

OBITUARIES

Leslie Raymond Ellis, Jr.

Sept. 7, 1928 - Feb. 20, 2013

Leslie Raymond Ellis, Jr., son of Leslie R. and Ethel (Troutner) Ellis, Sr., was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Clayton, and passed away at the V.A. Hospital in Omaha, Neb., on Feb. 20, 2013, at the age of 84.

Leslie attended the schools in Clayton and received his G.E.D. from Colby. He served in the U.S. Army and was a mechanic for the Kansas Department of Transportation. On Sept. 2, 1978, Leslie and Sally Gibbons were united in marriage in Springfield, Ill. They made their home in Springfield before moving back to Kansas, living in the Clayton and Lenora communities.

Leslie was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and had a special love for his dog, Little Bit.

Survivors include: his wife, Sally Ellis, of their home in Lenora; four children, Betty Dingman, of New Hampshire; Ruth and husband, Dan Williams, Ashland, Ill.; Jean and husband, Gordon French, Springfield, Ill.; Glenn and wife, Connie Ellis, Ashland, Ill.; four stepchildren and their

spouses, Judy and Ed Estill, Chuck and Kathy Baker, John and Vicky Baker, all of Springfield, Ill.; Becky and Bob Krueger, Norton; two brothers, Von Ellis, Aurora, Colo.; Bob and wife, Barb Ellis, North Platte, Neb.; one sister, Myrna Jones, Oberlin; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Debra, and one sister-in-law, Helen Ellis.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 2 at the United Parish Church in Lenora at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Leslie Ellis, Jr. Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Inurnment will be held in the Clayton Cemetery in Clayton, at a later date.

Ronald L. 'Ronnie' Tebo

Oct. 30, 1938 - Feb. 18, 2013

Funeral services for Ronald L. "Ronnie" Tebo, 74, Lawrence will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 at Hill City Cemetery in Hill City, where he will receive a military graveside service. He died Monday, Feb. 18, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1938 in Ransom, the son of John William and Alta Lorene (Depew) Tebo.

He has lived in Lawrence since 1979 after moving there from Norton.

Ronnie served his country in the U.S. Army.

He was an implement dealer and owned Tebo Implement Inc., in Norton. He sold the



business, moved to Lawrence, and became a real estate developer until he retired.

He was a member of the American Legion in Topeka. He was an avid Kansas University football and basketball supporter.

Ronnie married Joy Fabricius on Aug. 16, 1958 in Hill City.

She survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Deanna Phillips, and husband, Terrence, Dana Tebo, all of Lawrence; one granddaughter, Madelyn Phillips; and two brothers, Stephen Tebo, Boulder, Colo., and Kent Tebo, Bennington.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Sunley; and one brother, David Tebo.

The family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Oncology Department at Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment Association and may be sent in care of the mortuary.

Online condolences may be sent to www.warrenmcelwain.com.

Equity grows in farm cooperatives

With rising incomes, Kansas grain, oilseed and farm supply cooperatives have boosted their total equity levels - or levels of net worth - to historical highs.

Equity generation and composition are important topics for any cooperative, said Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC) at Kansas State University. Generating equity capital is critical because it can be used to finance growth through capital investments, absorb business losses, and help secure a loan, as well as be used for other business purposes.

Equity represents the members' ownership interest in the total assets of the cooperative. Cooperative equity comes in two forms, allocated and unallocated, Briggeman explained. Allocated equity is the amount assigned, on a proportional basis, to each member. Unallocated equity is not designated to specific member accounts.

The ACCC dives into this subject in a new fact sheet titled, "Equity Composition of Kansas Grain, Oilseed and Farm Supply Cooperatives,"

that is available online at www.accc.ksu.edu/.

While equity levels and composition vary from cooperative to cooperative, some general trends have developed throughout the industry, and Kansas is not that different, Briggeman said. The first trend is higher equity levels for co-ops. Since 2003, Kansas co-ops' total equity, along with total savings or total net income, has risen significantly.

Another trend is the rise in the percentage of total equity designated as unallocated equity or permanent equity capital on Kansas co-op's balance sheets. One question that often arises is, what is the appropriate amount of unallocated equity within a cooperative? Answering this question is difficult because there is no one correct answer that fits all cooperatives, Briggeman said. However, the new fact sheet provides discussion points for a cooperative's board of directors and management team to consider on this topic.

More information is available by contacting Briggeman at Brian.Briggeman@agecon.ksu.edu or 785-532-2573.

Host families needed for exchange students

Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA) is seeking local host families to host high school exchange students for the next school year. Host families provide a place to live and three meals a day plus the encouragement, advice and love to help their new family member through a semester or year in a new home. The students bring their own spending money and good health insurance plus the willingness to be a good family member, follow family rules and help out with family responsibilities. YFU provides local representatives who sup-

port the students and families to ensure a good experience for all involved.

You can request profiles of students with interests similar to your own. Contact Jerry Ritthaler at 773.598.4483 or via e-mail at jritthaler@yfu.org.

For more information, please visit Youth For Understanding USA on our website at www.yfu-usa.org where families and volunteers can learn more about YFU USA programs and fill out an on-line application.

American students will also find information there about

how they can become a YFU USA exchange student for a summer, semester, or school year. YFU offers more than 100 programs to 40 countries.

Fire concerns



The Norton Rural Fire Department was called out to a farm northwest of town on Monday afternoon for a manure fire. The farm is owned by Roger Braun and the cattle are owned by Spencer Braun. Norton Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter said the dry, windy conditions caused the manure pile to spontaneously combust.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Assistance deadline is March 15

The deadlines for the USDA, Farm Service Agency to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for this year's crops have been established by the Kansas State Farm Service Agency Committee. The application closing date of March 15 applies to the following crops: In general your coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops plus, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts.

Crops eligible for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program 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 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program must visit their local Farm Service Agency 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 Farm Service Agency 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 Farm Service Agency 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 Farm Service Agency. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are December 15 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 Farm Service Agency office to determine what the acreage and or production reporting deadlines are for each specific crop.

When required, producers shall provide to Farm Service Agency 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 three 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.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and they must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be determined eligible.

Survey to look at bikers and walkers needs

The Kansas Department of Transportation is seeking public input to help identify statewide bicycling and pedestrian needs.

Becky Pepper, KDOT bicycle pedestrian coordinator, said an online survey has been posted on KDOT's website, www.kdot.org, to collect the opinions and comments of Kansans. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

"The survey will help us better understand how to use limited resources for bicycling and pedestrian facilities in Kansas," Pepper said. "Survey respondents will be asked how they use and value bicycling and walking facilities and policies and whether changes are needed."

"We are interested in knowing whether there are differences in how rural, suburban and urban

Kansans view bicycle/pedestrian needs," Pepper said. "We are also surveying public agencies on how KDOT can best serve cities, counties, regional planning organizations and others to promote local objectives related to safe biking and walking."

KDOT planners are also interested in identifying possible

collaborations and cost sharing arrangements to best leverage limited resources for the greatest impact, she said.

An 18-member Kansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Advisory Board is providing multiple perspectives and guidance on this study that will be completed by fall 2013.



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CORRECTION

Herman Pfannenstiel was identified as the Norton County Road and Bridge foreman instead of Floyd Richard in the Feb. 12 issue of the Norton Telegram.

This was a reporting error.

The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 877-3361 to report errors.

We believe that news stories should be fair and factual and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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