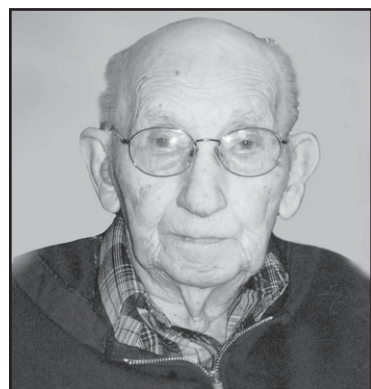


OBITUARIES

Melvin I. Rupke July 6, 1916 - Dec. 11, 2013



He is survived by his sons: Doyle Rupke and his friend, Deborah of Lenora, Arlo Rupke and his wife, Brenda of Stockton, Mo.; daughters: Debra Zerr-Florum and her husband, Dan of Alma, Neb., Twila Hays and her husband, Steven of Orleans, Neb.; nine grandchildren: Jeffrey Zerr and his wife, Kayla of Heartwell, Neb., Mark Florum of Heartwell, Michelle Zerr-Guglielmi of Alma, Jennifer Rupke of Alma, Haleigh Rupke of Fairplay, Mo., Christina Cox and her husband, Byron of Kearney, Neb., Daniel Hays stationed in Belle Chasse, La., Emily Hays and her fiancé, Allen Levesque of Omaha, Neb. and Bradley Hays of Aurora, Neb.; great-grandchildren: Devin Zerr, Ashlyn Zerr, Jocelyn Zerr, Becky Cox and Tara Hays; brothers: Wilbur Rupke and his wife, Joan of Lexington, Neb., Hank Rupke and his wife, Bert of Lakin.; sisters: Hendrene Bailey of Newton, Josephine DeWild of McPherson, Juanita Tracy of Phillipsburg, and Irene Donnelly of Portland, Ore.; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of friends.

Melvin worked as the Post Master in Prairie View, starting in 1945 and retiring in 1972. Melvin also worked as the manager of the Prairie View Telephone Company, starting in 1961. The family then moved to Alma where he was employed at Colonial Villa Nursing Home in Alma until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the Free Methodist Church of Alma and the American Legion in Oxford, Neb.

Melvin enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and doing crafts. Melvin also enjoyed going to auctions.

Besides his parents, Melvin was preceded in death by his wife, Mae in 2009; brothers, Henry Rupke, Ivan Rupke, Richard Rupke and Clarence Rupke; brothers-in-law: Lenn Bailey, Dean Tracy, LeRoy Donnelly and Clarence DeWild; sisters-in-law: Lucille Rupke and Weona Rupke; son-in-law, Michael Zerr, Jr.; and one grandson, Austin James Rupke.

Funeral Services for Melvin I. Rupke were conducted on Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Alma, Neb., with Pastor Paul Ferrarone officiating.

Interment followed in the Alma Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Faye Cady American Legion Post # 118 in conjunction with the Nebraska Army Military Honors Team.

Melvin Ira Rupke, 97 years of age, of Alma, Neb., passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society Colonial Villa in Alma. Melvin was born on July 6, 1916 in Long Island, Kansas the fourth of eleven children born to William and Hattie (Konjer) Rupke. He attended school in Long Island graduating from Long Island High School with the class of 1935.

Melvin and his brothers started Rupke Brothers Windmill Service in Phillipsburg, in the 1930s.

On April 13, 1942, Melvin was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and served during World War II. He was stationed in Brisbane, Australia. On Nov. 11, 1944, Melvin was honorably discharged.

On March 17, 1952, he married Mae Virginia Brown at the Dutch Reform Church parsonage in Prairie View, and they were blessed with four children: Debra Elaine, Doyle Alan, Arlo Gale and Twila Jean.

Rexford Gale Reilly Nov. 12, 1922 - Dec. 8, 2013

Rexford Gale Reilly, 91, of New Hope, Minn., formerly of Topeka, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013.

He was born Nov. 12, 1922 in Lenora, the son of Rexford and Susan Rufina (Paddock) Reilly. He was a graduate of Norton Community High School and attended Fort Hays State College. He served in the United States Army during WW II in Europe as a part of The 174th Field Artillery Battalion. He worked for the Smith County, KS, road maintenance crew and later worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation as a civil engineer until he retired in 1987.

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Rexford married Roma Nadine Delmont on Jan. 15, 1944 in Woodruff, KS.

Survivors include, one daughter, Janice Goodman, Golden Valley, Minn.; three sons, David Reilly, Portland, Ore., Alan Reilly, Rockport, Texas, and Mark Reilly, Parker, Colo.; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother David, parents and wife Roma.

The family would like to extend special thanks to North Ridge Minnesota Masonic Home for their loving care.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at Penwell Gabel Parker Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence, Topeka, KS, 66608, (785)-234-5850.

Interment will follow at the Rochester Cemetery, Topeka, KS.

To leave a special message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

Accident Report

Nov. 2-A white 2006 Peterbilt 335, driven by Mark Martin Schoenberger of Hays, was traveling west bound on U.S. Highway 36 and came across a cow on the highway. Schoenberger was unable to avoid striking the cow, causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries reported and the accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Bobby Annon.

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Nov. 14-A gray 2006 Ford Freestar, driven by Kurtis Lee Rachow of Phillipsburg, was traveling east bound on U.S. Highway 36 when a deer came out of the ditch onto the highway. Rachow was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported and the accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

Nov. 4-A silver 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan, driven by Nicole J. Rushton of New Almelo, was traveling east bound on Highway K-9 when a deer entered onto the roadway from the south ditch. The deer ran into the side of the vehicle causing over \$1,000 damage. There were no injuries reported and the accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Bobby Annon.

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CLUB NEWS

The meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held at the home of Carol Bales in Logan on Dec. 2, 2013. There were fourteen members present.

No business meeting was held. Carol Bales welcomed everyone to her home and shared a presentation about the history of the structure. It was formerly a Lutheran Church before Carol converted it to her home. She explained how she designed plans for five years preserving as many components from the church as possible. Carol guided a tour through the home which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. Fellowship and laughter followed, as everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Trudy Stockham and Sandy Worden.

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The holiday spirit!



The second annual Norton County Arts Council lighting contest brought out the bright shining lights again this year. This is the home of Blaine and Susie Marble in Almena, and they were this year's well deserved winners. Seven homes were entered with 86 votes turned in.

— Telegram photo by Marcia Shelton

Legal system faces shortfall for 2014

The Court Budget Advisory Council delivered to the Kansas Supreme Court its report identifying strategies to consider for addressing an \$8.25 million shortfall in the Judicial Branch base budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2014.

Although 11 strategies were considered, only seven were recommended and prioritized for their ability to provide immediate, short-term savings with the least amount of disruption to Kansans and their statewide court system.

The strategies include maintaining and possibly increasing job vacancies (which strains already understaffed courts), eliminating court services officer positions that perform necessary but not statutorily required duties, and furloughing nonjudicial employees.

Also included was a recommendation to delay filling judicial openings, which would require changes to Kansas statute, and to reduce a grant that historically has been awarded to Kansas Legal Services to promote access to justice by those with few financial resources.

The report was received by Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss on behalf of the Supreme Court,

who shared it with Judicial Branch employees and judges statewide, noting that the Supreme Court would continue to advocate for more funding for fiscal year 2015.

I appreciate the Court Budget Advisory Council's hard work on this difficult subject. Their objective look at all potential outcomes reflects their thoroughness, as well as the central factor that 96 percent of the Judicial Branch's budget is for salaries and wages, Nuss said. Their report makes it abundantly clear that if the Legislature does not appropriate more money, tough decisions — including closing Kansas courts — will need to be made.

The report was presented to Nuss by Court of Appeals Judge Karen Arnold-Burger, chair of the 10-member Council that met over six weeks to study the consequences the budget shortfall will have on Kansans and their courts.

The recommendations in this report reflect the gravity of the Council's task given the potential for court closures, staffing cuts and resulting delays if additional appropriations are not added to the court system, Arnold-Burger said. To the

extent that we could, we tried to minimize the effect the proposed strategies would have on the people and businesses of Kansas.

The Council's full report is available on the Kansas Judicial Branch website at www.kscourts.org/pdf/CBAC-Report-12132013.pdf.

Members of the Court Budget Advisory Council include leaders from business, legislative, executive and judicial sectors: Chief Judge Meryl Wilson of the 21st Judicial District (Clay and Riley Counties), who was named Council vice chair; Sheriff Don Ash, Wyandotte County; Bruce Buchanan, President, Harris Enterprises, Inc., Reno County; State Representative Pete DeGraaf, District 82, Sedgewick and Sumner Counties; District Magistrate Judge Ann Dixon, 16th Judicial District, Kiowa County; Marc Elkins, Vice-President and Associate General Counsel, Cerner Corporation, Wyandotte County; Jim Minnix, Scott County Commissioner; John Vanier, Chief Executive Officer, Western Star Agriculture, Inc., Saline County; and John Wheeler, retired Finney County Attorney.

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents the "Associated American Artists-Art by Subscription."

In March of 1933, many of the banks in America were closed. The country was gripped by an economic depression and the emotional climate of the American people was also at an all time low. Art dealer Reeves Lewenthal chose this time in history to form the Associated American Artists organization. Lewenthal's plan was to develop a new program that could distribute affordable, original art to every American. Artists, weary of working within the confined audience of wealthy

collectors, gladly committed themselves to the idea of a wider distribution. These artists based their art on social imagery, on everyday America. They left behind abstract theories in favor of the familiar scenery of our country. The program was an overwhelming success. Yes, it was true; people did need bread to nourish their bodies, but it was proven that they hungered for beauty and spiritual nourishments as well. Art fed their souls.

The exhibit will be at the museum Dec. 6, 2013 to Feb 2,

2014.

Our December Artist of the month is Janet Gottstine from Logan. She will have diaper and towel cakes, tutu bags and bow holders.

Our dance classes will be coming up in January. Look for your registration form in the mail or visit our website to download your registration form. For more information on any of our classes or exhibits check our website at hansenmuseum.org or call the museum at 785-689-4846.



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