

# Serving our fellow man at any age

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Let’s go to Haiti. A big smile comes across the face of a little native girl here, as she opens a package containing a new, handmade dress for her. This dress is one of many which were hand-made by a woman from rural Kansas. Thanks to Sue Chavey who shared this story with us. It’s today’s Kansas Profile.

Aurelia Pacey is a retired farm wife who now lives in Manhattan. This is the story of her remarkable family and her continuing service to others.

Aurelia and her husband are originally from north central Kansas. Franklin Pacey and Aurelia Richard were high school sweethearts at Miltonvale Rural High School where they graduated in 1945. They were married in 1946 in the rural community of Miltonvale, population 539. That’s rural - but there’s more.

Franklin and Aurelia settled on the farm south of Miltonvale, northwest of the rural town of Oak Hill, population 24 people. Now, that’s rural.

For 58 years, the Paceys would farm on this place. Franklin farmed with his brother Laurence, whom we have previously profiled from his work as a one-room schoolteacher. The brothers started a full service custom baling business for area farmers. They would mow, rake, bale, and shed or stack the bales. They taught their children how to run farm equipment and stack bales at a young age.

“They were always very strict about safety,” said Franklin’s daughter, Sue Chavey. In the beginning, the Pacey brothers handled only small round bales, but later came small square bales and then large round bales. One year 20,000 straw bales were baled and put in the shed.

Franklin continued on with the custom baling business into his seventies. He was the regional expert for the Allis-Chalmers small round baler repairs. Vermeer Equipment even used Franklin as a consultant for their large round balers.

Franklin and Aurelia raised beef cattle, wheat, alfalfa, and prairie hay, but perhaps their greatest crop was their own children. In this rural setting they raised six children, all of whom are honor

graduates of Miltonvale High School and all are Kansas State University graduates.

“Our parents taught us the value of hard work, education, and honesty,” said Sue Chavey. The six children all married and moved to cities including Olathe, Denver, Omaha, and Manhattan.

The two sons are engineers. Mike lives in Olathe and is a structural engineer for Butler Industries. David lives in Manhattan and is a professor of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering at K-State.

Among the daughters, Sue works as a medical technologist for the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine. Marie lives in Manhattan and teaches math at Susan B. Anthony Middle School. Loretta lives in Denver and has her own child care business. Polly is a substitute teacher in Omaha.

Franklin and Aurelia Pacey enjoyed traveling and were able to visit all 50 states. In 2003, Franklin was diagnosed with cancer and they moved to Manhattan where three of the six children live. Franklin died in June of 2004, less than one week shy of his 77th birthday.

Aurelia, now 84 years old, maintains an active lifestyle. She sews and belongs to a church group, two book clubs, and a ThirdAge group.

Aurelia now has 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grand children.

“She bakes the best angel food cakes in the world, and she always makes them from scratch,” said daughter Sue. “She has taught several of her grandchildren the art of making a perfect angel food cake.”

In the fall of 2010, Aurelia began making dresses for little girls in Haiti and Africa, using fabric given to her from various sources. Aurelia uses her 60-year-old Kenmore sewing machine which has a lifetime warranty with Sears - who would have guessed the warranty would last this long! Aurelia has now made 370 dresses and continues to make more.

It’s time to leave Haiti, where a young girl is thrilled with the handmade dress she received from a woman from rural Kansas. We commend Aurelia Pacey for making a difference with her service. How remarkable to realize that, even at the age of 84, we can still serve our fellow man.

# Straight and true



The Prairie Dog Golf Course hosted a men’s golf tournament last Sunday. Pictured, golfer Mike Terrell watches as Bruce Rushton attempts to sink his ball at the 8th hole while Rushton’s teammate David Schlegel waits his turn. The team of Rushton/Schelgel tied for first in the second flight with Roger Wahlmeier and Don Tacha. Third place in the Second Flight went to Greg Gregoire and Bill Klein. In the First Flight, Clayton and Joe Cox took first with 138, Curt Walter and Steve Nelson took second with 142 and three teams tied for third, Chase Lozar and Joe Sanko, the Tweedy and Yoxall team from Phillipsburg and Don Newell and Tad Wicker each had 144. In the Championship Flight the team of Berry and Walligan from out of town took first with 132 followed by Aaron Herman and an Oberlin team mate by the name of Finley took second with 136 and Tyler Rutherford and Joel Duscher placed third with 135.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## 50th Anniversary

Norman and Dorothy Voss will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a come and go reception hosted by their children. The reception will be on Sunday June 10 2012 from 2-4 p.m. at the Hill City Christian Church. Norman and Dorothy were married June 10<sup>th</sup> 1962 at the Hill City Christian Church, the same location as the reception. They live on the farm south of Densmore where they raised their family.

The couple have three children, Wayne and Kellie Voss of Hays, Tony and Martha Stutterheim and Rob and Paula Amerine, both of Phoenix.



They have eight grandsons and two granddaughters. The couple requests no gifts.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Steve and Megan Husted of Hoisington announce the arrival of their daughter, Davanee Eileen Husted, born May 29, 2012 at the Great Bend Regional Hospital in Great Bend. Davanee weighed five pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has a big sister, Campbell, age 3, to welcome her home. Grandparents of the baby are Gale and Ranelle Hays of rural Almena and Randy and Brenda Husted of Almena. Great-grandparents are Faith Hays and the late Kenneth Hays of Almena, Charles Gebhard and the late Eileen Gebhard of Alma, Neb. Donna and Darrell Mintzmyer and Dean and Ann Husted, all of Norton.

## CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women and their guests to attend the June dinner and meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, June 12 by calling Claire Ann Eppinger (877-2785).

“A SECRET GARDEN PARTY” is the theme for the evening. The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Rita Weber, Sioux Falls, S.D. She is an author, songwriter and semi-finalist in the 2010 Toastmasters International World Championship of Public Speaking. Weber will share her skill in keeping secrets until blindness could not be hid-

den. She owns a small business called Blind Trust, Inc. The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and repre-

sents clubs throughout the United States and Kansas. All area women are invited to attend.

Refreshments Served After Program

**STARS & STRIPES**

**FLAG DAY PROGRAM**

**Thursday, June 14 - 7 p.m.**

The program will be on the flag with facts about our country and our flag. A memorial service will be held for church members who have passed away in the past year.

**First United Methodist Church**

**805 W. WILBERFORCE - NORTON, KANSAS**

## Wedding

Jo Holmes and Ed Braun have announced their pending marriage on June 9, 2012. They will celebrate with family and friends with an all day shooting (bring your own guns), party, dinner and dance at 6:30 p.m.. The couple requests no gifts. From Norton, go west on Highway 36 to Road W9, 3N to Road J, then east 1/4 mile.

Call Mike  
with all your  
social news.  
877-3361  
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Look Who Is 18!!

**Daniel**  
From, Mom, Shane,  
Amanda and Chris

**FHSU Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDK) in partnership with Norton City/County Economic Development presents a FREE Web Design Workshop Wednesday, June 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Norton Public Library Community Room.**

**Bring your lap-top** to this hands-on workshop. You will build and launch your own professional looking, full function website with five separate pages and over 2,000 customizable designs to choose from.

**Space is limited, advanced registration is required.** Register online at <http://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/>. **Registration deadline is June 19th.** Questions may be directed to Megan Horinek, email [mhorinek3@fhsu.edu](mailto:mhorinek3@fhsu.edu) or (785) 734-2592.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORKSHOP IS AVAILABLE ON THE [discovernorton.com](http://discovernorton.com) WEBSITE.**

June 8- June 13

Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Madagascar 3**  
(PG) 1 Hour, 43 Minutes - Presented in Digital Sound  
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

**The Three Stooges**  
1 Hour, 40 Minutes  
(PG)

Madagascar is premiere passes only; The Three Stooges all passes accepted

Madagascar 3 is Premiere Admission Price of \$7.00 and \$6.00 - No Sunday Discount  
The Three Stooges is General Admission Price of \$6.00 and \$5.00 - \$3.00 on Sunday

COMING TO NORTON FRIDAY, JUNE 15  
What to Expect When You Are Expecting  
PREMIERING FRIDAY, JUNE 22  
Brave (PG)  
COMING TO NORTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 22  
Snow White and the Huntsman

**POPcorn**

**COMING SOON**

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## Relish what’s coming this month!!

( Look for it right here June 8th. )

Best Summer  
Strawberry Cake

Lime-Cucumber Popsicles

Grilled Thai Steak Noodle Bowl

Summer Recipe Contest

PLUS

The New Relish Recipe Project  
- Share Your Recipes!



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