

Obituaries

Harold Melvin (Mux) Johnson Jan. 7, 1932 - Jan. 2, 2014

Harold Melvin (Mux) Johnson, 81, died on Jan. 2, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Village in Saint Francis, Kan.

Mux was born Jan. 7, 1932, in Cheyenne County, Kan. to Harold T. Johnson and Velta Katherine Pyle Johnson. The family moved to the Evergreen community, then to Pleasant Valley community, then to the Big Timber community. He attended school at Pleasant Valley and Porter, then graduated Bird City High School in 1949.

He married Raoma Jean Purvis on July 19, 1951, at the Methodist Church in Bird City. To that union was born Darrel Raymond Johnson, Christina Ann Johnson and Alan Leroy Johnson.

Mux first farmed for Curley Kehlbeck and later Jim Hickert. He then worked at a cotton gin in Arizona, and then returned to

help build the Co-op elevator in Bird City. He also worked a year with the Kansas State Highway Department, then at the Bird City Co-op, before spending a year with the Cheyenne County Road and Bridge Department. From 1967 to 1972, he and his brother Merle operated the Wheeler Truck stop in Wheeler. He then began driving a truck for Consolidate Freightways, retiring after 21 years in 1993. Mux had been transferred to Torrington, Wyo., in 1980, and returned to Bird City in 1998 to spend his retirement years at his home in Bird City. His greatest pastime was repairing and trading used vehicles.

Mux was preceded in death by both his parents, his wife of 59 years, Raoma, and their infant daughter Christina, his brother-in-laws; Clifford Chipperfield, Don Spiker, Jim Underwood and

Darrel Purvis; and a sister-in-law Yvonne Underwood.

Mux is survived by his sons: Darrel Raymond Johnson and wife Pam of Bird City; Alan Leroy Johnson and wife Ana of Goodland; grandchildren Nikki Johnson and Shayna Johnson, Leandra Johnson and A.J. Johnson, and four great-grandchildren; a brother, Merle L. Johnson and wife Doris of Texas; sisters Dorothy Chipperfield of Bird City, and Delores Spiker of Goodland; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Services were held at the Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City on Monday, Jan. 6 with Pastor Dan Carson officiating. Burial followed at the Bird City Cemetery.

Please send memorials to Hospice Services and Wesleyan Church in Bird City.

Leonard Leroy Vyzourek Feb. 6, 1920 - Dec. 30, 2013

Leonard Leroy Vyzourek, 93, of McDonald, died on Dec 30, 2013. He was born Feb 6, 1920, to Frank J. and Nan L. (Bahret) Vyzourek in a sod house near Beardsley.

He graduated from McDonald Rural High School in 1938. After graduation, he left Rawlins County for Venice, Calif.

He was called into the United States Army in 1941; he served 50 months with honorable discharge on Jan 12, 1946. State-side duty was at Sunnyvale-Fort Ord, Camp San Luis and Camp Roberts in California, Camp Bowie and Ft. Hood, Texas. Overseas duty was at Scafield Barracks, Hawaii, the Islands of Leyte in the Philippines.

He married Helen L. Glover on July 4, 1942, and to this union three children were born;

a daughter Patricia Ann and two sons, Leonard L. Jr. and Paul Dennis. Leonard married Darlene A. McCarty on Oct 26, 1976, and to this union one son was born, Treg Alan. Leonard worked as an automotive painter in Los Angeles until returning to Rawlins County to farm in 1958.

In 1972, Leonard turned the farm over to Leonard Jr. and he purchased Vyzourek Retail Liquor and operated it until retirement in 1987. He was instrumental in the organization of the baseball program in McDonald, serving as coach, mentor, groundskeeper and bus driver for many area youth. He was a member of the American Legion, Chester Phipps Post 229 from 1958 to 2013, holding every office within the post. He served on the board of directors for the Beardsley

Coop from 1960 to 1981; 13 of those years he was secretary of the board. He was a member of the Atwood Country Club and a member of the Senior Citizen Center of McDonald. More recently he rediscovered his enjoyment for dancing, especially with his special dance partner, Betty Rodgers from Wray, Colo. He loved his community, family and especially his grandchildren. There was not a conversation with him that didn't include his grandchildren in some way.

He is preceded in death by his parents and three grandchildren, Lori, Joshua and Heather.

He is survived by daughter, Patricia Ann (Thomas) Brazil, of Santa Margarita, Calif.; three sons, Leonard L. Jr. (Pam), of McDonald, Paul Dennis (Marilyn), of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Treg Alan (Cameron), of North Platte, Neb.; 20 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and other family and friends.

Funeral service was held on Friday, Jan 3, at Baalmann Mortuary, Atwood. Burial followed in Grace Cemetery, McDonald, with military honors by the American Legion, Chester Phipps Post 229. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Rawlins County K-18 baseball program in care of Baalmann Mortuary 109 N 2nd, Atwood, KS 67730. Online condolences: www.baalmannmortuary.com

several family members including his mother, father and aunts and uncles.

Craig grew up in Bird City and graduated from there as well. He attended McCook Junior College. He worked for the State of Nebraska until 1974. Craig moved to Grand Island in 1977 and worked for Tri-City Wholesale as a Route driver. In 1987, he began working at Thompson Company and was employed there until his health required him to retire.

Craig loved being a route driver. He enjoyed the people he met and the relationships he forged while on the road. The most difficult part of retirement was losing those acquaintances.

Memorials are suggested to Golden Living Center Lakeview, 1405 W. Hwy 34, Grand Island, NE 68801.

Condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

He is survived by his children, Debra (Long) and Tilman Adair of Commerce City, Colo., Rodney Long of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Jennifer (Long) and Dennis Wieberg of Garden City. Those also left to cherish his memory include his grandchildren, Kayla Long, Gracelyn Adair, Ashley and Andrea Wieberg and one great-grandson, Lucas Long.

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LOGAN MCCARTY takes second place at the Colby Open wrestling tournament.
Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Bird City wrestler places in Colby Open tournament

Wrestling is in full swing, now that the junior high and kids wrestling seasons have started.

Coach Dylan Loyd reported three young Indian wrestlers competed in the Colby Open this past weekend. All three showed great improvement throughout the day, he said.

Bringing home a gold medal was Shadyron Blanka. Logan McCarty brought home a silver medal, and Jaxon Nelson came two matches away from placing in his very first wrestling tournament.

Jaxon, wrestling in his very first tournament, did very well. He was in the 6 and under, 43 pounds, and

he lost his first match by a fall. He lost his second match 7-12, much improved from his first match.

Logan, 8 and under, 58 pounds, placed second. He won his first and second matches by falls; won an exciting match in overtime 4-2, and then lost 0-2 to place second.

Shadyron, 10 and under, 95 pounds, placed first. He won his first match by fall; won by forfeit and then won 12-0.

As a coaching staff, coach Loyd said, we are very proud of these young Indians. They have all shown the initiative to get better, and by going out and seeking competition that is exactly what

they are doing.

We have been practicing for a couple of weeks now and have had a great turn out for practices, Coach Loyd said. Coaching these young wrestlers is a joy, it's a lot of fun to see all the excitement and the willingness to get better. This upcoming Saturday we hope to have a good number of kids compete in the Atwood Open.

We have been practicing for a couple of weeks now, our practices are every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. If there is any kids that are wanting to start, it's never too late, and the more the merrier.

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended Leonard Vyzourek's funeral in Atwood Friday morning.

Kelly Dewey and children spent Saturday through Tuesday in Manhattan with Katina Springer and boys.

Lynn and Rita Officer enjoyed

the New Year's Eve pizza party at the Federated Church.

Lynn and Rita Officer traveled to Melissa and Randy Regier's home Saturday for a Regier and Officer after Christmas gathering. Ariel and Robbie Custer were there from Siloam Springs, Ark.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Carol Mears, McDonald; Robert Brubaker, Bird City; Kent Chapman, Emporia.

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