

OBITUARIES

Jerrod Allen Nickelson

Dec. 8, 1977 - April 3, 2013

Jerrod Allen Nickelson, Norton, died in Hays on April 3, 2013 at the age of 35.

The son of Oren Dean and Diana Ruberta (Keith) Nickelson, Jerrod was born on Dec. 8, 1977 in Hill City.

On March 23, 2002 he married Libby Michelle Elliott in Hill City. Jerrod worked as a farmer/dirt construction and was a member of The National Beekeepers Association.

Jerrod is survived by his wife, Libby Nickelson, Norton; sons, Caine Allen Nickelson and Cope William Nickelson, Norton; daughter, Corgan Paige Nickelson, Norton; mother, Diana Nickelson, Penokee; brother, Jay Dean Nickelson, Penokee; mother and father in-law, Bill and

Kay Elliott, Hill City; paternal grandmother, Jean Nickelson, WaKeeney.

He was preceded in death by his father, his paternal grandfather, his maternal grandfather, and maternal grandmothers Madeline and Eva Keith.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 10 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City, with Rev. Judy Stricker, Rev. Larry Lyles and Phil Stinemetz officiating. Burial followed at the Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City.

Memorial contributions may be made to his children's educational fund.

Arrangements were by Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City.

Monitor wheat for freeze injury

A hard freeze -- with temperatures well into the teens in western Kansas April 9 and April 10 -- will almost certainly damage the wheat crop to some extent, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist. Central and eastern Kansas also experienced freezing weather, but temperatures there were mostly in the upper 20s instead of the teens.

"The good news is that the wheat crop is not nearly as far along in development as it was at this time last year due to the drought, but any wheat at the jointing stage or later will probably lose some tillers where temperatures were in the teens for an extended time," Shroyer said.

Where only some of the tillers have been damaged, there is still time for undamaged tillers to compensate and minimize any potential yield loss, but that will depend on having adequate moisture, which is uncertain this year, he added.

Wheat in the jointing stage can usually tolerate temperatures in the mid to upper 20s with no significant injury, Shroyer said. But, if temperatures fall into the low 20s or even lower for several hours, the lower stems, leaves, or developing head can sustain injury.

"If the leaves of tillers are yellowish when they emerge from the whorl, this indicates those tillers have been damaged. Existing leaves may also be damaged so severely that they turn bluish-black and water-soaked in appearance, then bleach out. This usually results in the field's having a silage smell," he said.

Wheat that hasn't started to joint yet will probably suffer

damage to the existing foliage, but the growing points will be protected by the soil and should escape injury, he added.

"This wheat will have cosmetic damage to the leaves that will show up almost immediately. If new leaves emerging over the next few weeks are green, that will indicate that the growing points survived and the plants will still produce tillers. If the new leaves are yellow, the growing point of that particular tiller was killed by the freeze," Shroyer said. "The best thing producers can do for the first few days is walk the fields to observe lodging, crimped stems, and damaged leaves."

"Be patient. Do not take any immediate actions as a result of the freeze, such as destroying the field for re-cropping. It will take several days of warm weather to accurately evaluate the extent of damage," he said.

After several days, producers should split open some stems and check the developing head. If the head is green or light greenish in color and seems firm, it is probably fine. If the head is yellowish and mushy, it may have freeze injury.

Shroyer explained early signs producers might have noticed right away:

* Silage smell. If a wheat field is giving off the aroma of silage, it indicates that leaves have been damaged. Damaged leaves will likely turn black within a few days, then become bleached. If the flag leaf is killed, that tiller won't produce much, if any, grain. Damage to lower leaves will not have such a drastic effect. Even if the flag leaf on the most advanced tillers is lost, less developed tillers can still

come on and produce grain at this point in the season.

* Ice in the stems. If there was ice in the stems below the first node the morning of the freeze, those tillers will probably be damaged (although not always) and may not produce grain. When inspecting a field, flag the areas where you find ice in the stems, and tag individual tillers with suspected damage. Then come back to those areas after three days and see if the stems are crimped and damaged. If so, that tiller will probably not produce a head. If the tagged tillers continue to grow and put out nice green leaves, they are fine. If not, they probably had injury.

* Lodging. If the wheat lodged immediately after the freeze, that indicates stem damage. Later tillers may eventually cover the damaged tillers.

If the main tillers are injured, secondary tillers may begin growing normally and fill out the stand, Shroyer added.

"The wheat may look ragged because the main tillers are absent, but enough tillers may survive to produce good yields, if spring growing conditions are good. If both the main and secondary tillers are injured, the field may eventually have large areas that have a yellowish cast and reduced yield potential," he said.

More information on freeze damage to wheat is available in "Spring Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat," K-State Research and Extension publication C646, available at county and district extension offices and on the Web at: www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/ and type in C646 in the search function.

Wedding Announcement

Ashley Esslinger and Chase Miller of Norton are announcing their engagement to be married on June 1, 2013.

Parents of the bride are Tara and Kevin Esslinger of Norton.

Parents of the groom are Lisa Miller of Almena and Art Miller of Manhattan.

Ashley graduated from Norton Community High School and is attending Cloud County Community College in Concordia, and will be graduating on May 17, 2013 in Agriculture Production.

Chase graduated from Northern Valley High School. He is employed by Kansasland Tire in Norton.



LYLE NEWS

This is what the old singer, Burl Ives, called a 'misty, moisty' morning; cool, with heavy fog. Early Sunday evening, we had a fast and furious rainstorm with pea size, and slightly larger, hail. As quickly as it came, it was over and the sun was shining again.

Margaret "Toots" Magers family had a birthday party for her 95th on Saturday at the Lyle Community Building, with 50 people for lunch, and 98 signing the book, visiting, and having cake and punch at an afternoon reception. It was a wonderful celebration for a wonderful lady! Jane, Kevin and Pam Engelhardt spent a fun day with her on Friday.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts are home after their trip to Guatemala. They honored us at Toots'

reception with the song about the crippled man in the Bible who was running and the blind man who saw it all. Well, you'd have to hear it. I love that song.

Eighteen people enjoyed the "first Sunday of the month" dinner after church at Lyle on Sunday. Dwayne Jackson was our minister and Aurelia played the piano, and they were finally persuaded to stay for dinner. Emily and Mariah Bader took their great-grandma to church, and Fred Molzahn was another first-time guest.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen came to the birthday party on Saturday, and that evening went to the Cambridge Hospital benefit supper and dance. Lonny Lynn and their 10 piece band from Lincoln, Neb., was the entertainment, which

also included an auction and wine tasting. Christina Hough-telling visited Kathy and Lloyd Saturday morning.

June Jolly, always busy, took the driver's training class at Oberlin, and later visited Colleen Rippe, had KT Club and Bingo on Thursday, Cards Friday, came to Toots' reception on Saturday, and finished her income tax business on Sunday. I don't know what she does in her spare time, besides quilting.

I had a call from my sister, Twila Vernon of Arvada, Colo. She had heard that Dwight Wood was having health problems and was checking. I was glad to tell her that no cancer was found. Outside of her failing eyesight, she and Lee seem to be doing pretty well.

JENNINGS NEWS

There was a good turnout at the City election in Jennings. We appreciate all who took the time to go vote.

We have been having some beautiful spring like weather. Grass is greening up and different kinds of flowers are blooming. Remember we have City clean-up day on Saturday, April 20. If you can help in anyway contact Marge at 785-678-3010. Equipment as well as man power is needed. Lunch will be served at the Broken Wheel that day.

There will be a Donna Day workshop sponsored by Donna Farber Mowry and the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, Studley on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., held at the Cottonwood Ranch. Classes include Crocheting; Needle Felting; Rug Hooking. Classes are each limited to 10. For more information and to register call: 785-

675-4651 or 785-675-8362

Those enjoying card playing at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Carol Carter, Linda Spresser, Diane Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Bob and Neoma Tacha enjoyed Sunday dinner at the home of Royal and Gayle Tacha, Hoxie. Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley; Micheal and Ashley Brown and children Bryna, Aden, Tyler of Norton also enjoyed the day at Royal and Gayle's.

We received some pictures from our son Russell Cressler, Bison, of the hail storm there Sunday evening. Also on the evening news a lady from La Crosse sent similar pictures to KSN. We missed out on the rain but thankful we didn't have the hail.

CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the April dinner and meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town & Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, April 16 by calling Joy Johnson (874-4706).

"A Worthwhile Investment" is the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "The Weiser Choice," presented by Jolene Weiser, Weiser Realty, Norton. Weiser will share her expertise in the ins-and-outs of purchasing property.

The Norton After-5 Club is

proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Barbara Bath, Wichita. Bath is a retired school and licensed counselor. She was awarded the State of Kansas "Outstanding Counselor" in 1998-99. She will speak on "A

Secure Future."

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

March 7

Feb. 5-Jacci Brolin, Norton; Charge: 1. Defective taillights, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: 1. Guilty; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof provided; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Jan. 21-Abby White, Cambridge, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Jan. 21-Steven Kile, Nelson, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 49 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$54, costs \$76, total \$130.

Community service assigned: Julia Kent - pick up all trash from ditches around cemetery through Dec. 31, 2013.

Ashley Hildebrand - pull weeds and pick up trash on east

Washington, both sides, from State Street to the Post Office, and on South Kansas, both sides, from Main to the railroad tracks, from April 1 to Oct. 31, 2013.

Kayla Campbell - pick up all trash from both ditches along Armory Drive from Highway 36 to the west end of Blacktop from March 7 to Dec. 31, 2013.

James Davis - Pull all weeds from sidewalks and curbs on the east side of State Street from the north edge of the Christian Church on the north to the railroad tracks on the south.

Conor Cox - Pull all weeds from sidewalks and curbs on the west side of State Street from Pine Ridge Park on the north to the railroad tracks on the south.

March 14

March 4-Sara Kindall, Norton; Charge: Dog at-large/no registration; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$25, costs \$76, total \$101. Ordered to register dog by March 21.

Feb. 26-Dakota Rose, Almena; Charge: Driving in violation

of restrictions; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended to no driver's license on person; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Community service-pull weeds on both sides of West Main from State Street to Norton Ave. North Kansas from main to Lincoln-Lincoln to State, both sides and east side of the museum.

Jan. 25-Cody Armbrister, Norton; Charge: Misdemeanor theft; Other action: Diversion with city prosecutor; Sentence: Assessment \$50, costs \$76, total \$126. One year diversion and probation to court-must write a letter of apology to victim.

Jan. 22-Luke Pfannenstiel, Norton; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

March 21

Feb. 26-Michael Courtain, Norton; Charge: No driver's license; Other action: Dismissed for costs by court-obtain Kansas Driver's License; Sentence: Costs \$76.

Happy 99th Birthday
Erma Hackney
April 14

Birthday Wishes and
Cards can reach Erma at:
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Norton, Kansas
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