

# OBITUARIES

## Lloyd William Sproul

April 21, 1919 - Dec. 24, 2012

Lloyd William Sproul, son of William Otis and Hazel Anna (Zimmerman) Sproul, was born April 21, 1919 in Norton County, Kansas, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Dec. 24, 2012, at the age of 93.

Lloyd grew up in the rural Edmond community and attended the Edmond schools. On July 6, 1941, he married Glenna Huffman at her parents' home in rural Edmond. They made their home on the family farm north of Edmond where they farmed and raised their family. In later years, they had made their home in Norton in the Timbercreek development and had recently moved into the Andbe Home.

Lloyd was an active mem-

ber, trustee, and treasurer of the E.U.B./Methodist Church in Edmond and following their move to Norton attended the Methodist Church in Norton. He had served on the Edmond School Board, Edmond Cemetery Board, and Sand Creek Township Board, and was a recipient of the Soil Conservation Award.

Survivors include: his wife, Glenna Sproul, Norton; two sons and their wives, Joe and Kandi Sproul, Edmond; Robert and Shirley Sproul, Norton; one daughter and her husband, Sally and Robert Clydesdale, Edmond; one sister, Helen Hillman, WaKeeney; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; other

relatives and friends.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ruth McMulklin.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Burial was at the Edmond Cemetery in Edmond.

Memorials are suggested to the Colby Community College Nursing Program at the Norton Annex.

Friends called at Enfield Funeral Home on Thursday.

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

Arrangements are by the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## A leap of faith from Pennsylvania

By Ron Wilson

Huck Boyd Institute

To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to the plains of Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith. For McCarty, not so much. Today we'll learn about this remarkable family which made the move halfway across the continent to rural Kansas. Thanks to author Pat Melgares of K-State Research and Extension. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Tom McCarty and his four sons - Clay, Mike, David, and Ken - are owners of McCarty Family Farms LLC in northwest Kansas. Their family has deep roots in dairying back east.

Tom McCarty's great grandfather started the family business in northeast Pennsylvania 105 years ago, milking seven cows. Tom's grandfather had 20 milking cows, and Tom's father doubled the business to 40 milking cows.

"In 1970, my wife and I built a new facility, and got up to 80 cows. [Soon after] we doubled it to about 150," Tom said. All four sons were active in the dairy growing up. As young adults, they were interested in being partners, but the Pennsylvania dairy was not big enough to support five families.

"To make a long story short, there was absolutely no future [in Pennsylvania] long term to be in the dairy business," Tom said. The McCartys faced a difficult decision. They needed room to grow - and they found it in rural Kansas.

"Our options were few and far between to stay in the ag side of things, to continue to grow and stay in the dairy industry," said David McCarty. "You move to western Kansas, there's feed, and there's nothing holding you back as far as growing...so that was the biggest draw."

As the McCartys were considering the future, the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, known as wKREDA, was seeking to attract and expand dairying in western Kansas. After an extensive process, the McCartys relocated from Pennsylvania to Kansas in 2000 and established the McCarty Dairy near the rural community of Rexford, population 156 people. Now, that's rural.

The McCartys were milking 800 cows at Rex-

ford. Two of the sons went to K-State for animal science degrees. Soon, the McCartys had more opportunity and need for growth.

"Economics changed, the dairy industry changed, the lending industry changed, and we were forced into milking more cows in a less expensive way," said Ken McCarty. "So we added some open lots, pushed up to about 1,200 head of milking cows, and a little bit later added more open lots and pushed upwards of about 1,600 head of milking cows."

By 2009, McCarty Family Farms added a heifer yard with 3,500 animal units, and had nearly 6,000 head of livestock at the Rexford location alone. The next round of expansion would lead them to establish another dairy nearby.

"We went and asked them to consider expanding to Bird City," said Cathy Domsch, the executive director of Bird City Century II Development Foundation. "The opportunity I saw was getting kids in our schools; that was my number-one goal in getting a dairy," she said.

"We didn't realize that was an impact that we'd have when we moved out here," Ken McCarty said. "Where we grew up, the economy was very diverse and ag was just a small piece of the pie back there. Here, it's more of an ag-based economy, and ag-based communities. We didn't understand the impact that 20, 30, 40 kids would have on a local school district."

Domsch said that an added 30 students to her town's schools translates to more than \$200,000 in state funding. Likewise, in Colby and the surrounding school district, enrollment has increased by at least 32 students.

To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith, but it made sense for the McCarty family. We salute the McCartys and those who brought them to western Kansas for making a difference with agricultural entrepreneurship. They helped make the successful transition from Pennsylvania to the plains.

And there's more. The McCartys would go on to become a major source for yogurt. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.

and rosy pears.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Goulash, seasoned carrots, cranberry salad, bread and pudding.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, mixed fruit, bread and bar cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Open face turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes w/gravy, strawberries and bananas, bread and birthday cake.

Friday, Jan. 18

Taco burger, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, corn, bun and Mandarin oranges.

Monday, Jan. 21

Hamburger gravy, green beans, cinnamon apple slices, biscuit, crisp rice bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Hamburger-vegetable soup, gelatin w/fruit, crackers and brownie.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw with carrots, bread and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Sloppy Joe's, Tater tots or triangles, baked beans, bun and cottage cheese w/fruit.

Friday, Jan. 25

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread and rosy pears.

Monday, Jan. 28

Polish sausage w/kraut,

mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and plums.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Chili, gelatin w/carrots and crushed pineapple, crackers and cinnamon roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Chop stick tuna casserole, stewed tomatoes, green beans, bread and apricots.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, corn, bread and pineapple upside down cake.

## BIRTH

Eric and Kellie Thompson announce the birth of their daughter, Kenzie Erica Thompson.

Kenzie arrived at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 at the Norton County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Esther Thompson of Norton, Rodney Blume of Clar-



inda, Iowa and Kathy Blume of West Des Moines, Iowa. Great-grandmothers are Rose

Howard of Des Moines, Iowa and Joan Blume of Clarinda, Iowa.

## Tips for Kansas 511 callers

The Kansas Department of Transportation reminds travelers that the just-enhanced Kansas 511 Phone system is a great resource for holiday/winter travel information. But some users who have gotten used to the previous version may be having a few adjustment issues.

To hear road condition and weather information, users should select "highways" and the route for which they want information.

"KDOT has been informed that 511 users have been mistakenly requesting transfers to transit authorities and asking for road condition information," said Barb Blue, KDOT spokesperson.

The improvements have changed the menu structure and added new information; however, there is no change for requesting road condition and weather information.

"We encourage travelers to

call 511 before they travel and callers to listen carefully to the new menu. Following the menu prompts will help callers easily navigate the system," Blue said. "We understand changes can cause confusion and we tried to keep the menu simple and user friendly."

To access Kansas 511, call 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S.

## Garden grant applications due Jan. 15

With holiday activities winding down, Kansas communities are urged to begin planning spring and summer gardens - and to apply for a Kansas Community Garden Grant.

Grants up to \$5,000 are available by the Kansas Health Foundation, in cooperation with the K-State Research and Extension, which administers the grant effort.

The garden grant program was introduced in 2012 to encourage gardening as a healthy physical activity and to teach garden skills while encouraging gardeners of all ages to learn more about how to grow health-promoting fruits and vegetables and incorporate them into meals and snacks.

Evelyn Neier, a horticulturist and K-State Research and Extension 4-H youth gardening specialist, serves as state coordinator for the garden grants. She said 24 successful 2012 grant recipients requested funding to meet a variety of needs in establishing new community gardens, including:

\* Site preparation;

\* Installation of water wells and irrigation lines;

\* Garden tools;

\* Construction of a shed for equipment and tools, and

\* Miscellaneous start-up expenses.

For example, many grant recipients also funded educational sessions on choosing the seeds, planting and caring for plants through the growing season, harvesting fresh produce, and adding it to family-friendly meals and snacks.

There's also a social aspect to community gardening, said Neier, who explained that community gardens can bring residents together in new ways to support personal goals in improving health, yet also support improving community health.

The deadline for the Kansas Community Garden Grant applications is Jan. 15.

More information about the garden grants is available at K-State Research and Extension offices in each of the state's 105 counties and online: [www.kansascommunitygardens.org](http://www.kansascommunitygardens.org).

## Free trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Kansas can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2013.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kansas lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rose-now, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 six to 12 inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's

bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contri-

bution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2013. Kansas residents can also join online at [arborday.org/january](http://arborday.org/january).

## SENIOR CENTER MENU

Senior Center Menu

Tuesday, Jan. 1

CLOSED

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Chicken patty, parsley potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, bun and Mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Pasta salad with ham and vegetables, 5-cup salad, breadstick and strawberry shortcake.

Friday, Jan. 4

Bierock Casserole, spinach salad, mixed fruit and fruit crisp.

Monday, Jan. 7

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, bread and applesauce.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, orange-pineapple salad, garlic bread and no bake cookie.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Hamburger steak w/mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and gelatin w/fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 10

BBQ chicken, potato salad, California blend vegetables, bread and cinnamon apple slices.

Friday, Jan. 11

Pork roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, cook's choice vegetable, bread and peaches.

Monday, Jan. 14

Tater tot casserole, peas, bread

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