

OBITUARIES

Donna L. Hager

March 2, 1932 - April 19, 2014

Donna L. Hager, 82, died April 19, 2014 at the Pleasant View Home, Inman, Kan. She was born March 2, 1932 at Selden, Kan., to Raymond and Thelma Munson Zimmerman. She was a social worker. Survivors include her children, Jeris and Ron Bashor, Denton, Texas, Linda and Mike Jansen, Surprise, Ariz., Kathy

Randolph, Salina, Kan., Gary and Samantha Hager, Norton, and Lori Hager and Delbert Johnson, McPherson, Kan., 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, sisters, Darla and Aaron Harman, Phillipsburg, Kan., and RaEtta Johnson, Calif., brother, Duane and Deanna Zimmerman, Topeka, Kan. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial service was on April 24, at the Pleasant View Home Chapel at Inman, Kan. Memorial donations are suggested to McPherson County Council on Aging or Good Shepherd Hospice, in care of the Moundridge Funeral Home, P. O. Box 410, Moundridge, KS 67107.

Lela Augusta Martin

Dec. 14, 1922 - April 1, 2014



Lela Augusta (Haug) (Brooks) Martin was born on Dec. 14, 1922, to Bernard "Barney" Pius and Mary Agnus (Widman) Haug, of Baileyville, Kan., at the family farm. Lela passed away April 1, 2014, at the age of 91. She has eleven siblings, and is survived by sisters Evelyn "Babe", Rita, and Mary Irene.

She worked the family farm and sawmill until she left for Nursing School in Colorado Springs, Colo. She returned to the Baileyville farm during World War II, as the eldest girl; she was needed to help when her brothers volunteered for the Army and Navy.

Lela married Robert Lee Brooks, born in Agra, Kan., on March 4, 1943. Robert preceded Lela in death in 1977. They had four children, all survive her, Lonnie Eugene, born in 1946 at Norton, currently living in Heatherglen, Calif., with his wife Lindy; Joan Aris, born in 1950 at Oakland, Calif., now living in Hayward, Calif; Gary Lee, born in 1952 at Norton,

currently living in Norton, and Patricia May, born in 1954 at Oakland, Calif., now living in Norton.

Lela is survived by three sisters, four children, five grandchildren, Christopher, Aris, Robert, Leann and Jeffrey, two great-grandchildren, Julius and Kayne, and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Lela had lived in Baileyville, Marysville, Manhattan, Clayton, Norton, and Norcatour in Kansas, Colorado Springs in Colorado, and Newark, Fremont and Union City in California.

Lela was married to George Martin from 1989 to 1996 in Union City, Calif.

Lela's occupations included farming, radio repair person, traveling magazine salesperson, train depot warehouse worker, Hunt's cannery worker, and school bus driver.

Lela was a member of the Catholic Daughters. She was thrilled to be included to count and bank the profits from the annual St. Edward's bazaar. She volunteered driving the St. Mary of the Palms Convent's bus, a nurse's aide, camp-ground host, and the food pantry in the Tri-city Area of Alameda County, Calif.

Lela enjoyed camping, fishing, playing pinochle, playing guitar and harmonica, trap shooting, baking pies, bowling and dancing.

Lela chose to be cremated. Memorial services will be held, at a later date, at the Norcatour Cemetery family plot.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Smoothing out the concrete



The Lyons House is getting closer to completion. Recently, crews from Scott Evans Contracting were hard at work pouring concrete for a new parking lot located on the north side of the historic building. There is still a lot of work to be done on the interior but subcontractor Brian Luther, who has been working on the project from the start, expects to be finished within a month's time.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "Rags, Rugs and Weavers: A Living Tradition." This exhibition explores this textile tradition through the work of eight accomplished rag rug weavers. Rugs, descriptive panels, sample materials and tools, and photographs illustrate all aspects of rag rug weaving. Viewers follow the process from rag to rug and back to rag and learn how these weavers and others are keeping the tradition alive.

Our next exhibit will be "Earth and Loom: A Century of Native American Art" scheduled to open May 16 and run through July 13. This exhibition is the private collection of Dennis and Carola Deschner of Phillipsburg.

Our April artist of the month is Janice Kenney from Elm Creek, Neb. She recycles old items and turns them into beautiful works of art. Come in and check out her display through the month of April.

Our next artist of the month will be Connie Daake from Kearney, Neb. She will have floral items, dolls, and birdhouse poles.

Keep your eye on the paper for information on our water aerobics class and next joy of painting class.

For more information on any of our classes or exhibits check our website at hansenmuseum.org or call the museum at 785-689-4846.

Easier way to grow asparagus

Lightly salted and lavishly buttered, just snapped off in the garden, briefly steamed asparagus is such a delight! It must be sinful! Every spring, I wof down tender spears with shameless gluttony...at least until my wife reminds me that she's hooked on the stuff, too! There never seems to be enough.

I think back about 30 years ago when I planted that "much too small" patch of the old Mary Washington variety of asparagus. It certainly wasn't easy. My instructions were to dig a foot-wide trench, at least a foot deep, add three or four inches of horse manure, plus a little old straw or rotten hay. Then carefully lay out the spider-like roots and crowns of a dozen plants. Cover deeply with good soil, and then wait.

I waited most of the summer because that's what the book said to do. A few skinny spears emerged. The next spring more skinny spears showed up that grew into frilly fern-like plants, but still nothing to eat.

But the second year! Along came scattered half inch diameter spears that were crammed into the steamer and enjoyed for dinner. It has been much the same procedure for the last 23 years; light pickings of absolutely delicious steamed, or occasionally creamed goodness, the true gustatory pleasure of the spring garden!

And that's the true story of my "much too small" asparagus patch. I'm writing about asparagus today to encourage you not to make the same mistakes I did.

For one thing, don't be so chintzy! Plant two dozen

crowns, and you just might harvest enough for two hungry adults. For another thing, don't plant Mary (or Martha) Washington crowns, which were actually the only varieties available when I started my patch. Plant the highly productive all-male crowns called Jersey Supreme, or Jersey Giant, or any other variety that has carries the Jersey name.

Here's another thing. You do not have to spend so much time preparing the bed when you plant asparagus. Not anymore. The book has changed! A six inch deep trench is plenty deep enough. Scatter a little chicken or horse manure in the trench, or even a sprinkling of commercial fertilizer with a label of 0-20-0. Avoid adding nitrogen. And another thing. You do not have to carefully spread out the spider-like roots in the trench. Most folks just toss the whole crown in the trench and get perfect results. You no longer have to coddle those things! You can if you want to but you don't have to!

And wait two years for the first harvest? You just don't need to. Snap off a few tender spears that very next spring, and then in two years, you too can aspire to a severe case of asparagus gluttony.

Here's the main thing. If you dislike the taste of asparagus, then don't dig trenches in your garden and don't worry about spider-like roots and stay away from the chicken and horse manure.

The best and final thing about establishing an asparagus bed is the almost certain result. We

used to make hard work out of planting asparagus, but with improved varieties and planting methods, the heavy work has been eliminated.

So, go ahead and plant three dozen crowns this spring. You'll make new friends and happier neighbors!

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CLUB NEWS

Chapter AA, Philanthropic Educational Organization, met at the home of Cindy Boller on April 8 with Doris Winteroth as her cohostess. Doris lovingly served the group with her homemade Swedish tea rings. Prior to the meeting Mr. Steve Vance introduced two of his talented high school forensics students, Neysa Carlson and Tyus Henson. They entertained our group with their amazing individual humorous contest performances. Thanks Neysa and Tyus!

The Philanthropic Educational Organization International Peace Scholarship Fund was highlighted. It was established in 1949 to provide scholarships

for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada. These recipients are all top students from their countries who will leave the United States and Canada with advanced degrees to help improve lives of people around the world. They will be well positioned to take leadership roles helping to advance fields such as health care, technology, development, education, arts and sciences, law and conflict resolution. IPS continues to help Foster Peace Through Education.

Deb Anderson was installed as Vice President by the President Deb McClymont.

Following the meeting members made silent bids on gourmet chocolates, homemade jelly, Swedish tea rings and a summer drink set. Proceeds go to chapter expenses which include local donations and scholarships. Recently, Cindy Boller held small, fun classes in her kitchen, one on preparing homemade pasta and one making pie crust. Each gal paid for the class and the money went into the treasury. Members are encouraged to use their talents and imaginations to contribute more fun money making activities.

The next meeting will be May 20 at the home of Jill Ryan.

Joan Hanlon from Colorado Springs, CO. will be a guest speaker at the Norton County Genealogy Society on **Monday, April 28** in the Norton Public Library Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

She has worked for Ancestry.com in the past and should be a breath of fresh air in your quest for knowledge about your family tree

The Norton County Genealogy Society

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Almena Housing Meeting Scheduled

The City of Almena will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to decide what type of housing will best meet the needs of the Almena community using the information gathered at the January meeting, census data and workforce needs. Programs that could possibly provide funding assistance can then be reviewed. The public is encouraged to attend.

April 25 - April 30

Showing at the

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COMING SOON

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Norton library holds a storywalk

Join us in celebrating the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce's "Spring Fling Week" by taking part in a Storywalk. Children are invited to read the story, "Silly Sally" as they take a walk in downtown Norton the week of April 21-April 26. Each of 15 businesses will have a page or two of the story in the store window. The start of the story will begin at the Norton Public Library. A map will be

available there to follow the story in the correct order. The end of the story will also require a trip to the Norton Public Library where each participant will be given a prize. Children are encouraged to be a part of this reading adventure. The "Silly Sally" Storywalk is sponsored by the Norton Public Library and the Northwest Kansas Library System.