

# OBITUARIES

## Brian Eugene Spear

June 8, 1959 - Jan. 12, 2014

Brian Eugene Spear died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at his home in Mannford, Okla. at the age of 54. He was born June 8, 1959 in Hill City, to Donald Eugene and Marilyn Kay (Guthrie) Spear. Brian grew up in Norton and attended the Norton schools. He never married.

Brian became a licensed practical nurse through Colby Community College in 1989. In 2011, he was ordained as a pastor at Lakeview Christian Church in Mannford, Okla.,

where he served as church administrator and associate pastor until his death.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Donald Spear; half-brother Gary Morris; grandparents Scott and Fern Spear; and grandparents D.A. and Nelle Guthrie.

Brian is survived by his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Don Johnson of Plainville; sisters Donita (John) Kaare of Olney, Ill.; Tracy (Gary) Orr of Oberlin; one brother David

(Diane) Spear of Mannford, Okla.; six nieces and nephews, 11 great-nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Lakeview Christian Church with Jason Grewe presiding.

A graveside service was held in Norton on Friday, Jan. 17.

Donations to the Brian Spear Memorial are in care of David Spear at 106 Craven Court, Mannford, OK 74044.

## Richard W. Hays

June 28, 1952 - Jan. 28, 2014

Richard W. Hays, was born June 28, 1952, in Norton, to Kenneth and Faith (Sprigg) Hays, and passed away Jan. 28, 2014, at his home in Bullhead City, Ariz., losing his battle to cancer.

Richard attended grade school in Almena and graduated from Northern Valley High School in 1970. He married Verlaine Thalheim in 1972. To this union two daughters were born, Rebekah and Rachel. Richard received his bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in 1974. After college graduation, they returned to Almena where Richard was engaged in farming which he really loved. He was known as a hard worker and a good neighbor.

In 2000, Richard moved to Bullhead City, Ariz., where he worked in the maintenance de-

partment of the Riverside and Edgewater casino. He liked his work there and despite the heat, was known as a man who could fix anything.

In 2005, Richard and Jerry Anne Irwin were married. They lived in a beautiful home of Jerry Anne's that they shared with two bulldogs, a number of desert tortoises, and a big tank of fish.

Richard was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, his father, Kenneth, and his sister, Susan.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Jerry Anne, and her children from a previous marriage; his two daughters, Rebekah, and husband, Paul Mussman, of Minden, Neb.; and Rachel, and husband, Dr. Trevor Martin, of Marcus, Iowa; three grandchildren, Co-

lin, Ashton, and Isabella Mussman; his mother, Faith Hays, of Norton; his brother, Gale, and his wife, Ranelle Hays and their family, Megan and Steve Husted, Campbell and Davanee, Mercedes and Zac Johnson and Micah, Ethan and Gunnar Hays; one niece, Sutan and Pitack Mongpho and family of Bangkok, Thailand; and also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Richard chose to have his body donated to science to further the education and study of cancer.

A graveside memorial service will be held in Norton at a later date.

Enfield Funeral Home of Norton will be in charge of those arrangements.

## HaysMed offers 3D mammography

HaysMed is now offering patients the latest 3D Mammography - Tomosynthesis. The Breast Care Center at HaysMed is the only facility in Kansas outside of Kansas City that offers 3D mammography.

3D mammography converts digital breast images into a stack of very thin layers allowing the radiologist to see breast a layer at a time giving a more clear view of the breast. Fine details are more clearly visible, no longer hidden by the tissue above and below.

"We are very excited to offer this advanced technology to patients in western Kansas." Said Dr. Anne O'Dea, Medical Director of the Breast Care Center. "Patients now have local access

to the latest technology in the fight against breast cancer."

Using breast tomosynthesis and digital mammography together for screening has been proven to reduce the amount of call backs for suspicious images on a mammogram giving patients a greater peace of mind. It has been shown to have a 30 percent increase in detecting breast cancer.

According to Ruth Heffel, Director of the HaysMed Foundation, obtaining the tomosynthesis equipment was made possible through contributions by generous donors to the foundation.

Women who should consider having 3D mammography are those that have dense breasts, a

history of call backs with their mammograms and women with a family history of breast abnormalities or breast cancer.

This new technology combines 2D and 3D mammography. Most insurance companies cover the 2D mammography portion of this exam. There is an additional \$75 cost for a 3D mammogram that is payable the day of the exam. This covers a \$40 radiologist interpretation fee and \$35 technical fee.

To schedule your annual screening mammogram appointment call 785-623-6565.

For more information go to [www.haysmed.com/3dmammo](http://www.haysmed.com/3dmammo)

## CLUB NEWS

### By Beverly Kindler

Antiques Road Show was the feature at the January meeting of the GFWC Mid Century Club. Members met in the Andbe Home Bird Room with 41 residents of the Andbe Home as guests.

Refreshments were served before the program. Hostesses were Darlene McEwen, Leta Donovan, Judy Davis assisted by Lynn Nelson and Beverly Kindler.

Darlene McEwen was the master of ceremony for the program, as she introduced residents who had antiques to show and members of the club who brought some family heirlooms to show. Ada Arford and Duane McEwen were the antique appraisers and shared information about unusual features of items

as well as a possible monetary value.

Antiques that were displayed included a bench made from a church pew, a Royal Copley vase, a kerosene lamp from Germany, two clothes washing stompers, a jewel tea custard dish, a wool overcoat from 1922, a tea pot made in Japan, a coffee mill, a china cup, and hand-carved wooden butter paddle, a pressed glass vase, a depression glass goblet, a silver plate tray and two gravy ladles and a family bible.

After the program a business meeting was held by the club members. Margaret Thomas, president, presided. The club will contribute \$25 for a scholarship for Norton Post Prom and \$54 to God's Pantry from the December monetary gift

monies. Federation news was reported by Virginia Will from the GFWC web site, and from the "GFWC Clubwoman" by Beverly Kindler. Members were reminded to celebrate National Wear Red Day on Feb. 7, by wearing a red outfit to call attention to the leading cause of death for American women, heart disease.

Beverly reported that the club had received 12 youth entries and one clubwoman entry for the GFWC Creative Writing Contest.

Twelve members and one guest, Melinda Segura, were present for the business meeting.

The club will meet in February at the home of Doris Wintertoth.

grams is roughly 221 million dollars. That's women supporting other women.

An invitation to Five Star Reciprocity was read from Marlene Moxter of Oberlin. It's planned for April with a definite date to be set soon.

Planning details for the baked potato bar were discussed. The event will be held February 18 during a high school basketball game. Proceeds go to a local scholarship.

Kim Chambers planned a quiz bowl game, dividing the gals

into teams. Questions included facts about the organization and the seven women who founded PEO. The game was competitive, yet fun. Sadly, no prizes were awarded.

We meet February 11, 7 pm, at the home of Ruth Durham. Members are asked to bring food for God's Pantry.

PEO is a philanthropic, educational organization that provides educational opportunities for women and continues to work through six projects of the international chapter.

## On to county!



Twenty-nine students competed in the Northern Valley spelling bee on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The final two competitors battled for 10 rounds before Kaci Ross out spelled Zack Hall. (Pictured front row) The winners Ashton Hall, Zack Hall, Alex VanPatten, (back row) Micah Kasson, Chaylee Lowry and Kaci Ross (winner).

-Photo courtesy of Amy McKinney

## Spelling bee winners move on

On Tuesday, January 21, the students at Northern Valley held their annual school spelling bee. Twenty-nine students participated in the event. The last two students battled for 10 rounds before Kaci Ross out spelled Zack Hall.

Zack missed the word extinguish. Kaci spelled that word correctly and the winning word propulsion to be named the school's champion. The three students representing the school from the 4th-6th grade are Zack Hall, Ashton Hall, and Alex Van Patten. The 7th and 8th graders go-

ing to the county spelling bee on February 5 are Kaci Ross, Chaylee Lowry, and Micah Kasson.

Students participating from the 4th grade were Aidan Hammond, Andromeda Haussermann, Coy Kinderknecht, Natalie Kinderknecht, and Lori Moppin.

The 5th grade was represented by Ashlyn Buffington, Tharen Cox, Brendan Sammons, Ava Schemper, Rachel Johns, and Ashton Hall.

Spelling for the 6th grade was Savannah Kindall, Gunner Yocum, Zack Hall, Alex

Van Patten, Jasmine Covington, and Isabelle Schemper.

The 7th graders were Micah Kasson, Chris Lowry, Ritley Sides, Kale Cox, Nick Stuttsman, and Sydney Brands.

Eighth graders spelling were Caden Kinderknecht, HalLee Linner, Chaylee Lowry, Kaci Ross, Makensy Schroeder, and Brianna Johns.

Mrs. Robbie Griffiths was the coordinator for the school spelling bee. She was assisted by Mrs. Beth Schemper and Mrs. Emily Lowry.

## Exhibition to showcase rag rug-making

The story of Finnish-American weavers in Northern Michigan is told through their vibrant creations in the exhibition; Rags, Rugs and Weavers: A Living Tradition.

The process of weaving rags into useful household items came to Michigan with immigrants from Northern Europe. Today, Finnish-Americans in the state's Upper Peninsula continue the tradition, weaving used clothing and other discarded textiles into colorful rugs. Rag rug weaving is a shared cultural activity in these communities. Materials donated by one person may be cut into rags or sewn into strips by another, woven into a rug by still another,

and the finished rug purchased by yet another member of the community. Weavers often learn the craft from family members or neighbors, perfecting their techniques by trial and error.

Rags, Rugs and Weavers: A Living Tradition explores this textile tradition through the work of eight accomplished rag rug weavers. Rugs, descriptive panels, sample materials and tools, and photographs illustrate all aspects of rag rug weaving. Viewers follow the process from rag to rug and back to rag and learn how these weavers

and others are keeping the tradition alive.

Founded in 1857, the Michigan State University Museum is one of Michigan's most popular natural and cultural history museums. The Michigan State University Museum's Traveling Exhibition Service provides affordable exhibitions for museums and organizations both in and out of Michigan. Over two dozen traveling exhibits are available and represent a variety of Michigan's natural and cultural resources, from quilts to Native American arts.

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