OBITUARIES

LaVon E. Kats

April 1, 1942 - Dec. 4, 2007

LaVon Ellen Kats, 65, died at her home in Long Island on Dec. 4.

Mrs. Kats was born April 1, 1942, in Topeka, the daughter of Aaron and Mildred (Beckley) Clark.

She attended school in Palco. After graduating from high school, she attended Cosmetology School in Wichita. She owned and operated her own business in the Phillipsburg and Long Island area for over 25 years.

On Jan. 20, 1990, she married Melvin Kats of Long Island.

In her spare time, Mrs. Kats enjoyed sewing, quilting and flower gardening. She also loved traveling, camping, and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Ryan Desair.

Survivors include: her parents, Aaron and Mildred Clark, Logan; her husband, Melvin, of the home; her children: Gay Lynn Desair, Plainville; Michael Miller, Des Moines, Iowa; Kimberly Horinek, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jamie Sherman, Grand Junction, Colo., and Jennifer McMenamin, Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers Verle Clark, Wichita and Ivan Clark, Morrison, Colo.; a sister, Wanda Marshall, Thornton, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of her Life was held Friday at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel. Officiants were Daryl Kats and the Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele.

Gloria Dewitt was the musical accompanist for the service.

Honorary casket bearers were Ryan Desair, Lacy Desair, Whitney Desair, Kaleb Horinek, Shelbi Davis, Jordyn Bohl, Aubreyana Bohl, Jack McMenamin and Raleigh McMenamin.

Mrs. Kats battled cancer for several years and was a source of inspiration and courage to her friends and family.

Her last wish was to be able to help others in their fight against the disease. Memorial contributions in her name may be given to the Kansas State University Center for Basic Cancer Research and sent in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 563, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for your calls and cards; for the food and fond remembrances you've shared and for the flowers and memorial contributions so graciously given in honor of LaVon. Your thoughtfulness and support have been a blessing to us all.

Special thanks also, to the ladies of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church for providing lunch before the service.

The family of
LaVon E. Kats

RoGene E. Meeks

Oct. 12, 1930 - Dec. 6, 2007

RoGene Elaine Meeks, 77, died Dec. 6 at the Logan Manor in Logan.

The daughter of Roy E. and Mildred Faye (Power) Strickland, she was born Oct. 12, 1930, in Kanorado.

She graduated from Lenora High School. She worked in child care and had made her home in several places including Kanorado, Lenora, Baton Rouge, La., Anderson, Ind., and Norton.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, James Strickland, Roy Strickland and Larry Strickland; and four sisters, Lorraine Masden, Joan Masden, Velda Carpenter and Gerry Eaton.

Survivors include: two sons, Lance Nowell, of Tennessee and Randy Nowell, of Louisiana; two sisters, Janis Boucher, Hill City and Marcelle Allen, Norton.

There will not be a visitation as her body was cremated.

Graveside inurnment services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Lenora South Cemetery.

Contributions to the RoGene Meeks Memorial Fund may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Donald E. Pabst

Sept. 12, 1931 - Nov. 26, 2007

Donald Eugene Pabst, 76, father of Janis (Pabst) Monier, Norton, died Nov. 26 at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Donald Pabst

Mr. Pabst was born Sept. 12, 1931, the 12th child of Floyd and Lydia (Warner) Pabst, on the family farm in rural Chillicothe Township, Ohio.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from 1951 to 1956. He then joined the United States Army where he served for 30 years. He retired in 1987, with the rank of Sergeant Major, Chief Suply Supervisor.

He spent his retirement traveling by RV, playing cards, painting and doing needlework.

He is survived by his wife of four years, Reba L. Pabst, Louisville; a daughter, Janis (Pabst) Monier, Norton; three step-sons; two step-daughters; a brother, Harold and Elsie Pabst, Chillicothe; a grandson, John A. Monier, Thornton, Colo.; and a granddaughter, Veronica Monier, Norton.

Private services and a blessing of his ashes will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton.

A funeral with full military honors will be held at a later date.

Laura L. Robinson

April 24, 1953 - Dec. 6, 2007

Laura Lorraine Robinson, 54, Clayton, died Thursday, Dec. 6, in Wichita, after a lengthy illness.

Laura Robinson

Mrs. Robinson was born April 24, 1953, in Phillipsburg to Clifford and Evelyn Shaw. She grew up on the family farm southwest of Glade. She attended Glade Grade School and graduated from Phillipsburg High School.

On Feb. 7, 1970, she and Carl Joe Robinson were married.

She graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse from Fort Hays State University in 1977. She had a thirst for knowledge and learning new trades. In 1994, she earned a license in barbering. In May of 2006, she graduated from Colby Community College with an Associate's Degree in general education.

Mrs. Robinson was well-known for her devotion to her family. She had a great sense of humor and made friends wherever she went. She loved animals and leaves behind her best friend and sidekick, Brown Sugar.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents and an infant son, Scotty Allen.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Joe Robinson, of the home; her children, Shannon Titus, Clayton, Clifford Shawn Robinson, El Dorado, Nancy Robinson, Colby, Laurie Long, Colby and Tyler Lee Robinson, of the home; and 12 grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Clayton Community Center.

Former Norton man to serve on vets association

Dr. John Rule, Steamboat Springs, Colo., is a 1963 graduate of Norton Community High School. He also graduated in 1970 from Kansas State University with a degree in veterinary medicine.

He worked with Dr. Jay Anderson at the veterinary clinic in Oberlin.

Dr. Rule was recently elected by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association to be its alternate delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association. He will serve four years as the alternate in the House of Delegates, then four years as the Delegate. The House of Delegates is responsible for establishing policy and for providing direction for matters relating to veterinary medicine.

He and his wife, Carolyn, own a small animal veterinary practice in Steamboat Springs. He is the son of Aletha Rule, Norton, and the late Verle Rule.

READERS

— NOTICE - The Norton County Horse Council Annual Meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Norton City Office basement.

Winners in the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce's "12 Days of Christmas" on Dec. 7 were Curt Luehrs who registered at Norton Sports Center and Betty Ambrosier who registered at Stoves 'n More.

— STEAK and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

Kansas State University held commencement ceremonies Dec. 7 and 8 in Salina and Manhattan.

Local students receiving degrees are: Katie Jo Randolph, Jennings, elementary education; Caitlin James, Lenora, agriculture; Christine Merklein, Prairie View, bachelor of arts; Norton students: Terry Petrie, bachelor of arts; Marc Thiele, business administration; Andrew Walter, bachelor of science; and Amanda Ebert, bachelor of arts.

The University of Kansas recently awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to students during the academic year of 2007-08.

Local students receiving financial support are: Annette Becker, daughter of John and Ann Becker, Bill and Alice Smiley Scholarship Fund, Dane G. Hansen Fund, C.L. Burt Geographic Scholarship; Mathew Shepard son of Paul Shepard, James Schull Combs and Catherine C. Combs Memorial, Dane G. Hansen Fund, School of Engineering Scholarships, Solon E. Summerfield Scholarship; Kayleigh Jo Brooks, daughter of Debbie Graham, Dane G. Hansen Fund, C.L. Burt Geographic Scholarship; Maggie Nielsen, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Nielsen, Dane G. Hansen Fund, KU Scholarships; Amie Richard, daughter of Floyd and Kathy Richard, KU Scholarships, Dane G. Hansen Fund; Valerie C Jackson, daughter of Mona Sue and Robert Jackson, Dane G. Hansen Fund; and Leah Kiser, daughter of Randy and Jean Kiser, Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship.

BIRTH

Finnley Marie Kellerman

A daughter, Finnley Marie, was born Nov. 12 to Josh and Lacy Kellerman, Baldwin City. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Finnley Kellerman

Grandparents are Lonnie and Cathy Kellerman, Stockton and Jeff and Dona Larimar, El Dorado.

Great-grandparents are Norman and Lois Kellerman, Stuttgart and Ben and Jean Horner, Sundance, Wyo.

First snow brings out spirit of Christmas

Carlyle Comments
Liza Deines

On Thursday, Sun pulled a soft, comfy cloud over his head and slept late. Within moments Snow rushed in, sugaring the world with a coating of purity and light. Beneath my balcony evergreens reached up to decorate needled fronds with sprinklings of shimmer, then settled down to welcome shivering birds into their innermost reaches. Nearby housetops, smoothly frosted like cupcakes, spouted chimney smoke as furnaces clicked on to warm chilly residents.

I could almost smell the coffee and cinnamon toast of cozy breakfasts as I looked out on the clean scene below. Had I been at home in Norton I would've put a pot of chili on to simmer, prepared to spend the day baking cookies and writing Christmas letters in a house full of appetizing smells plus Christmas carols played full volume.

So is life in a retirement center sad or dull by comparison? No way! The staff and management set the tone and even the Scroogiest of residents join in the fun. Here at the Carlyle all is cheery and bright. Mailboxes overflowing with cards from friends and relatives brighten the day for those who receive very little personal mail. A twelve-foot Christmas tree topped with a golden angel towers in the atrium, bedecked on every branch with giant golden and copper baubles, gold ribbon and white poinsettias. Above, on the poolroom mezzanine, another glorious tree stands and the library also boasts a tree decorated in red and gold. Poinsettias fill every nook and cranny.

A walk down the halls is a little journey through fairyland. Almost every door is a delight to the eye. Wreaths with scarlet bows, a string of sleigh bells to jingle, here's a big sparkly snowflake, there are fat little snowmen standing beside door after door, occasionally Santa or a painted sleigh adorns a corner. My doorway has three angels and greenery hanging with a red plaid bow and shiny red apples. Everywhere you look an arrangement of flowers and greenery cheers our way. Red velvet Santas in golden sleighs ride the hall tables, a Della Robbia wreath here, reindeer and holly there. Even in the exercise room a pudgy snowman, complete with tophat and scarf, contemplates the equipment. Get on that bike, Frosty, and lose a few snow balls!

Out in the front gardens a veritable herd of wire reindeer twinkle and sparkle as dusk begins to fall. The dining room windows look out on them and the dining room itself is warmed by a fireplace, twinkle lit trees and a beautiful Christmas scenario around the coffee bar. Festive holiday placemats and napkins adorn dinner tables centered with wee snowmen. At mealtimes the number of beautifully embellished holiday sweaters and sweatshirts almost knocks your eyes out. Earrings of tinkling bells, tiny wrapped packages, snowmen and Santa faces dazzle from elderly earlobes. A wheelchair-bound resident sports a red and white Santa Claus hat covering his bald spot. My own power chair has a big striped candy cane tied on the back.

Last night a holiday dance was held, live music, fancy desserts and all. Spangles, sequins, golden dancing slippers, sparklies of all kinds came out of closets for the occasion. Even those using walkers and canes trod the light fantastic and wheelchair dancing is all the rage here. Coming up soon is a "family and friends" buffet dinner; everyday conversation is all about who is going where for Christmas Day. Sad to say a few residents will be here alone — but our chef will do a special, elegant dinner for them.

We do not forget the reason for the season, however, even though the corporate office will not allow religious displays. Inside apartments nativity scenes are lovingly arranged, Christmas scripture is read, Advent wreaths are lit, stars and angels and Christmas carols abound. Hearts are full of joy and anticipation as we await the advent of our King. Never, never forget the ONE who put the CHRIST in Christmas. That is the gift beyond all gifts.

OVERHEARD IN THE ELEVATOR: My transmission is down to two speeds, Durned Slow and Dead Stop.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

Nov. 15 — Ashley Otter, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol and transporting an open container. 6 month diversion with probation, assessment fee $200,Diversion fee $50, court cost $70.

Nov. 15 — Eric Hartwell, driving while under the influence of alcohol. Trial set

Nov. 15 — Elliot Conard, Norton, driving while suspended and illegal tag. Trial set.

Criminal

Nov. 15 — Richard Kersch, Almena, criminal damage to property and obstructing official duty. Ordered to pay restitution to victim of $222.99 and ordered to personally apologize to victim. 5 days jail time suspended to time served if fines paid on time. Fine $200, court cost $70.

Nov. 15 — Jason Haselhorst, Norton, domestic battery and obstructing official duty. Continuance to consult attorney.

Nov. 15 — Ciri Eagleburger, Hoxie, misdemeanor theft. Diversion for one year, assessment fee $100, fee $100, ordered to pay attorney's fee, court cost $70.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Aug. 25 — Jarrod R. Glaze, Monte Vista, Colo., motor carrier safety rules and regulations, failure to wear seatbelt, fine $100, court cost $66.

Nov. 1 — Robert L. Horton, Jauneta, Neb., motor carrier safety rules and regulations, 14 hour rules violation, fine $100, court cost $66.

Nov. 1 — Charles S. Pennell, Hauisville, W.V., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine $36, court cost $66.

Nov. 6 — Timothy E. Riesland, Dannebrog, Neb., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine $42, court cost $66.

Nov. 8 — Donald R. Trosch, Evergreen, Colo., speeding 72 in a 65 mph zone, fine $72, court cost $66.

Nov. 12 — Elwood E. May, Oberlin, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine $66, court cost $66.

Nov. 18 — Stanley Richard Wertz, Lamar, Colo., speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine $70, court cost $66.

Nov. 22 — Carrie J. Yenne, Denver, Colo., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine $84, court cost $66.

Nov. 20 — Manuel Holguin-Rios, Lexington, Neb., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone and failure to use child restraining seat, fine $108, court cost $66.

Building Permits

Dec. 5 — Trent Richmond, $35,000, construct pool, deck and shed at 214 White Horse Drive.

Dec. 5 — Duane McEwen, $7,500, install storage rentals at 601 E. Holme.

Dec. 5 — Florence Coe and Dean Husted, $500, construct frame to hold trap for R.V.

Dec. 5 — Carolyn Dooley, renewal of demolition permit to demolish garage at 306 N. Graves.

Animal Shelter

For Adoption

Male, brindle mix, 1 to 3 years old.

Female, Shepherd mix, 1 year old.

Found

Nov. 23 — Male, Pomeranian, older, S. Hwy 283 at Road S, Norton. Has a 1999 rabies tag.

Missing

Dec. 4 — Male Beagle, Main St. and Howard, Norton. May

MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 11

Wheat	$9.13
Milo	$3.70
Corn	$3.82
Soybeans	$10.33

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