

# OBITUARIES

## Thomas "Tom" A. Dreiling

Nov. 25, 1934 - Jan. 30, 2012

Thomas "Tom" A. Dreiling, 77, Denver, Colo., died Jan. 30, 2012 at his home. He was born Nov. 25, 1934 to Richard and Mollie (Eichman) Dreiling. Tom was a 1953 graduate of St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays. After graduation, he continued his studies in journalism at Fort Hays State University before opting out to join the United States Air Force in 1955, where he served as an active member for four years.

After returning to civilian life, Tom embarked on his career in journalism. He edited and published newspapers in Kansas and Wyoming during his 44-year career. Those papers included The Ellis County Star, The Hays Daily News, The Goodland Daily News, The Sheridan Press, The Colby Free Press and The Norton Telegram. Tom did take a short break from his writing to serve as the development/endowment/alumni director at his alma mater -Thomas More Prep-Marian High School from 1989-1995.

Tom's passion was his children and grandchildren, but also his writing. His unique writ-



ing style had a way of making people feel compelled to read his articles, which often evoked deep thought, laughter and even tears. Until his death he continued to write a weekly column titled "Man of the Plains" for The Hays Daily News and other area papers.

Survivors include Tom's step-daughter Denise Burrows and her husband Darren of Centennial, Colo., son Lance Dreiling and his wife Tobie of Centennial, Colo., and son Todd Dreiling and his wife Darci of Centennial, Colo.; five grandchildren,

Samantha Burrows, Alyssa and Caleb Dreiling, Grayson and Kennadi Dreiling. Other survivors include his brothers Don, Dean and Gene Dreiling, and two sisters Dolores (Tootsie) Schlyer and JoAnn Jayjack.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean (Eberle) Dreiling, brothers Norbert and Jim Dreiling, and sister Mary Bieker.

A wake will be held on Friday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 307 West 13th Street, Goodland. Services will be at the church on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Interment of the remains will follow immediately at the Goodland Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend a lunch gathering at the church.

Memorials are suggested to: The St. Thomas More Society through TMP-M Endowment Office 1701 Hall Street Hays, KS 67601 Please make gifts in memory of Tom Dreiling Condolences for the family can be left at [www.horancares.com](http://www.horancares.com).

## David Eric "Pa" Olson

Oct. 11, 1955 - Jan. 30, 2012

David Eric "Pa" Olson, age 56, passed away on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Via Christi Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. Dave was born Oct. 11, 1955 in Great Falls, Mont., the son of Daryl Archie and Venita Pauline Hager Olson. He was a field manager for the Natural Gas Industry and had been a Tribune resident since 1979, moving from Lakin.

Dave was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tribune, and had previously served on the Greeley County School Board for over 20 years. He was the lead singer and drummer for the Fulton Street Band and the Stealing Corn Band.

On April 22, 1978, Dave married Cynthia Schweitzer in Lakin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daryl and Venita.

Dave is survived by his wife, Cynthia, Tribune; one daughter, Skyler Torres, Tribune; two grandchildren, Sebastian Torres and Luke Grubb, both of Tribune; and two brothers, Alan and Steve Olson, both of Ulysses.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Tribune, with Reverend Mark Randolph officiating.

Inurnment will be at a later date. There are no calling times.

Memorials may be given to the Silent Angels Animal Shelter in care of Price & Sons Funeral Home in Tribune.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at [priceandsons.com](http://priceandsons.com)

## Additional tools given to beginning farmers

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Bruce Nelson announced recently a new rule that expands loan opportunities for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, while also establishing a new Land Contract Guarantee Program.

The rule provides additional flexibility allowing agency loan officers to consider all prior farming experience, including on-the-job training and formal education, when determining eligibility for farm operating and ownership loans.

It also expands a previous pilot program, the Land Contract Guarantee Program, from six states to all 50 states.

This program is designed to encourage farmers

and ranchers to sell their property to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through the use of seller financing.

The changes in eligibility will increase access for farmers and ranchers to agency loans and credit assistance.

The new rule enables landowners to sell their farmland to the next generation on a contract for deed with a 90-percent guarantee against losses to the seller.

Alternatively, the agency can provide a guarantee of three years' amortized loan installments, plus payment of real estate taxes and hazard insurance premiums for the same three-year period.

## Barns trump hotels in rural Kansas

By Ron Wilson, Huck Boyd Institute

The head of security for the National Football League is staying overnight in Kansas. Is he lodging at some four-star urban hotel? No, he's staying in a barn - specifically, a barn which has been remodeled into an elegant bed and breakfast in rural Kansas. Today in Kansas Profile, we'll continue our intermittent series on historic barns, but these barns have taken on an entirely different life.

Martin and Cheryl Rude are owners of the Barns @ Timber Creek, a bed and breakfast located near Winfield, Kansas. They met while Cheryl was a youth minister in Wichita and Martin was in a Christian band. They married and moved to Dallas.

After children, they opted to move back to Kansas and took positions at Southwestern College in Winfield. Cheryl is the faculty director for an undergraduate and graduate leadership development program and Martin works with students preparing to lead worship in the church.

In 1997, Martin and Cheryl purchased a rural property along Timber Creek north of Winfield. This place included an 1881 stone barn and an old stone quarry. They considered remodeling the stone barn into a home, but decided to leave it in its historic state.

Then they found another barn west of Winfield, near the rural town of Oxford, population 1,162 people. Now, that's rural.

A hailstorm had recently taken the roof off this old barn and a flood had taken the foundation. Martin and Cheryl decided to save the old barn and moved it to their place north of Winfield where they remodeled it into a residential bed and breakfast.

"There's no limit to what you can accomplish with tenacity and complete ignorance," Martin said with a smile. "Being Kansans, we'd seen too many old barns get torn down. We connected with the Barn Again movement and found people who could help us rebuild this structure."

When the paint was still drying on just two of the five guest rooms, the first lodging request came. During the annual bluegrass festival in Winfield, the local chamber of commerce called and asked if some of the overflow out-of-town visitors could stay overnight. They did, and enjoyed it so much that they told other people. Interest grew and the rest of the rooms were quickly finished. The Barns @ Timber Creek opened.

In the bluff east of the house was the old stone quarry which had become overgrown with trees. Martin cleaned out the trees and placed a gazebo at the top. When some Southwestern College students asked to have a wedding there, they rearranged some of the old quarry stones to make a natural, secluded outdoor chapel.

Meanwhile, the original stone barn on the place was in need of repair as well. Martin took a year

cleaning vegetation from the old barn site. He burned the brush, but eight days after his brush burn, a spark from an old stump caught the barn on fire. Community members helped clean it up. Martin used cables to straighten the old stone sides. Then a funnel cloud came through and took down one wall. The Rudes finally decided to fully restore the barn, with modern doors, floors, and structural trusses. Not all of the lofts were put back in, so it is very spacious.

"It's not historic in that sense, but it is alive," Martin said. Now this building is used for parties, weddings, and receptions.

The bed and breakfast has been busy. Rooms are decorated in various themes reflecting local history and culture: Railroad, Barnyard, Southwestern College, Granary, and the Birdhouse. The Birdhouse, for example, is located in the loft of the barn and accesses a balcony from which visitors can view the surroundings from a 40-foot-tall perch. Guests have come from coast to coast and as far away as Scotland, Germany, Greece, and Malaysia.

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

The head of security for the National Football League is overnighing in Kansas. The place where he chooses to stay is the Barns @ Timber Creek. We commend Martin and Cheryl Rude for making a difference by preserving this history and sharing this hospitality.

## Road projects accelerate to generate jobs

The Kansas Department of Transportation will accelerate \$50 million worth of preservation projects to produce jobs ahead of schedule and to take advantage of low construction costs currently available.

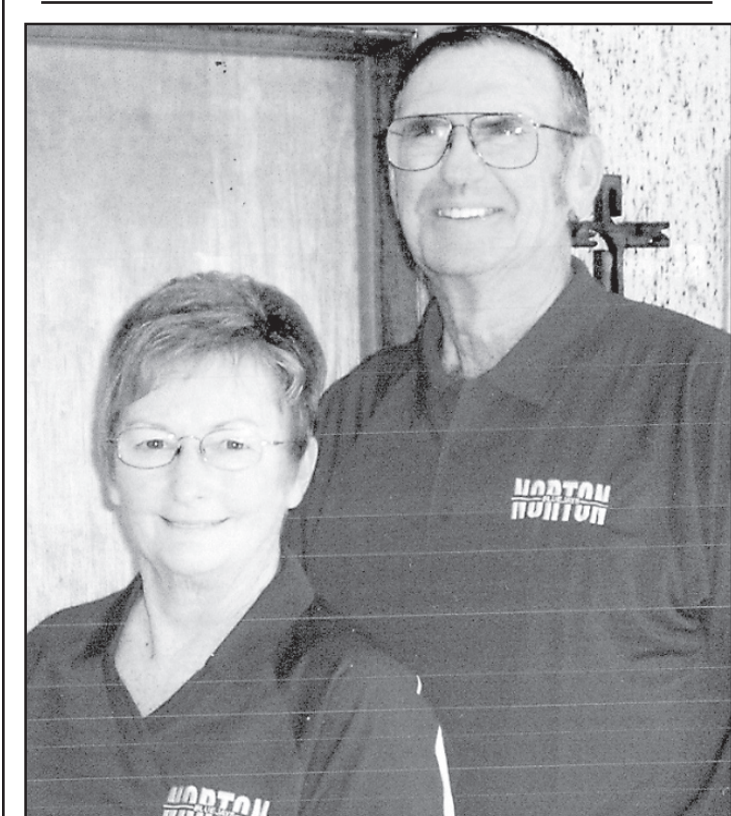
The 32 projects that will be advanced are included in the 10-year, \$8 billion T-WORKS transportation program passed by the 2010 Legislature. They are part of the \$4.2 billion set aside under T-WORKS for preservation, which includes work such as the repair and reconstruction of roads and bridges.

Many of the 32 preservation projects were to be scheduled for 2013; others had yet to have a start date. The department is able to move these projects ahead of schedule partly because of savings captured in recent project lettings.

Advancing the project schedule was suggested last month by the Democratic legislative leadership during a news conference focusing on jobs.

The list of projects to be advanced, as well as all other T-WORKS projects, can be viewed on the T-WORKS website at [www.ksdot.org/TWorks/](http://www.ksdot.org/TWorks/).

## Loughrys' 45th Anniversary



Phillip and Gerry (Rogers) Loughry are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on Feb. 5. The couple was united in marriage on Feb. 5, 1967 at the Norton Christian Church.

Their children, Pam and Mike Blochlinger and Mindy and Chris Harting and families are hosting a card shower in honor of their parents. Cards will reach them at 14044 Road B, Norton, KS 67654.

## Lions clubs to gather in Hays

The Lions Clubs of Western Kansas will gather as a PRIDE at Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus on Saturday, Feb. 25, for their annual District Convention. Special guest of the Lions will be International Director James Cavallaro of Springfield, Pa. representing the International Association of Lions Clubs.

The new Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be on site for tours

all day Saturday. Then from 2-4 p.m., the unit will offer actual screenings for sight disorders, hearing testing, blood pressure checks, and blood sugar readings of diabetes testing.

Western Kansas Lions District 17-L, which comprises the entire western half of Kansas, consists of 1,550 members in 67 clubs, all dedicated to serving their home communities.

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