

# OBITUARIES

## Rosetta Ruth McFarland

June 25, 1929 - Jan. 9, 2014

Rosetta Ruth McFarland, at the age of 84, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 9, 2014 at the home of her daughter Pamela. Rosetta, the daughter of William (Bill) and Jeanette (Walcott) VanDeWege, was born June 25, 1929 in Long Island, Kansas. Her mother died at the beginning of her sophomore year of high school. Later her father married Thelma Graf and she received a great-stepmother and later sisters, Roxanne, Sharyn and Karyn.

She attended school all 12 years and graduated from Long Island (KS) High School with the class of 1947. She continued her education at Bethany College and Fort Hays State University, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 1957. She gave many private piano, organ and voice lessons and taught in the Long Island and Almena school systems. After graduation, she became the Music Supervisor for the Hays elementary schools.

On March 22, 1957, Rosetta and Marvin Hardy were united in marriage at The United Methodist Church in Almena. To this union was born one daughter, Pamela Joy. Following Mar-

vin's death in an automobile accident in February 1961, she finished the school year at Menlo, KS before moving to Norton to become a music teacher in the Norton school system where she taught 16 years starting in the elementary and finishing in the junior and senior high school. During this time, many outstanding musicals were presented.

June 1, 1966, Rosetta and Joseph McFarland were united in marriage at The First United Methodist Church in Norton where they were members for many years. Joe and Rosetta enjoyed camping and saw much of the United States while pulling their camping trailer. They enjoyed going on tours and have traveled throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. Besides her music, she enjoyed her family, traveling, reading, sewing, knitting and quilt making.

In 2008, Rosetta moved to Avon, Ind. to be close to Pamela and her grandkids. She joined Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church and made many friends there.

Rosetta McFarland is survived by daughter Pamela Mc-

Farland Nickolaus (Dan) of Avon, Ind.; sisters, Roxanne Cox of Long Island; Karyn Gunzelman of Sylvan Grove; and grandchildren Benjamin Nickolaus of Huntsville, Ala., and Claudia and Caroline Nickolaus of Avon, Ind. She also leaves her beloved step-family, Gary (Martha) McFarland, of Edwardsville, Ill.; Gloria (John) Battin of Ulysses; Galen (Rose) McFarland, Hays; Greg McFarland, Olathe; and grandchildren Jonathan, Todd, and Justin McFarland; Michael, David and Chris Battin; David McFarland; Shannan, Angela, Emilee and Matthew McFarland, and many more family members and friends.

Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Burial followed at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Fort Hays State University Endowment, 600 Park St., Hays, KS 67601. These will fund scholarships for music students.

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

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Slumber in Norton



The Norton Church of God and other sponsors brought the Christian rock group Seventh Day Slumber to Norton for a performance Saturday night. The event was well attended and the message of love, faith, hope and forgiveness was passed along.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## 37 counties marked disaster areas

Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, recently announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 37 counties in Kansas as natural disaster areas due to the severe and ongoing drought.

"Kansas continues to face one of the worst droughts since the Dust Bowl," said Roberts. "The lack of rainfall has had a devastating impact on our crops, and our ranchers are facing severe hardship due to a lack of available feed caused by the drought. I applaud the USDA for continuing to recognize this hardship, and I am pleased that Kansans can tap into vital USDA resources and rebuild their farms,

ranches and communities." "The USDA's Disaster Designation is welcome news at a time when Kansas producers, who contribute to an affordable food supply across the globe, are experiencing the results of a devastating drought," Sen. Moran said. "In spite of the exceedingly dry conditions, this designation will mitigate the drought's effects and enable farmers and ranchers to continue their agricultural operations."

The Department of Agriculture designated Cheyenne, Clark, Comanche, Decatur, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Lane, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Norton, Pawnee, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Rush, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas,

Trego, Wallace, and Wichita Counties as disaster counties.

Farmers and ranchers in the following eight counties in Kansas also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous: Barber, Barton, Edwards, Kiowa, Osborne, Russell, Smith, and Stafford.

These counties will now be eligible for important disaster programs, such as the emergency loan program administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). These programs will help the farmers and ranchers of Kansas make it through one of the most difficult growing seasons on record.

Affected farmers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for more information or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks).

## A happy mistake creates new business

By Ron Wilson

Huck Boyd Institute

"Happy mistakes." That sounds like an oxymoron – a contradiction in terms. But "happy mistakes" is one way of describing the experience of a woman who was seeking a better diet for her daughter and ended up developing a new business.

Rani Force is the owner and head baker at Marie Antoinette's Gluten-Free Bake Shoppe. Rani grew up in a farming area of Michigan where she cooked and baked in the kitchen with her mother. She got married and became a mother herself and later moved to St. Joseph, Mo.

In 2010, her 11-year-old daughter started exhibiting major symptoms of illness. The daughter experienced dizziness, vomiting, daily migraines, lethargy, and imbalance. Her doctors were baffled. The family went to specialist after specialist.

One day while sitting in yet another doctor's waiting room, Rani happened to glance at a medical journal article about eating gluten-free. The symptoms of gluten-intolerance sounded a lot like her daughter's. Rani described this to the doctor who agreed to let them try a gluten-free diet until her next appointment.

"In a matter of days, my daughter's condition improved," Rani said. That was a breakthrough, but it was still a challenge to find foods which would work in her daughter's diet. Furthermore, it turned out her daughter also had allergies to yeast and corn. Rani began actively seeking foods that her

daughter could consume.

When their older daughter graduated from Wellesley, Rani and her family went back east and visited gluten-free bakeries along the way, but with disappointing results. "As I sat and tried to choke down a tasteless, dry, and crumbly gluten-free cupcake in Boston, I knew we could offer a more tasty, moist, and sweet cupcake," Rani said.

Through trial and error, Rani began developing gluten-free recipes of her own. Her daughter's eyes would light up at the sight of cupcakes and cookies that she could consume. "We figured if our family had this problem, we couldn't be alone," Rani said. She decided to open a bakery to serve this need.

Using a logo of a pretty, young Marie Antoinette, the drawing of which resembled their daughter, Rani and her husband opened Marie Antoinette's Gluten-Free Bake Shoppe. They located the shop in the nearby rural community of Wathena, Kansas, population 287 people. Now, that's rural.

"I love Wathena," Rani said. "It reminds me of the farm country where I grew up in Michigan." Rani's husband developed the graphics and filmed commercials for the store.

The bake shoppe menu has broadened beyond gluten-free products as people learned that there could be alternative recipes for other popular foods as well. "We now specialize in allergy-free cooking," Rani said.

The menu includes breakfast and lunch items as well as cookies, cakes, cupcakes, and holiday treats. Marie Antoinette's also caters parties and

special events. The company is having K-State food scientists analyze its foods for nutritional value as the company prepares its products for shipment and delivery. Already, visitors have sought out Marie Antoinette's from across the country. For example, the bake shoppe has had customers from Ohio, Virginia, Texas and California.

Rani continues to develop new allergen-free products. One was what her husband called a "happy mistake."

"I was trying to make a (gluten-free) donut recipe, but it looked like cinnamon roll dough instead of donuts," Rani said. "I tried it that way and I've had people say these are the best cinnamon rolls they've ever had."

Not only has this venture helped her family's diet and created a business, it has been personally rewarding. "It is really nice when people say things like, 'This is the first time I've been able to have a birthday cake for my daughter,'" Rani said.

For more information, go to [www.mariesglutenfree.com](http://www.mariesglutenfree.com).

"Happy mistakes." That's what Rani's family calls it when she discovers an alternative use for a recipe that can benefit those with food allergies. We commend Rani Force and all those involved with Marie Antoinette's Gluten-Free Bake Shoppe for making a difference with creative entrepreneurship in the kitchen. Rural Kansas needs more entrepreneurs like this, make no mistake about that.

## Parking at Russell rest areas to remain open

After weighing public input and the water conservation concerns of city officials, Kansas Department of Transportation officials have decided to keep the parking areas open at the Russell rest areas along I-70.

"The parking areas will remain open to give travelers a place to get out and walk around, but the buildings and water services at this location will be removed," said KDOT Maintenance Engineer Joe Finley.

Prompted by persistent drought conditions in the region, the city of Russell asked KDOT, as one of its larger non-commercial, non-industrial water users, to review water practices and conservation. After doing so, KDOT developed plans to close the rest areas.

Much of the water used at the rest areas is required to keep waste water lagoons operational during times of low usage and

extreme summer heat when there is significant evaporation. Thousands of gallons of fresh water must be pumped directly into the lagoons.

Beginning the week of March 3, the rest areas will be closed for one week while the buildings are removed. After that, the parking areas will be reopened.

## HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents the "Associated American Artists-Art by Subscription."

In March of 1933, many of the banks in America were closed. The country was gripped by an economic depression and the emotional climate of the American people was also at an all time low. Art dealer Reeves Lewenthal chose this time in history to form the Associated American Artists organization. Lewenthal's plan was to develop a new program that could distribute affordable, original art to every American. Artists, weary of working within the confined audience of wealthy collectors, gladly committed themselves to the idea of a wider distribution. These artists based their art on social imagery, on everyday America. They left behind abstract theories in

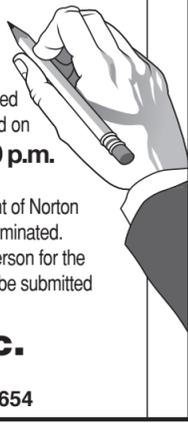
favor of the familiar scenery of our country. The program was an overwhelming success. Yes, it was true; people did need bread to nourish their bodies, but it was proven that they hungered for beauty and spiritual nourishments as well. Art fed their souls.

The Exhibit will be at the museum Dec. 6, 2013 to Feb. 2, 2014.

### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS TO THE ANDBE HOME BOARD

Three positions on the Andbe Home Board of Directors expire in 2014. These positions will be filled by election at the Annual Meeting which will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.** Nominees will be chosen by the Andbe Home, Inc. Nominating Committee. A director must be a resident of Norton County. A director whose term is expiring may be nominated. Any person may propose in writing the name of a person for the committee to consider for nomination. Names must be submitted by February 15, 2014 to:

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**REGISTRATION WILL BE:**  
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