

OBITUARIES

Jace Lee Ellis

Nov. 5, 2012 - Dec. 12, 2012

Private family graveside services were held for Jace Lee Ellis at the Oxford Cemetery in Oxford, Neb. with Pastor Wes Holen, officiating.

Jace Lee Ellis, the one month old son, of John Ellis and Samantha Scharvin, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Hastings, Neb. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012. Jace was born Nov. 5, 2012 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings, Neb.

Jace's big blue eyes and his beautiful smile touched the hearts of everyone in his family. More than anything, he loved being held and snuggled by his mother. As small of a person that he was, Jace definitely was the ruler of the house. He loved special time in his swing, and his Daddy's voice as he was sung too. Jace will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Jace was preceded in death by his grandparents: Charles Ellis and Wanda Ellis.



Jace is survived by his parents: John Ellis and Samantha Scharvin of Hastings, Neb.; grandfather, Ronnie Scharvin of Oxford, Neb.; aunts and uncles: Sydney Scharvin of Oxford, Neb., Julie Seimer of Gothenburg, Neb., Jeff and Jane Ellis and Jill and Blake Sutton all of Holdrege, Neb.; six cousins, other relatives and friends.

A memorial has been established and is kindly suggested to the family.

Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauerfh.com.

The Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege, Neb. is in charge of the arrangements.

Crop assistance deadline is Jan. 1

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director for the Kansas USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the deadlines for FSA to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for this year crops have been established by the Kansas State FSA Committee. The application closing date of Jan. 1, 2013 applies to the following crops: apples, and pears.

Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), and forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the NAP program must visit their local FSA office to complete an Application for Coverage (CCC-471) and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable sales closing date for the specific crop. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$250 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county with a \$1875 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed with the local FSA office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent

to the producer.

Once the Notice of Loss has been approved and production evidence collected, the producer must file an Application for Payment. This is done at the local FSA Office as well and must be filed prior to the immediately subsequent crop year acreage report date for the specific crop.

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with FSA. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are December 15th for small grain crops, and the earlier of July 15 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops. Production reporting deadlines are no later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop. It's always important to check with the local FSA office to determine what the acreage and or production reporting deadlines are for each specific crop.

When required, producers shall provide to FSA verifiable or reliable production evidence for the crop by practice, type and variety, and it must be provided in a manner that can be easily understood. Producers shall maintain their production evidence for 3 years after the crop year it is initially certified.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

50th Wedding Anniversary



High school sweethearts, David Bangle and Marcellyn Stephenson were married in the United Parish Church in Lenora, on Dec. 29, 1962.

Dave graduated from Kansas State University with a BSEE and worked in the computer industry for 40 years. Marcellyn graduated from Fort Hays State with a BS in Elementary Education and taught in the Derby school district for 25 years. Dave and Marcellyn currently live on a farm north of Wellington.

They have three daughters; Kristin (Dan) and children Lauren, Lindsey and Leah Wethington of Lawrence; Karin (Bob) and children Anna, Julia and Tom Avery of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Kaylene (Todd) and children Makenzie, Mitchell, Marshall, and Makayla Allison of Andover.

A celebration will be held at Botanica Gardens in Wichita.

Making a difference with hard work

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

Let's go to China, where a load of aluminum sheets is arriving from the U.S. These long, aluminum sheets are such a size that they require a special type of container to carry them. In fact, these containers are produced halfway around the globe by a company in rural Kansas.

Kent Jost is founder and owner of A & C Enterprises which produces these custom-made containers and pallets for shipping. Kent is a native of Hillsboro, where he and his wife Diane grew up. He played baseball at Butler County Community College and was trained as an auto body technician.

After he and Diane were married, Kent worked in various positions, such as warehouse manager, insurance sales, and as a supervisor at a manufacturing company. One of his responsibilities was to supervise the shipping department.

"We did our own crating," Kent said. In other words, Kent and his crew custom built the shipping containers for the company's products. In the process, he learned a lot about shipping and containers.

Through a friend with a wholesale lumber company, Kent learned about a man who had a business building pallets and explored the idea. In May 1994, Kent started his own crating and pallet business.

"We build custom crates, boxes, skids, and shipping containers," Kent said. "We do very few of the standard-size pallets. Most of what we do are specially-sized shipping pallets." These are often called skids.

For example, instead of a simple 4-foot by 4-foot pallet for different customers, Kent might build a 3- by 8-foot pallet which would go on a semi-truck or even up to a 10- by 38-foot skid. Those skids are used to carry long aluminum sheets such as those which go on the fuselage or wing of an airplane.

In another case, Kent's crew builds shipping crates for lawnmowers, including sides, ends, and a top. The manufacturer drives the mower onto the skid and then adds the sides, ends, and top for

shipping. Of course, these crates are custom built to fit the lawnmower just right.

These carriers and containers are the unsung heroes of the shipping world. They are the part we take for granted when we order something, expecting that it will arrive carefully packed and intact.

Kent experienced all the challenges of a small entrepreneur getting his business started. He hired his first full-time employee two months after the business began.

"My wife was teaching and I was working at another job on a 5 to 11 a.m. shift," Kent said. "Then I could work in the shop and sell in the afternoon." The business grew.

Of course, there was a question: What should be business be named?

"We had two kids, Ashlee and Cole," Kent said. "So we decided to name the business in their honor: A & C Enterprises. It also put me in the front of the phone book," he said with a smile.

In later years, another daughter came along. Fortunately she was named Ali, so she fit the pattern of the company name as well.

When A & C Enterprises got started, Kent and Diane were living in Wichita, but he knew of a guy who had warehouse space available in the town of Halstead, Kansas. So A & C Enterprises set up shop in Halstead. Today the company serves customers within a 90-mile radius of Halstead, or as far away as Ponca City, Okla. But the products which are carried in his containers literally go around the globe.

Kent's containers are built of heat-treated lumber and are certified for export, and they've gone to such places as China, Europe, Brazil, and Australia. Sales at A & C Enterprises are well over \$1 million.

That's outstanding for a business in the rural community of Halstead, population 1,880 people. Now, that's rural.

It's time to leave China, where we saw a shipping container from halfway around the globe in Kansas. We salute Kent Jost and all those involved with A & C Enterprises for making a difference with hard work and entrepreneurship. My pride can hardly be contained.

FYI

Due to the Christmas holiday, Dec. 24 inserts will be in the Friday, Dec. 21 issue of the Norton Telegram. There will be no paper on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and the inserts for the Dec. 31 issue will be in the Dec. 28 issue.



Patrol offers winter weather driving tips

With December underway and winter officially beginning December 21, Kansas Highway Patrol is sending some reminders about traveling in the winter weather.

Some of the most important things to remember when traveling in adverse conditions are to slow down, turn off your cruise control, turn your headlights on, and dress appropriately for the conditions. It is Kansas law that you must turn on your headlights if your windshield wipers are on continuously. By turning off your cruise control, you will have complete control of your vehicle's acceleration during adverse conditions on the roads.

As motorists venture out during winter storms, the following tips are offered:

Prepare your vehicle for winter travel by replacing wiper blades; ensuring tires have good tread and air pressure; and by checking the vehicle's fluids, exhaust system, and other mechanical equipment. You also may want to consider adding a shovel to your trunk, weight such as sand bags in the bed of a pickup (to help with traction and control), and carrying a sand/salt mixture

in your trunk to help melt the snow and gain traction.

Beneficial items would be: bottled water, blankets, non-perishable food items, a first aid kit, and a flashlight with extra batteries.

You should try to keep your gas tank full, as this adds additional weight for traction in adverse conditions, and lessens the possibility of running out of fuel if you became stuck for a long period of time.

Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights, and use your headlights to provide optimum visibility. Make sure the entire window is clear. Accelerate and brake gently, and increase following distance between you and other vehicles. Be particularly cautious on bridges, and in curves, as they are often the slicker parts of the road.

If your vehicle loses traction and begins to slide, steer in the direction you want to go.

Always wear your seat belt, and properly secure children in the proper child safety seats.

Have a plan for your children should they get sent home from school early.

If you are involved in a traffic crash, or need assistance, call 911, or contact the Patrol at *47 from your cell phone.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Roger and Mary Lou Schlick of Hoxie, Kansas were married on December 1, 1962 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, Kansas



Family and friends, are invited to share in their celebration on Sunday, December 30 with a cake reception from 2-4 p.m. at the

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