

# OBITUARIES

## Thomas R. Hawks

Feb. 17, 1940 - April 2, 2006

Thomas R. Hawks, 66, a graduate of Norton Community High School, died Sunday at the Geary Community Hospital in Junction City.

Mr. Hawks was born Feb. 17, 1940, in Yakima, Wash., the son of Floyd and Pearl (Griffith) Hawks. He attended Norton Schools.

On Dec. 8, 1962, he married Agnes Yvonne Sanders in Yuma, Ariz. Most of their married life was spent traveling with the military as he spent four years in the Navy and 20 years in the Army. After retirement they made their home in Industry.

Mr. Hawks was a member of the National Rifle Association and was a former member of the American Legion.

He is survived by four sons, Thomas R. Hawks II, Smolan, Timothy W. Hawks, Shelton, Neb., Tony R. Hawks, Salina, and Terry A. Hawks, Webb City, Mo.; a brother, Jack Wilson, Brookfield, Wisc.; and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Hawks' body was cremated. The family is planning a private memorial service at a later date.

Danner Funeral Home, Abilene, was in charge of the arrangements.

## Mildred L. Smith

May 5, 1917 - March 31, 2006

Mildred L. Smith, 88, a former Norton school teacher, died Friday at the Villa Maria Nursing Home in Mulvane.

The daughter of John and Margaret (Zwiers) DeYoung, she was born May 5, 1917, on a farm near Prairie View.

She grew up on the farm in Norton County, and attended rural grade school. She graduated from Almena Rural High School, Central College in McPherson, and Ft. Hays State College in Hays.

On October 20, 1945, she and Richard L. Smith were married in the Baker Church in Norton County. They made their home in Guthrie Center, Iowa. In 1949, they returned to the farm in Norton County. Mrs. Smith was a teacher and taught school from 1956 until 1973.

She was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Phillipsburg before transferring her membership to the Church of God in Norton. She taught Sunday School

and was a member of the Missionary Society. She enjoyed quilting and artistic painting, especially china painting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, David, one brother, and one sister.

Survivors include: her husband, Richard, of the home in Norton; one son, Randall and Lucinda Smith, Udall; one daughter-in-law, Becky Smith, Norton; two sisters, Geneva DeYoung, Norton; and Imogene Cottrill, Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were held Tuesday at the First Church of God, Norton with Pastor Terrill Worthington officiating. Burial was in the Prairie view Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to Central College McPherson. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Fuenral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Club learns The Haven is open

Mid-Century Club welcomed Marlene Henderson and Jim Rowh to their March 23 meeting at the home of Darlene McEwen. Claire Ann Eppinger was co-hostess.

Ms. Henderson, Norton County Economic Development Director, and Jim Rowh, local businessman, told the group of their volunteer work with The Haven.

They told about a group of citizens who recognized there was a need in Norton for overnight accommodations for families and friends of inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility. They helped form a board of directors for the non-profit Christian organization. A house that had formerly been used for this purpose was made available. There have been donations from many in Norton and surrounding areas.

Inmates from the prison are helping out with maintenance and the laundry. When fully completed, there will be housing for 30-40 people for Friday and Saturday nights to coincide with prison visiting days. Mr. Rowh said, "As of now there are about 15-20 people staying each weekend. This has been a community effort."

Ms. Henderson is assisting at the Haven on Saturday afternoons with a Christian Family Ministry. She is also helping to plan a concert as a fund raiser for The Haven.

Mr. Rowh provided the entertainment.

Members learned Mid-Century will deliver Meals on Wheels April 3-16. Pop-tops were turned in for the Ronald McDonald House Project and it was agreed that a monetary gift would be made to The Haven as the community project for the year.

Doris Winteroth reported that Julie Schrum's class at Eisenhower Elementary School will again receive "KindNews".

The club's annual pie sale will be April 20 at the Senior Center.

# Catalog sales popularized early pottery production

Many American art potteries existed in the years between 1930 and 1940, one of which was the Shawnee Pottery Company of Ohio. Kresge, Woolworth and McClory Stores were their first outlets in 1937 but they soon expanded into the Sears Roebuck catalog market.

One of the first multicolor dinner ware sets, Valencia, was an early and inexpensive catalog item.

King Corn, in gold and green, and Corn Queen, in creamy white and green, were sold through the Sears catalog, perhaps the biggest sellers Shawnee ever marketed. They were sold for several years, leaving some still around for today's avid collectors. Hostesses in the 1940s loved the corn-shaped roasting ear serving sets, popcorn bowls and table accessories, including an especially pretty teapot. Another popular catalog line sold in that time period was black and white with red lobsters for handles on soup tureens, bowls and snack trays.

Cookie jar collectors will be very familiar with early Shawnee Pottery. One of their first successes was "Muggsy", a cookie jar designed to look like a mischievous flop-eared pup with a perky bow tied on top of his head. Also in the cookie jar line were dozens of variations on pigs named "Smiley", and "Winnie", kitty cats called "Puss in Boots" and jolly Dutch Boys and Girls. Less common were sitting and standing elephants, owls and sailor and soldier boys. Very rare and collectible is "Jo Jo the Clown".

Character salt and pepper sets, creamers and sugar shakers were

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



made to match "Smiley" and "Muggsy" as well as a lot of the other distinctive jars. Bo Peep and Boy Blue were only made as pitchers. Raccoons, rabbits and a quizical tumbling bear appear occasionally. Double production belts rolled out all kinds of kitchen wares, wall vases, salt boxes, match safes, mixing bowls and beautiful fruit embellished storage bowls.

Although mold shapes were standard, decorations were anything but. Shawnee had a policy of hiring local artists to hand paint every piece, and gave them free rein to do so. It led to marvelous results, making each design an original work of art. An enthusiast can find dozens of different variations even if choosing to limit a collection to only one character. "Smiley" pigs alone could fill a small house.

Animals and people were individually and whimsically cold painted with happy little faces and unexpected touches like "Muggsy's" bow, a pig wearing a pink hat, or a polka dot cat. Dutch Boys wore voluminous bloomers to provide for more cookie space, which made them look as if they'd eaten more than their share of cookies themselves. Cold paint did not stand up well to wear and water, so early pieces are often missing most of the decoration.

Newer items have paint under glaze, which gives the collector a good gauge of age.

Teapots were another major production line that made money quickly. Not only lovely classic teapots were sold, but two that made Shawnee a household word, the Granny Ann and the Tom-Tom, really brought in the buyers. Granny Ann's spout is the basket she carries over one arm while Tom Tom's is that pig they accused him of stealing. These pots were so ornamental many were used only for display. They can be found undamaged, although your purse may be damaged by their price.

During World War II, Shawnee Pottery, along with other patriotic firms, turned almost all their production facilities over to the government for the manufacture of war materials. It seems truly ironic that when the "Buy American" campaign was dropped after the war, cheaper foreign imports flooded the market and many American firms, including Shawnee, were forced out of business. Efforts to compete failed even though they tried spray painting rather than hand decorating, mass producing smaller items, marketing through chain stores and lowering prices. Eventually they sadly closed their doors. Unfortunately this trend continues even to the current day when American-made goods are now the exception rather than the rule in many discount stores.

Wonder if there are any of those old "Buy American" posters still around? Let's take a lesson from history, post them once again and read their message with 2005 eyes.

## Bridge games to span three weeks

The City of Norton is gearing up for the 17th Annual Norton National Bridge Tournament. The dates have been set for three consecutive Thursday evenings beginning April 20 and continuing April 27 and May 4. Starting time each evening is 7 p.m. at the

Norton American Legion, two blocks north of US 36 on Kansas Highway 283.

This contract bridge tournament is geared for any level of player from beginner to the advanced. The entry fee is \$5 per person or \$10 per team. Players will bring

their own partners and play each round as a team. The substitute rule will be in effect which will allow either, or both, players to use a substitute in any round.

For more information about the tournament call Jake Durham, 785-877-2400.

# READERS

Friends of Jay Ryan will be glad to know he is no longer in the critical care section and he has been moved to a different hospital. Mail will now reach Mr. Ryan at: Mid-America Rehabilitation Hospital, 4601 West 109th Street, Leawood, Kan. 66211.

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 4/4**

Rural Telephone has hired Jeremy Schiltz as a Combination Technician in Selden. Mr. Schiltz

fulfills service orders from the central office to the customer premise. In addition, he provides training to customers on how to use the equipment. He lives in Selden with his wife, Nicole, and their two children.

Barbara Goeken, Norton, has joined Signature HomeStyles as a representative. Miss Goeken can offer products including decorating essentials like baskets, florals, linens, dishes, candles, wall decor and holiday decorations. To contact Miss Goeken, call 877-2594.

# CORRECTION

In the March 28 issue of *The Norton Telegram* a story about the 4-H Club Day winners listed Dustyna Sprigg as a guitar instrumentalist. It should have said that Kelsie Griffith and Jade Braun received red ribbons for instrumental guitar. Incorrect information was supplied to the paper.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

## Adults and students to display their talents at Oberlin art show

The second annual High Plains Artfest Show and Sale will be held this weekend at The Gateway in Oberlin.

It will feature work of adult artists and high school juniors and seniors.

Public viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 9. There is no admission charge. It is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

Showing at the

# NORTON THEATRE

## Failure to Launch

97 Minutes — (PG-13)  
Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.  
Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.

— Second Week —  
92 Minutes — (PG) **Ice Age 2**

Adult-\$6.00; Child-\$5.00 (12 and Under)

No Discounted Tickets  
Movie Passes Accepted

*Let's go to the Movie*

## Garage sale will stretch from border to border

A 400-mile treasure hunt is being planned to run the length of Kansas.

September 15, 16 and 17 have been set for the first annual US Hwy 36 Garage Sale Event. The US 36 Highway Association is the sponsoring agency with the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce all along the route.

All towns and individuals along US 36 are encouraged to participate.

Karla Reed at the Norton Chamber office is spearheading the efforts of Norton County. If anyone wants to reserve a site, they should contact Ms. Reed at 877-2501.

# MARKETS

At close of business April 3

Wheat .....	\$3.79
New Crop Wheat .....	\$3.73
Milo .....	\$1.82
Corn .....	\$2.04
Soybeans .....	\$4.79

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## Norton City-Wide CLEAN-UP

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,  
**APRIL 24, 25, 26**

All items must be out by 8 a.m. on your regular route day, and must be in piles by type.

Only metals and tree limbs will be picked up in the alley! Tires and hazardous waste WILL NOT be picked up. There is a \$10 charge per appliance with freon. Maximum of 2 truck loads per residence.

**TWICE-A-WEEK PICKUP BEGINS APRIL 10**

# Job Opening

The Norton Telegram is looking for someone to join Hypatia Day in the Advertising Sales Department. Previous sales experience helpful, but not required. Training provided. Good working conditions. Commission-based, but great potential for the right person. Super staff.

To set up an appointment, or learn more about the opportunity, please contact the newspaper's publisher, Tom Dreiling, at (785) 877-6908 (daytime) or 877-3823 (evenings).

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