

# OBITUARIES

## Patricia "Patty" L. Carroll

Sept. 11, 1950 - May 4, 2012

Patricia "Patty" L. Carroll, 61, of rural Wamego passed away at her home following her battle with cancer on Friday, May 4, 2012.

Patty was born Sept. 11, 1950 in Superior, Neb., the daughter of Harold A. and Glennis (Loomis) Braddock. She attended schools in Randolph and graduated from Randolph Rural High School in 1968. Patty worked for 30 years as a CMA in Medical Records for Wharton Manor, Westy Care Home, Saint Mary's Nursing Home, and at Valley Vista Good Samaritan Care Home in Wamego for the last 15 years until her recent retirement. On Feb. 26, 1971 she was united in marriage to Lawrence "Larry" D. Carroll in Manhattan. Larry is

originally from Norton. He survives of the home.

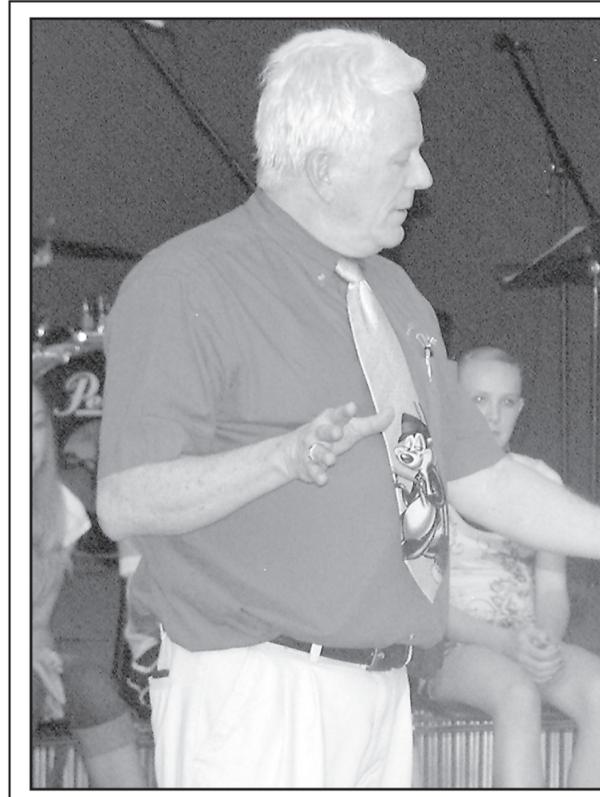
Patty was a former member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Wamego for many years, attended St. Thomas More Catholic Church of Manhattan in recent years, and was a past member of St. George Black Jack American Legion. She enjoyed ceramics, painting, sewing and quilting, going to garage sales, tending to her gardens of flowers and vegetables, and especially caring for her grandchildren.

Survivors also include her two daughters, Laura Daniels (Roger) of Erie; Crystal Brunner (Tim) of Wamego; two sons, Matthew Carroll (Sandra) of St. George and Rod Carroll of Wichita; three brothers: Ray-

mond Burks, Jr. (Erica) of Albuquerque, N.M., Carl Dean Braddock and Steven Braddock both of Geneva, Neb.; one sister, Pamela Terrell of Kansas City; nine grandchildren: Jesse, Jacob, Trisha, Jed, Makayla, Trevor, Zachery, Cheyanne, Breanna; two great-grandchildren: Jaden and Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan. Cremation followed services.

Memorials are suggested to P.R.N. Hospice of Wamego, or the Cotton-O'Neil Cancer Center of Topeka.



## Steer clear

The annual Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs youth forum was held Thursday evening at The Rock. The forum featured remarks from current and former patients of Valley Hope sharing their experiences with drug and alcohol addictions. For 5th and 6th grade students, the forum is intended to help warn youth of the dangers of drug and alcohol use and steer them away from poor choices. Pictured, Steve Horney of Valley Hope introduces a Valley Hope patient to the students in attendance at the forum.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## Ray Anthony Knoll

Jan. 18 1957 - May 4, 2012

Ray Anthony Knoll, age 55, of Lincoln, Neb. passed away on May 4, 2012. He was born on Jan. 18, 1957 in Norton to Anthony and Joan (Meyers) Knoll. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1976 and then went on to graduate from Doane College with a Bachelor's Degree.

In Lincoln, Ray was most recently employed by the Nebraska Public Power District. He was a long-time member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren in Norton.

Ray was an outdoorsman and an avid hunter. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Harry and Ruth Meyers.

Ray is survived by Lisa Taylor of Lincoln, Neb.; his parents of Norton; his two daughters, Ashley and Amy, both of Kansas City, Mo.; his

sister Theresa and husband Rick Haws of Bartlesville, Okla.; his brothers Randy Knoll of Norton, and Stuart and wife Leigh Knoll of San Antonio, Texas; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service in his honor will be Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in Lincoln, Neb., at Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, 3465 Sumner Street, at 1 p.m.

A memorial service will also be held on Saturday, May 12 at the United Methodist Church in Norton from 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be an informal gathering.

Memorials are asked in care of the family for charity designation.

Condolences at [www.lincolnfh.com](http://www.lincolnfh.com).

## An unusual spring season so far

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It's the time of the year that we gardeners are discussing how "unusual" the spring season has been so far. This year, the word "unusual" doesn't even begin to describe the unusualness of the weather. Even the word "ridiculous" falls short of expressing our true feelings about the earliness of the season and the fact that we seem to be two to three weeks ahead of what might be termed a "normal" type of season. Farmers in Northwest and Northern Kansas are talking about the possibility of cutting wheat by June 15th or earlier.

And so you again hear the words "global warming" and "climate change" being banded about. Others remind us that its just another "cycle" in the history of weather occurrences and that this, too, shall pass.

As a gardener, I will do my best to live with whatever Mother Nature provides. I was not one of those who saw this coming and proceeded to plant my tomatoes in early April. Those that did try to outguess normalcy are probably going to harvest some of those big red beauties about the 4th of July. A friend of mine fully expects to enjoy a few ears of sweet corn in early July, and that just doesn't happen in extreme Northwest Kansas. But it might this year.

I just keep plodding along, doing the things I usually do at this time of year, ever mindful of the fact that the average last frost date in my backyard is about May 6th. I always place heavy emphasis on the word "average." Depending on the season,

the temperature therefore could possibly drop below freezing. Ask a few farmers around the area if they remember May 26, 1992 when the temperature dropped to a record 25 degrees and devastated the wheat crop, not to mention the backyard gardens all over the High Plains. Talk about unusual. I am also reminded that the coldest temperature ever recorded in Goodland in the month of May was the morning of May 1, 1967, when the thermometer dropped to 21 degrees.

And hear this: On JUNE 2, 1951, Goodland recorded a 31 degree reading, a record that still stands as the latest date of a freezing temperature in Sherman County.

In the 1970's, there were years when the folks were talking about "late seasons" and wondering if, indeed, the atmosphere was actually beginning

to cool down, causing average last frost dates to be several days later than they are now.

My tomato plants will all be out by the end of the week. The cucumbers were planted on May 3rd, the same day as last year. I'll try to get the beans planted by next weekend. The cantaloupes should be in the ground by May 13th. The early planted crops of peas, spinach, onions, radishes, lettuce and potatoes are all looking good, and we are enjoying fresh garden salads each day. Who could possibly have guessed that we could have been enjoying some of those things almost a month ago, based on the earliness of the season this year?

I'm happy with my garden so far. But it will be a little unnerving watching a few of my friends eating fresh tomatoes and sweet corn on the 4th of July!

## Wedding Announcement



Jordan Renee Wilberger and Jon Adam Sauer celebrated the blessing of their marriage in an outdoor ceremony Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Wick Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Pastor Rich Peterson of Scottsbluff, Neb. officiated at the double ring service.

Parents of the couple are Rich and Renee Wilberger of Scottsbluff, Neb. and Deb Sauer of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Steve Sauer of Gering, Neb. Grandparents of the bride are Conrad and Roxanne Cox of Long Island and Betty Wilberger of Nebraska City, Neb. Grand parents of the groom are Chester and Linda Smith of South Carolina.

The bridal procession "Walk With You" was sung by Aaron Nicholson and accompanied by Lyndsay Jackson on the keyboard. The bride, escorted by her father, walked under an arbor draped in purple satin swags with crystal chandeliers hanging in the center of the arbor. The bride wore an ivory satin Bolero gown accented by a necklace and earrings borrowed from her grandmother Wilberger. The jewelry was given to her grandmother by the bride's late grandfather, Dwight Wilberger. Jordan carried a bridal bouquet of dark purple calla lilies.

The groom wore a charcoal suit with a white button down shirt and a purple tie. His boutonniere featured a purple calla lily with an orange orchid in the bloom with silver wire curled around the stem.

Maribel Arellano served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Chelsea Funk, Courtney Cox and Caitlyn Cox, cousins

of the bride, and Bridgette Root, Brooke Delano, Jess Yanz and Whitney Hinshaw. They wore Alfred Angelo charcoal knee-length dresses and carried purple calla lilies with orange orchids. Nevach and Leah Sauer, nieces of the groom, were the flower girls, wearing purple satin sundresses with white sandals.

Daniel Sauer, brother of the groom was the best man. Groomsmen were Trey and Blake Wilberger, brothers of the bride, and Ryan Jackson, Sean Brandt, Steve Talley, Scott Smith, uncle of the groom, and Rick Snyder, brother-in-law of the groom. They were attired in charcoal suits, white button down shirts and purple ties. The boutonnieres were a purple calla lily with an orange orchid. Jackson Sauer and Luke Snyder, nephews of the groom, were the ring bearers.

After their personal vows to each other and before their Lord, family and friends, the

couple exchanged rings and then poured "unity sand" symbolizing the joining of their lives together, while Lyndsay Jackson sang a solo, "Steady As We Go." Immediately following the service, a dinner and dance reception followed.

Jordan is a 2007 graduate of Scottsbluff High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Middle School Education and is pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education.

Jon is a 2007 graduate of Scottsbluff High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as well, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics. He is a commercial lighting sales representative.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica and are now at home in Lincoln, Neb.

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The Treasurer's Office will be open to collect the 2nd half of Real Estate, Personal Property, Intangible Tax, 16/20 M Truck and Oil/Gas Taxes. The deadline for 2nd half taxes to be paid without a penalty is May 10, 2012.

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