

# OBITUARIES

## Gleason E. Dryden

Dec. 13, 1925 - July 17, 2013

Gleason E. Dryden was born Dec. 13, 1925, in Miami County, to Aino Henrikson and Ewing Dryden and died July 17, 2013, in Decatur County, at the age of 87.

Gleason grew up and attended school in Wellsville. At the age of 18, he was drafted into the armed forces, where he requested and was allowed to serve as a Merchant Marine. He served two and a half years in World War II. After the war, he started his career as an electrician for Amoco Pipeline Company. He was again drafted into the service of his country, serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Following the Korean War, he returned to his Amoco Pipeline career, where he worked for 32 years in Colorado, North Dakota and Casper, Wyo. Upon retirement, he began his second career as a farmer and rancher in

Wray, Colo.

Gleason married June (Timm) Dryden, and to this union two children were born. June passed away on Oct. 12, 1999. On Aug. 13, 2005, Gleason and Kelva Swindler were married in Wray, Colo., and the couple later moved to Oberlin.

Gleason had many hobbies and loved life. He collected antique vehicles and tractors, and enjoyed photography. He loved watching WWF wrestling. He enjoyed his pets – cats, dogs, and even a few pet cattle, as he loved and was very kind to animals. But his greatest enjoyment was the company of his many friends and entertaining at his impromptu “board meetings” at his “Playhouse.”

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aino and Ewing; his first wife, June; and sister, Ruth.

He is survived by his wife,

Kelva Swindler Dryden of Oberlin; his two children, Eldon and wife Susan Dryden, of Wray, Colo., and Joyce Dryden of Cordova, Tenn.; two sisters, Shirley Swihart of Novato, Calif., and Irene Albright of Winchester, Tenn.; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His death is mourned also by his stepchildren, Randa (Steven) Vollertsen, Crista (Stephen) Lane, Pamela (Robert) Topping, Diana (Terry) Rippe, and Jonna (Patrick) Inman; twelve step-grandchildren; twenty-one step great-grandchildren; his other relatives; and many friends.

Funeral services were held in Oberlin, at Pauls Funeral Home on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., followed by graveside services at 3:30 p.m. MDT in Wray, Colo.

A memorial has been established in his name to the Golden Age Center in Oberlin.

## Ernest Purvis

June 24, 1921 - July 17, 2013

Ernest Purvis was born June 24, 1921 to Charles and Agnes (Karrish) Purvis in Cambridge, Neb. He passed away July 17, 2013 at Wheat Ridge Acres of Goodland, at the age of 92, but maintained his residence in McCook, Neb.

Ernest worked for Bud Kole and helped put the first electricity in Cambridge, Neb. He also worked for Rushong Chrysler, Brown Motor Company and Kump Motor Company, all of Oberlin. He also worked at Alternate Energy Sources and North American Phillips, Salina.

Ernie was a man of many talents which included wood working, welding and building very elaborate projects. Ernie had a joke and smile for everyone. His favorite pastime was

listening to music and dancing.

He graduated from Cambridge High School in 1940 and married Eva Warner in Lebanon, Neb. in 1948 and divorced in 1994

Ernie enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 1942, and served four years in the African and Asiatic Theatre including China, Burma and India. He ran a repair station at the base of the China Burma road.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Evelyn (Milton) Harmon, Dale (Betty) Purvis, Luella (Kenneth) Schmidt.

Ernie is survived by his sisters, Charlotte Maxwell, Gerry Troncin and JoAnne Stone, one daughter Linda (John) Kriss of Tecumseh, and two sons, Tom (Patti) Purvis of Goodland, and Greg (Marsha) Purvis of

Broomfield, Colo.; grandchildren, Rob Wesch of Houston, Texas, Bill Wesch of Bushton, Tracey Purvis and JD Purvis of Goodland, Miranda Hayden of Goddard, Mandee McClung of Hays, Gabe Purvis, Portland, Ore., Beau Purvis, Loveland, Colo., Jared Purvis and Brock Purvis, Firestone, Colo.; along with 11 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ernie is also survived by his dear friend, companion, and dance partner, Donna Wier of Cambridge, Neb.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Cambridge, Neb.

Lockenour-Jones Mortuary, Cambridge, Neb., was in charge of arrangements.

## Car safety seat check lane on July 24

The most common cause of death in children is vehicle injuries. But many of these deaths can be prevented. Correctly placing children in age and size appropriate car seats and booster seats reduces their chances of serious and fatal injuries. Nearly one-third of children ride in the wrong restraints for their age and size. Car seats reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for children under ages 1-4. To assist in the reduction, the Norton County Hospital recently sponsored four employees to attend a three day Child Passenger Safety course. Judy Wenzl, Cami Cornelius, Elizabeth Lombardi and Paige Harding completed their certification in May of 2013 as car seat technicians.

Other local technicians in the area include Stacy Scheetz who lives in New Almelo and works

for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in the Head Start program. She has been a technician for 11 years. Penny Otter from the Norton County Health Department has been a certified technician for more than five years. Penny has provided car seat check lanes in Norton and surrounding counties and is available at the Health Department for installation and education.

On Wednesday, July 24, all six ladies will be holding a car seat check lane in the Attitudes parking lot in downtown Norton. They will begin at 4:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. Scheduled time slots are available, walk-ins are also welcome. To schedule an appointment you can contact the following by email at ccorneilius@ntcohosp.com or jwenzl@ntcohosp.com. Appointments can also be made

by contacting Judy, Cami, Beth or Paige at the Norton County Hospital at 785-877-3351. Please make plans to take advantage of this FREE service to ensure the safety of your child.

If you cannot attend the check lane, car seat checks are also available by the following: Penny Otter offers car seat checks every Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Norton County Health Department or during regular business hours by appointment at 785-877-5745. Judy Cami, Paige or Beth can be reached at 785-877-3351 at the Norton County Hospital. Ask for them or leave a message at the nurse's station and they will return your call. It takes only 15 minutes to protect your child from vehicle injury or death. Take that time for your child.

## Seed Grants designed to engage volunteers

For the second year, Volunteer Kansas will be giving 10 organizations in Kansas \$500 Seed Grants to support service projects that will engage volunteers.

“We have found there are times that the absence of a little bit of cash is the only thing standing in the way of a group of volunteers taking on a service project that would greatly benefit others. The Volunteer Kansas Seed Grants help them to get things started and ready to grow just like the seeds so many of our Kansas farmers use,” said Volunteer Kansas Executive Director Nola Brown.

The application process is simple. Those interested in applying for a grant should email the following information to contact@volunteerkans.org by August 15:

1. A paragraph about your organization including contact information.

2. Up to three paragraphs explaining your project, how volunteers will participate and who

it will benefit.

3. A budget detailing how the \$500 grant will be used.

Projects chosen for grants require listings as volunteer opportunities on volunteerkans.org. They must include the use of at least 20 volunteers. Winners will be asked to post before, during and after project photos/videos to the Volunteer Kansas fan page on Facebook.

The vision of Volunteer Kansas is to move Kansas from the state ranking of number seven for volunteerism to number one. “Mobilizing groups of volunteers who wish to good will help us more quickly realize our vision,” said Brown. “We hope these Seed Grants will bring about some excitement and encourage volunteerism.”

Volunteer Kansas, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) charity based in Wichita, Kan. Volunteerkans.org is the organization's website devoted to increasing volunteerism in the state of Kansas and providing a hub for Kansans to

find other Kansans who may need volunteer or material help. The website is a free service to individuals and organizations.

## Struttin' on the catwalk!



Olivia Miller is in her first year of 4-H and is a member of the Busy Jayhawker's 4-H club. Here she is seen strutting her stuff at the fashion revue in the buymanship division. The revue was held on Saturday.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Museum equals summer fun

With summer halfway over, with the goings-on that seemed exciting back in May maybe having lost some of their allure now, the Sternberg Museum of Natural History is presenting multiple activities and exhibits to rekindle the excitement while entertaining and educating.

A newer semi-permanent exhibit is “Rattlerssss,” which includes many different species of rattlesnakes. Children and adults alike can learn an enormous amount about these species. With the tagline “From Fear to Fascination,” one might think this exhibit would be limited to children. Actually, the contrary applies.

“The ‘fear to fascination’ is more geared toward adults,” said Marcella McCluskey, summer marketing and public relations intern. “Most kids are not afraid of this exhibit and have a built-in fascination.”

The cost of viewing this ex-

hibit, as with all the exhibits, is covered by museum admission: \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children, and \$4 for Fort Hays State University students with valid student identification.

Another exhibit is “Mammal Invasion,” a display of creatures from the Ice Age in realistic settings. People can learn about some of the large mammals that existed after the dinosaurs' extinction. A giant bird from the same era is also on display.

This display features interactive aspects, too. Patrons can smell the scent emitted by mammoths and feel how much one of their teeth weighed. This experience is further enhanced by the sounds these animals made.

“Mammal Invasion” closes Sept. 8.

The “ABCs of the Sternberg Museum” scavenger hunt will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 26. This event is for ages 9-12.

First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded, and admission to the museum covers participation costs.

Sternberg Museum also has additional one-day activities available. “Family Slithery Evening,” 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, July 27, will provide an in-depth look at the “Rattlerssss” display along with snacks, crafts, lore and snake tricks. This event is designed for patrons ages 5 and up with a one-parent minimum per family. The cost is \$15 per participant with a \$75 maximum for families or \$12 per participant with a \$60 maximum for museum members. The deadline for registration was July 19. For more information or to register, contact the museum at 785-628-4286.

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The Norton County Arts Council will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andbe Home.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND, ESPECIALLY THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER

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