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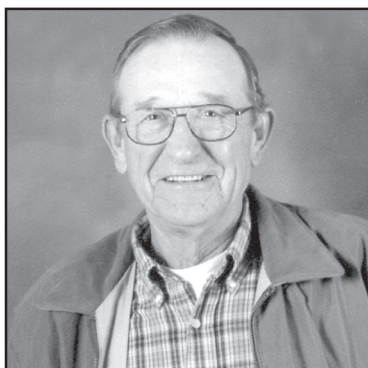
Ricky D. Goeken

May 26, 1941 - April 13, 2013

Ricky D. Goeken, 71, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, passed away April 13, 2013, of natural causes at his home. He was under the care of Aspen Home Health and Hospice.

Rick was born May 26, 1941 in Lenora, to Max Goeken and Pauline Breeden Goeken. He graduated from Lenora High School. Rick served stateside as a private in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Rick married Glenna Maurine Barrus on March 26, 1976 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Rick worked for DeMott Tractor, a John Deere dealership, as a combine mechanic and service manager. He also worked for six years in the Ukraine, Turkmenistan, and Russia in the agricultural indus-



try.

Rick enjoyed woodworking, gardening and yard work, basketball, golf, reading, and history.

Rick is survived by Glenna, his loving wife of 37 years; son, Jeffery Goeken of Minneapolis, Minn.; stepson, Dillon

David (Kristen) Mayes of Idaho Falls; daughter, Allyson (Mark) Hunter of Idaho Falls; son, Christopher R. Goeken of Idaho Falls and four grandchildren; mother, Pauline Goeken of Lenora; brother, Jim Goeken of Lenora.

He was preceded in death by his father Max Goeken Sr. and his brother Max Goeken Jr.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the Ammon Cemetery, with Kevin Murray officiating, under the direction of Wood Funeral Home. Military rites will be performed by the Bonneville County Veterans Group and the Idaho Honor Guard.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

John T. McGarity

Sept. 26, 1919 - March 31, 2013

John T. McGarity, of Roseburg, Ore., died on Sunday, March 31, 2013 at the age of 93.

John, son of Alva M. McGarity and Mary Anne 'Annie' Wyatt McGarity, was born Sept. 26, 1919 in Beaver City (Furnas County), Neb.

John grew up in Norton County. His father died when John was 10 years old. He served in the CCC which was a help financially for his widowed mother. He also served with the U.S. Army in World War II. After the war he was employed as a lumber grader.

John married Mildred 'Maurita' Plunkett on Nov. 26, 1947 in Roseburg, Ore. They had no

children, but raised Maurita's nephew.

John was the last surviving member of Alva and Annie McGarity's family. He is survived by nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his brothers and sisters: Georgia Hays, Sevelle Blanche McGarity, a Baby boy and a Baby girl McGarity, Ruby M. Garton, Elva Cox, Roy McGarity, Thelma 'Dixie' McDannold, Laverne McGarity, Echo Dean, Max Wyatt McGarity, and Gerald D. McGarity.

Both John and Maurita are buried in Eaglepoint National Cemetery, in Eaglepoint, Ore.

Robert L. (Bob) McLean Jr.

Aug. 14, 1965 - March 8, 2013

Robert L. (Bob) McLean, Jr. 47, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 8, 2013 at the Norton County Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Landstuhl, Germany on Aug. 14, 1965, the adopted son of Robert L. and Geneva McLean. As an infant he was granted United States citizenship in Topeka. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1983, Bob lived and worked in both northeast and southeast Kansas before moving to Norton in 2010.

Mr. McLean was skilled in



computer technology and was employed by Mortensen Computer Services in Norton at the time of his death. He was cre-

mated.

Bob's ashes will be scattered in a private ceremony at his favorite fishing hole by his closest friends. The location is remembered as a place where a bad day was still a good day. Arrangements are pending.

Condolences or special memories to be shared at the ceremony may be e-mailed to jrice66614@yahoo.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to Hospice Services, Inc., 424 8th St; P.O. Box 116, Phillipsburg, KS 67661 or to the donor's choice.

Drought legislation signed

Governor Sam Brownback signed HB 2202, legislation to allow an automatic increase in hay truck transportation limits upon drought declaration in Kansas.

While the state has received some welcome moisture in spring 2013, Governor Brownback said drought conditions remain in all 105 counties. For the past two consecutive years, Brownback has issued executive orders to temporarily suspend certain motor carrier rules and regulations in order to expedite the delivery of hay to livestock in drought-stricken areas. HB 2202 will make these exemptions automatic upon a governor's drought declaration and will further expedite drought response and delivery efforts.

"Farmers and ranchers are at the mercy of Mother Nature and should not have to wait for an executive order to allow them to efficiently deliver hay and forage to their livestock," Governor Brownback said. "Over the past two years, my administration has continuously worked to rapidly respond to the drought but there is no room for politics in the face of a natural disaster like the ongoing drought. We cannot end this drought but we can take commonsense steps, like implementing HB 2202, to help farmers and ranchers cope with the ongoing drought situation."

HB 2202 allows for the suspension of requirements for registration and fuel tax permits from the Kansas Department of Revenue and licensing, certification and permitting rules and regulations as required by the Kansas Corporation Commission during drought emergencies. Participating

motor carriers will only be allowed to operate during daylight hours and must comply with flag, sign and lighting requirements for over-width vehicles. Additionally, participating motor carriers will not be allowed to drive during inclement weather conditions. Finally, HB 2202 does not remove the motor carrier's responsibilities to comply with the safety and commercial driver's license requirements.

HB 2202 increases the maximum width and height for trucks delivering hay to drought-stricken areas. Participating motor carriers are limited to a load that does not exceed 12 feet in width and does not exceed a height of 14 feet, six inches. Under normal circumstances, haulers are required to obtain a permit for loads exceeding 8.5 feet in width and 14 feet in height. All other applicable state and federal regulations continue to apply, including the requirement to have a valid driver's license.

"The Kansas Department of Agriculture is committed to supporting our state's farmers, especially in challenging situations like the drought," Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman said. "From fluctuating markets and regulatory uncertainty from the federal government, they face enough uncertainty. They should not also have to wonder if they will be able to deliver hay to livestock during a drought. HB 2202 will ensure our farmers and ranchers have access to the necessary tools to mitigate the effects of this ongoing drought."

Senators introduce Kelsey Smith Act

U.S. Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran recently introduced the Kelsey Smith Act to aid law enforcement's response to emergencies when a person's life is threatened.

On June 2, 2007, 18-year-old Kelsey Smith was abducted in broad daylight from an Overland Park, Kansas department store and murdered. The abduction was captured on the store's security camera leaving little doubt of the emergency nature of the circumstances. Four days after she disappeared, authorities were able to locate Kelsey's body after her wireless provider released the "ping" or "call location" information from her cell phone. Providing this information as fast as possible is critical to ensure law enforcement officials can rescue victims in imminent danger of death or serious physical harm.

The legislation Senator

Roberts and Senator Moran introduced today will require wireless communication providers to provide call location information to the requesting law enforcement agencies only when responding to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm.

Senator Roberts and Senator Moran released the following statements after introducing the Kelsey Smith Act into the 113th Congress:

"Protecting the lives of our children is the paramount concern for any parent," Sen. Roberts said. "The Kelsey Smith Act is commonsense legislation that makes it easier for law enforcement to find our children if the nightmare of abduction ever becomes a reality. Because the fear of legal liability is a legitimate concern

our bill provides industry and law enforcement with the necessary tools to work together to do everything they can do to find a loved one in danger, while at the same time ensuring that all citizens' Fourth Amendment rights are protected. I look forward to broad, bipartisan, bicameral support of the Kelsey Smith Act."

"Kelsey Smith's abduction sent shockwaves through her community, our state and the nation," Sen. Moran said. "The Kelsey Smith Act will make certain first responders have the tools they need to help prevent tragedies like this from happening in the future."

Senators Roberts and Moran were joined by Congressman Kevin Yoder and Congresswoman Jenkins who introduced the House companion bill.

CLUB NEWS

By Jean White

Mid-Century GFWC met April 11 at the home of Margaret Thomas. The theme of the evening was "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page," St. Augustine.

Virginia Will, president, conducted the business meeting. The annual donation to veterans will be sent to the Dodge City Veterans Home. A thank you was read from Abby Smith thanking the club for sponsoring her to the GFWC music auditions in Junction City.

Members were reminded that this is the week that we are delivering Meals On Wheels. Dues are due. The next meeting will be April 25 and will be a trip to Lenora to the Historic Barbeau

House. Members are to meet at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. to car-pool for the journey.

Margaret Thomas showed lovely pictures and told about "My Trip Out West." They traveled in a 29-foot Pace Arrow and started on their trip in Salina and toured many interesting places. Some of those highlighted were Taos and Farringdon, N.M., the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon in Utah, Jackson Hole and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Mesa Verde in Colorado, Fort Laramie in Wyoming, the Holdrege Museum in Nebraska, and finally, back to Kansas to see the Ball of Twine in Cawker City and then home to Salina. What wonderful memo-

ries the Thomas' have.

The group accepted Beverly Kinder's invitation to host the Summer Get Together at Destination Kitchen.

Roll call was answered by the 14 members with "My favorite place west of Kansas." Mrs. Will thanked the hostesses, Margaret, Kay Lene Hahn and Jean White.

Call Mike with all your social news.

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HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "American Legacy: Our National Parks," April 12-June 16. In this exhibit, 38 members and guests of the Plein-Air Painters of America set up their easels in national sites across the country. The artists are among the country's most respected plein-air painters. The adjective plein-air refers to the philosophical belief that creating art on-location, challenging as it may be, is crucial to successfully documenting a visual and emotional point in time and place.

Our April Artist of the Month will be Barbara Morton from WaKeeney. She has quilt pieces and crocheted afghans on display. talent.

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85th Birthday Celebration for Henrietta Van Kooten

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