

# OBITUARIES

## Marjorie Faye Lambert

Feb. 11, 1946 - July 12, 2013

Marjorie Faye Lambert of Miller, Neb. was born in Long Beach, Calif., on Feb. 11, 1946 to Veryl and Mabel F. (Johnson) Nyland. Mabel now resides in the Andbe Home, in Norton, Kansas and Veryl lives also in Norton. Marjorie lost her battle with cancer on Friday, July 12, 2013 at her home surrounded by loved ones at the age of 67.

She married LeRoy Lambert on June 8, 1963 and raised daughter Tracey and son Kenneth on the family farm near Beaver City, Neb. Over the years they enjoyed square dancing and traveling. Marj spent most of her life dress making, doing alterations, making draperies, home decor, and gardening. She was also a wonderful cook but sewing was a passion.

She is survived by her husband LeRoy Lambert of Miller, Neb.; her two children, Tracey Dunn of Kearney, Neb. and Ken-



eth and wife Tamara Lambert of Miller, Neb.; parents, Veryl and Mabel Nyland of Norton; grandchildren, Brooke and Taylor Dunn, Keenan, Ryan, and Rachael Lambert; great-grandchild, Morgan Florke and three sisters, Lois Peters, Joyce Rogers, and Karen Smith.

Funeral services will be

held on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Miller, Neb., with Pastors Bonnie Brock and Keith Theobald, officiating. Refreshments will follow at Miller Hall following the service.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, Aug. 2, at 9:30 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Beaver City, Neb. Family is requesting everyone wear bright colors for the outdoor service to celebrate Marj's life and love for flowers. Refreshments will follow at the Community Building in Beaver City, Neb. following the service.

Memorials and cards of sympathy can be sent to 301 N. Highway 183, Miller, NE 68858. Wenburg Funeral Home of Beaver City, Neb. is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences or personal reflections can be left at wenburg-funeralhome.com

## Emma Viola VanDerWege

Nov. 7, 1921 - July 18, 2013

Emma Viola VanDerWege, daughter of Anton H. and Sarea (Thoren) Anderson, was born Nov. 7, 1921, at the family farm in Decatur County seven miles northeast of Oberlin. She passed away July 18, 2013, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, at the age of 91.

Vi grew up on the farm where she was born and attended the small Bethel country grade school and the Oberlin High School. Vi married W.J. "Bill" Menges in April of 1939. To this union three children were born, Gaylen Lee, Gary Dean, and Connie Lynn. They resided in Norcat, where the children attended school. In December of 1962, Vi married Jay C. Gallentine at the Methodist parsonage in Norcat and they resided on the Gallentine farm five miles southwest of Norcat. They adopted two sons, Randy Jay and Val Gene. In July of 1977, the family moved to Norton. On April 28, 2007, Vi married Veryl VanDerWege at the First United Methodist Church in Norton and they made their home on Timbercreek Road in Norton.

Vi was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Her first priority was being involved with the UMW organization where she served

many years on various committees. She was UMW president for a total of 10 years in Norcat and Norton. She was the Hays District Spiritual Growth Coordinator for two years and served on Nominations for two years. Through the years Vi was involved with several community activities. She was a past member of Royal Neighbors Lodge, Mid-Century Club of Federation, Eagles Auxiliary, and the Senior Citizen Golden Glow Club where she served two years as president, four years as entertainment chairperson, and two years as treasurer. Vi was a volunteer hair dresser at the Andbe Home for many years which she enjoyed and called it her missionary mission.

Her hobbies included counted cross stitch and music. She played in the Arvid Ross old timers band as a drummer and was a member of the Whatsits kitchen band and singing group. Vi later formed her own little group named Tri-Alls, entertaining in nursing homes in surrounding areas.

Vi leaves to mourn her passing: husband, Veryl VanDerWege, of their home; daughter, Connie Lewis, Olathe; son, Randy Gallentine, Pinetop, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Judy Menges,

Colby; sister-in-law, Sharon Beins, Wood River, Neb.; six grandchildren, Brent Menges and Janel Andrews, both of Colby; Jennifer Reynolds, Overland Park; Amy Yarkoni, Atlanta, Ga.; Candace Menges, Lee's Summit, Mo.; and Renee Menges, Peculiar, Mo.; several great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Jay Gallentine, three sons, Galyen and Gary Menges and Val Gallentine, one brother, Lee Anderson, four sisters, Lavina Worley, Mildred Snow, Ruby Roberts, and Ila Janousek and their spouses, sister-in-law, Idah Hoover, and other relatives.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Inurnment will be at Oberlin Cemetery in Oberlin.

Memorial contributions are suggested in her name to the Norton United Methodist Women's Group.

Condolences may be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton.

## Paulette Sue Moreland

June 18, 1948 - July 23, 2013

Paulette Sue Moreland, daughter of Budd and Verla (St. Clair) Tyrrell, was born June 18, 1948, in Lenora, and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on July 23, 2013, at the age of 65.

Paulette grew up in Lenora and graduated from Lenora High School. She made her home in Lenora and Norton with her son, Cody, and she worked in house-keeping and was also a CNA at the Andbe Home for many years.

Paulette was a member of the Catholic faith and the Eagles. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, and watching western

movies and HGTV. Her greatest love was her family, especially her son and nieces and nephews.

Survivors include: one son, Cody Moreland, Manhattan; one brother and wife, Darryl and Virginia Tyrrell, Belton, Mo.; four sisters, Patricia Herman, Wichita; June and husband, James Dwyer, Glasco; Phyllis and husband, Fran Otter, and Elaine and husband, Robert Simoneau, all of Lenora; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Paulette was preceded in death by her parents and one brother-

in-law, Verle Herman.

A rosary will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m., followed by a Mass of the Christian burial, at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo. Inurnment will be at Lenora South Cemetery in Lenora.

Contributions may be made to the Paulette Moreland Memorial Fund (The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donors give to the memorial fund).

Condolences may be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

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# Bill to reform postal service

The National Newspaper Association recently greeted a comprehensive bill to reform the U.S. Postal Service as a welcome step toward new legislation.

Merle Baranczyk, NNA president and publisher of the Salida (CO) Mountain-Mail, said, NNA hoped Congress would complete work on a bill this year to avoid disruption in the mail and the threat of substantial postage rates increases.

"We appreciate the leadership of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa in pulling together a legislative package that reaches out to all postal stakeholders. It is a daunting job to reform an organization with 490,000 employees and underpinning more than \$1 trillion in private sector economic activity. More importantly to community newspapers, it provides the network we count on to deliver the news," Baranczyk said.

The bill would prompt numerous changes in the way U.S. Postal Service operations, including:

-Gradually end "to the door" mail delivery and replace it with cluster or curbside boxes;

-End Saturday delivery of newspapers, First-Class mail and advertising but continue package delivery and would require opening rural mailboxes for publishers' use on Satur-

days;

-Prohibit no-layoff clauses in new workforce agreements and reform workers compensation rules;

-Ban Negotiated Service Agreements that would cause "unreasonable disruption of the marketplace; and

-Mandate two percent annual increases above inflation for mail currently not covering at least 90 percent of costs, such as Periodicals, but only after adjustments have been made for costs created solely by excess postal capacity.

NNA Postal Committee Chairman Max Heath said the Issa bill is a welcome catalyst toward postal reform.

"This bill is a stronger piece of legislation than the one marked up in the House last Congress, and we welcome the progress. The enormity of what must be done to save universal service and keep the Postal Service running is not lost on any of us. Everyone is going to be affected. In fact, newspapers have already been deeply affected. We are looking for legislation that helps USPS management get costs under control without destroying service, and that is a very tall order. We also recognize that Congress has to stop the federal government from spending postage money that may not have been rightly put into some of the workforce

funds, and Chairman Issa is taking some steps in that direction. There are still some major concerns that our Postal Committee will be raising after we examine the bill more closely," he said.

NNA has long expressed concern about the effect upon weekend newspapers if Saturday delivery ends. In addition, it has objected to the Postal Service's direct interference in the local advertising marketplace and is a party in a federal court proceeding challenging discounted rates offered by U.S. Postal Service to Valassis, Inc.

"We appreciate Congressman Issa's recognition that the Negotiated Service Agreement can be a disruption to the marketplace," Baranczyk said. "That is an important step in getting to fairness while also permitting the Postal Service to support new business lines. I think we will have more work ahead of us in this area before we arrive at rules we consider fair. We are gratified to have had a role in shaping this bill so far, including the new mailbox access. Our board is looking forward to productive conversations with Congressional leadership this year. This is the time to get a law passed."

More information on the legislation will be available in the August Publishers' Auxiliary.

## \$100,000 to fund nursing teachers

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation recently notified Colby Community College that they will honor two nurses as "Instructors of Excellence" by contributing \$100,000 to fund their salaries for the 2013-14 school year.

"The two recipients selected for this honor are Jennifer Landis, a nursing instructor at the WaKeeney campus; and Gwen Loyd, Norton nursing instructor," said President Steve Vacik. "It is truly an honor because the Hansen Foundation has given this money in support of excellent instruction. Both Jennifer and Gwen are outstanding examples of the quality nursing instructors at CCC."

Colby Community College has three locations that offer nursing classes. The Colby campus includes day practical nursing and both day and evening registered nursing programs. The Norton campus also offers day and evening classes for practical and registered nursing students. The WaKeeney program which began last year also offers day and evening classes for students.

"The money received from the Hansen Foundation will pay the salaries of two of our best nurses," said Dr. Vacik. "This will allow the college to utilize the payroll savings to replenish the College reserve fund."

In a report prepared by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Health Resources and Services Administration reports that by 2020, without aggressive intervention, the US nursing supply will fall 36 percent below requirements, a shortage of more than a million registered nurses nationwide. Although projections differ about how many Kansas RNs will be needed to address future

needs, there is much concern expressed in regard to a steadily worsening RN shortage.

Both nationally and in Kansas, a growing population and changing demographics are impacting access to nursing care. Kansas population is projected to grow an estimated 12 percent between 2000 and 2020 (2.7 million to 3.0 million), while Kansas population age 65 and over is expected to expand by 46 percent. The growing population, and especially the population cohort age 65 and over who are most likely to have the greatest medical needs, will place increasing demands on the health care system.

In addition there are bottlenecks to the production of new nurses. There are not enough faculty members to teach RN students and fewer nursing ed-

ucational slots available than needed to educate the volume of nursing applicants.

"It is a priority at Colby Community College to train as many nursing students as possible in our service area," said Dr. Vacik. "We realize many of our students are place-bound and not able to travel to Colby on a daily basis. To meet the demand, Colby began the program in Norton several years ago and started the nursing programs in WaKeeney last year. Because nursing is a costly program, this gift from the Hansen Foundation is especially helpful allowing us to deliver programs to other towns in our service area."

For more information about the nursing programs in Colby, Norton or WaKeeney, contact Rebecca Johnson at (785) 460-5444.

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## Grant opportunity available

The Kansas Health Foundation is now accepting applications for its fall 2013 cycle of the Recognition Grants program. This grant program is targeted for organizations and agencies proposing meaningful and charitable projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving the health of all Kansans. In addition to supporting projects, the Foundation also seeks to support initiatives that focus on promoting policy, systems and environmental transformations that support health.

Recognition Grants are grants of up to \$25,000 per organization. Using a competitive process, the Foundation will award

as much as \$2 million annually to Recognition Grant projects. The application deadline for this cycle is Sept. 16. For complete details about the program, including the opportunity to register for an informational webinar conducted by KHF staff, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.kansashealth.org](http://www.kansashealth.org).



## Engagement

Megan Murphy and Heath Major, Manhattan, are happy to announce their engagement. Megan is the daughter of Tom and Jo Murphy, Sylvan Grove. She is a registered nurse at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

Heath is the son of Ron and Donna Fay Major, Dorrance. He is a firefighter on the Manhattan Fire Department.

An October wedding is planned at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson.

Megan is the granddaughter of Norton resident Mary Keith.

