker and an executive secretary. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Donna is survived by her husband, Ted Andregg, Hill City;

mother, Beth Jilka, Hill City; son, Marcus Goetz, Hill City; daughter, Sara Goetz, Hill City; stepsons, C. Ryan Andregg, Denver, Colo., Justin Z. and wife Dana Andregg, McKinney, Texas; step-daughter, Kristin M. Andregg, Kansas City; brothers, Kevin and wife Janet Jilka, Norton, David Jilka, Phoenix, Ariz., Mike and wife Karen Jilka, Hillsboro; sisters, Nancy and husband Don Law, Hill City, Sue and husband David Schulz, Hill City; and three step-grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill

City, with Father Henry Saw Lone officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City. There will be a Christian wake service on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City, and then at the church Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. until service time.

Memorials can be sent to Stinemetz Funeral Home for masses, Catholic Youth Organization, Hill City Booster Club or scholarship fund for Marcus and Sara Goetz.

Lora Kathryn Arnold

Aug. 22, 1921 - Nov. 23, 2011

Lora Kathryn Arnold, daughter of John and Zoe (Goodman) Gallentine, was born Aug. 22, 1921, in Clayton, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital on Nov. 23, 2011, at the age of 90.

Lora grew up in the Clayton community and graduated from Clayton High School. On Oct. 10, 1940, she married Lee Arnold in Clayton. They made their home on the farm in the Garfield Township of Decatur County, where they raised their family. On March 23, 2008, Lo-

ra's husband, Lee, passed away. She continued to live on the farm until her death.

Lora was a member of the Clayton EUB Church but also attended and was very active in the Norcatour United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son and his wife, John and Brenda Arnold, Clayton; one daughter and her husband, Susan and Frank Bolek, Valparaiso, Ind.; one brother, Norman Gallentine, Oberlin; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, two

step-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Lora was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two granddaughters, and one sister.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 28 at Norcatour United Methodist Church and the interment was at the Norcatour Cemetery. Memorials can be sent to Enfield Funeral Home in the name of Lora Arnold. Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Youth learn about worms



Trayton Graham and Brooklyn Rutherford of the Norton Head Start program enjoy learning about worms with their teacher, Angie Hager. The kids made worms out of play dough and examined live worms.

—Photo courtesy of Lari Ann Nickell

By Lari Ann Nickell

The Norton County Conservation District and Prairie Dog Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy group have been busy spending time with area youth. Worms were the focus of attention at programs held Oct. 6 at the Norton Public Library, Norton County Headstart, Holly's Clubhouse, and Northern Valley Preschool.

More than 80 young children listened to a song called "Squirmin' Herman" sung by Steve Wingerson, Supervisory District Conservationist for Smith, Norton and Phillips counties. The song's lyrics were rewritten by Steve from the popular 1960's song "Louie, Louie."

Then the kids all made worms from play dough and got to touch and examine live worms. We talked about the importance of worms to our soil. How worms make air pockets in the soil so oxygen can get to the roots of our trees and plants. They also learned that worms eat and breakdown trash that we wouldn't want littering our land.

We shared that worms are like little recyclers; they take in bad things and recycle it into good things. The kids were excited to learn that, unlike humans, worms have five hearts. After the hands on lesson, the kids helped sing another song called "What am I talking about?" The students then got to yell "worms!"

This program was also presented to the Eisenhower Early Childhood class on Nov. 16 where Carl Warner, County Executive Director for the Norton County Farm Service Agency, sang the two songs and helped with the program.

On Oct. 19 and 26, the group presented a program to 114 Northern Valley students and 300 Eisenhower students. The topic was water pollution. Each student was given a piece of paper that represented their piece of land. On their piece of property they were instructed to draw anything they would want on their land. After the kids

completed the drawing of their property, they were asked to place it along a large scale river and lake.

Each student talked about their property as we made our way around the watershed. The kids had all sorts of ideas about their property. Ideas ranged from farming to wildlife habitat to the world's largest McDonald's and shopping malls.

After they talked about their property we discussed what possible pollutants they could contribute to the water supply from their land. For each possible pollution source they could contribute they were given a piece of trash. Some kids had a lot of trash and some had very little. When we finished distributing trash to everyone, they were all asked to place their trash in the lake. Lots of ooh and aahs came when they discovered exactly how much trash in the forms of people litter, livestock waste, chemical and pesticide overuse, storm water runoff, and bad conservation practices can contribute to water pollution in our watershed.

The students learned that it takes a large number of people to accomplish the goal to keep our water clean. Everyone is accountable for clean water. We talked about programs available to help farmers and ranchers ad-

dress water concerns and different things each of them can do at home, or out in the community. Recycling was a good topic and most of the kids already recycle at home or at school.

The annual conservation poster contest was discussed and the students were asked what were the three natural resources that you would want to protect? The answers came quick, and included water, air and soil. We asked that when they start their conservation posters to keep in mind those three natural resources and draw ways that they could protect or conserve them. The posters will be judged in December and the winners will be announced at the Norton County Conservation District annual meeting in January.

Kindergarten and 1st graders can participate in a coloring contest, 2nd through 4th grade can make posters and 5th and 6th grade can make posters and/or essays in each grade will be rewarded and acknowledged at the annual meeting with the first place winners advancing to the state competition. All students that color, make a poster or write an essay or limerick receive a small treat from the Norton County Conservation District.

Accident Report

On Nov. 7, a silver 1999 Chevy Tracker, driven by Carissa Marie Ridenour of Alma, was traveling east bound on Road I. Ridenour lost control on the gravel road and the vehicle went into the north ditch and rolled. The driver was injured and transported by ambulance to Norton County Hospital. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

On Nov. 8, a gold 2001 Toyota Avalon XL, driven by Ingeborg G. Bartley of Alma, was traveling north bound on Highway 60 when a deer entered onto the roadway from the east ditch. Bartley was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Bobby Annon.

On Nov. 15, a silver 1999 Isuzu Rodeo, driven by Caleb Lee Goss of Lenora, was traveling south bound on Road W-6 when a deer ran onto the road. Goss was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the ve-

hicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

On Nov. 15, a semi-truck and trailer, driven by Danny J. Marks of Franklin, Neb., was traveling west bound on Highway 36 when a deer entered onto the roadway from the north ditch. Marks was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Adam Wahlmeier.

On Nov. 17, a black 2007 Ford Edge, driven by Laura L. Craig of Alma, was traveling east bound on Highway 36 when a deer entered onto the roadway from the north ditch. Craig was unable to avoid striking the deer causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Rich Wenzl.

On Nov. 17, a red 1994 Chevy S-10, driven by Lynn Withington of Norton, was traveling west bound on Highway 36 when a

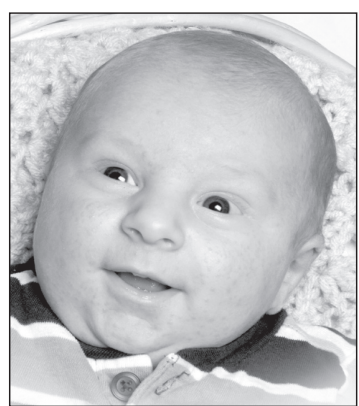
deer ran onto the roadway, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Adam Wahlmeier.

On Nov. 17, a gray 2008 Toyota Camry, driven by Alexander Hwang of Kansas City, Mo., was traveling east bound on Highway 383 when the vehicle ran out of gas. Hwang pulled the vehicle over to the side of the roadway. The vehicle went too far off the shoulder and went down into the ditch and under a barbed wire fence causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Adam Wahlmeier.

Nov. 20, a green 1994 Dodge Ram 1500, driven by Clarence Wetter of Norton, was traveling on Highway 383 when a deer ran onto the roadway from the north ditch. Wetter was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Rich Wenzl.

BIRTH

Ben, Drew, and A.J. Deges announce the arrival of their brother, Paul McGivney Deges. He was born at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Paul weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of parents Justin (J.J.) and Susan Deges, Bogue; Grandparents are Virgil and Trudy Deges, Damar, and John and Rita Oborny, Rush Center.



NEW ALMELO NEWS

On Sunday, Nov. 13, Marcia Aumiller and granddaughters, Savana and Jaelyn Rumbach, attended the second birthday party of Khloe Isabelle Vahling, another granddaughter in Hays. Khloe is the daughter of Jeff and Kathleen Vahling of Hays.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the annual Hunters Soup Kitchen was held at St. Joseph Parish Hall. It was well attended by the community and pheasant hunters. On Nov. 6 and 13, the Knights of Columbus held their annual trap shoots. They were well attended as well, with the weather cooperating. Bingo was held in

Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon with Angie Felt winning the "Black Out" game for a turkey.

Marion and Marilyn Otter attended a play at the Lakin High School on Oct. 16, which their grandson, Alan Kessler, performed in and also designed some of the props.

The following was omitted from the previous New Almelo Reports, from the Aug. 13 St. Joseph Church, New Almelo Bazaar; two quilts, Tennessee Waltz purchased by Don Hickert, for \$1,650, and Blue and Mauve purchased by D & L Trucking for \$600.

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