

Obituaries

Adelina M. Walter
 Feb. 19, 1912 - March 5, 2008
 Adelina (Lillich) Walter died Wednesday morning, March 5, 2008, at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village. She was born Adelina Lillich on Feb. 19, 1912, in Steinauer, Neb., the daughter of William Otto and Justina Bertha Brauer Lillich.

Adelina was a schoolteacher, farmer, cook, county treasurer and Avon representative. After her retirement, Adelina was a tireless volunteer, serving those in the community by delivering meals on wheels, running errands and being a friend.

Adelina married Paul G. Walter on June 12, 1935. To that union four children were born.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1962.

Survivors include her children: William R. Walter and wife, Marilyn of Eureka, Ill.; Sharon R. Blanchard and husband, Larry of Salida, Colo.; Paulette R. Kempton of Surfside Beach, S.C.; and Gary J. Walter and wife, Janelle of Oberlin; grandchildren: Lorrie Tietze, Diann Lang, Chris Walter, Craig Walter, Jenny Ross, Sallie Tanner, Amy Kinkade, Sarah Walter and Lisa Mermis, along with 13 great-grandchildren.

Adelina was an active member of the St. Francis United Methodist Church, singing in the choir, serving member of United Methodist Women and teaching Sunday school classes.

The celebration of life service will be held at 10 a.m. on April 12 at the St. Francis United Methodist Church. Family members will greet friends prior to the service. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the St. Francis United Methodist Church Cherub Choir robe fund, St. Francis Good Samaritan Village or to the charity of the donor's choice.

John J. Schultz
 Jan. 10, 1924 - March 4, 2008
 John J. Schultz, 84, Neosho, Mo., died at 1:33 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Freeman Neosho Hospital, following an illness.



Schultz

John was born Jan. 10, 1924, in Wheeler, Kan., one of nine children.

He served in the Infantry during World War II.

John worked as co-manager of the Wheat and Cattle Ranch; worked as lead person at North American Aviation (Rocketdyne);

owned and operated the Wildcat Drive Inn; worked as plant superintendent for La-Z-Boy in Neosho and co-owned and operated Woodland Industries in Neosho.

He was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Neosho.

John and Darlene Zimelman were married on June 4, 1944, at Goodland and she survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Ron Schultz and wife, Marilyn, Joplin, Mo., a daughter, Darla Graue, Anderson, Mo.; one granddaughter, Tisha Bowman, Neosho; one grandson, Justin Graue and wife, Julie, Neosho; three great-grandchildren, Carler and Lili Graue and Lindsey Bowman; one brother, Rueben Schultz, St. Francis, and one sister, Mildred Kroeger, Lincoln, Neb.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on March 7 at the First Christian Church with Pastor Benny Boling officiating. Burial was in the Neosho IOOF Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Herb Reding, Everett Bussey, Bob Swift, Jerry Fullerton, Leroy Locke and Bill Spiva. The family received friends on the evening of March 6 at the funeral home.

Contributions in memory of John may be made to the Leukemia Association, c/o Clark Funeral Home, P.O. Box 66, Neosho, Mo 64850.

Online condolences may be posted at www.clarkfuneralhomes.com.

Dayton R. Wedel
 Dec. 22, 1914 - March 8, 2008
 Dayton R. Wedel, 93, of Loveland, Colo., died on Saturday, March 8, 2008.



Wedel

He was born on Dec. 22, 1914, in Galva, Kan., to Jonas J. and Caroline (Koehn) Wedel. Dayton grew up in the farmlands around Galva and went to country schools. He married Lucille Walter on Nov. 18, 1945, in St. Francis, Kan. They lived in St. Francis until 1956, then, they moved to Loveland. They moved to Aurora, Colo., in 1999.

He worked as a meat cutter, plumber, factory worker and a carpenter. Dayton is a past member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Loveland. He fought in the Philippine campaign with the 19th Infantry in WW II. He loved woodworking and fixing anything that needed fixed.

He is survived by his wife Lucille Wedel of Aurora; son, Arlyn Wedel and wife Cindy of Windsor, Colo.; daughter, Claudia Zavodny of Aurora; two grandchildren, Andy Zavodny of Broomfield, and Carolyn Zavodny of Aurora; one great-grandchild, Charles Hachmeister.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Howard D. Wedel, Paul Clinton Wedel and Westley Wedel.

Visitation were held on Tuesday at Allnutt Hunter Chapel. A graveside service was held at Resthaven Memory Garden. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sable Care Center.

Please view the online obituary, send condolences and sign the family guest book at www.allnut.com.

Ray Dean Meyer
 Jan. 2, 1933 - March 8, 2008



Meyer

Ray Dean Meyer, 75, husband of Linda Louise Viniard Meyer, died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at his residence, one month after they had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8.

He was born Jan. 2, 1933, son of Earl Max Meyer and Marion Cole Meyer, on a farm in Phillips County, Kan. He graduated from St. Francis Community

High School in St. Francis, Kan., in 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Airborne on Feb. 16, 1953, during the Korean War.

Ray lived in Lexington, Ky., since retiring from 23 years of active duty in the U.S. Army as a master sergeant, on Feb. 29, 1976, at Fort Gordon, Ga. He retired as an electronic mechanic supervisor from U.S. Department of Army at the Blue Grass Army Depot in 1995. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (w/1st OLC), Army Commendation Medal (w/1st OLC), and several awards for service in Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Catherine Denise Butcher (David) of Harrison County, Ky., and Lisa Rae Meyer of Tallahassee, Fla. Other survivors are three siblings Gwen Gustin of Colorado Springs; Merle Walter of Mitchell, Neb.; and Duane Meyer of Bartlesville, Okla., and 24 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and eldest sister, Mary Woltman.

Visitation was at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on March 12. Funeral services were held on March 13 at the same location followed by burial at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fisher House Foundation Inc. at www.fisherhouse.org or mail to 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852.

Deadline is March 15 for disaster assistance

March 15 is the deadline for the Farm Service Agency to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for coarse grains.

Crops eligible for the benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are forage crops for livestock such as cane, feed, silage, peas and millet (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the program must visit their local agency office to complete an Application for Coverage and pay the service fee by March 15. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county with a \$900 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 must be filed with the local agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete loss and production information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with the agency. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are June 1 for small grain crops, and the earlier of Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops.

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.



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Extension Notes

By Joe Liebbrandt
Beef demand

As producers we are always concerned about the demand for the product that we produce. For several years, beef lost ground to poultry and pork, however in the last several years beef has rebounded.

But what has been demand in recent years and what should we expect in the upcoming year? The following is an excerpt from "In the Cattle Markets" and written by Dillon Feuz.

"What has happened with beef demand the last couple of years and what might we expect for 2008? As can be seen on the chart below, retail choice beef demand declined in 2005 by 3.2 percent and declined in 2006 by 6.6 percent. However, demand strengthened somewhat in 2007 increasing by about 1 percent for the year.

"If we just looked at the annual numbers, we might conclude that the downward trend in beef demand had been reversed and that demand in 2008 might also improve over 2007 levels. However, looking at quarterly data reveals a slightly different picture. For 2007 relative to 2006, beef demand was down 1.8 percent, up 3.3 percent, up 1.75 percent and unchanged for the first, second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. Flat fourth quarter demand in 2007 and concern for the general economy in 2008 as many experts concerned about the strength of beef demand for 2008.

"There will also be an increase in the supply of pork and poultry which would tend to pressure

beef demand lower, particularly if those increases in supply were accompanied by lower pork and poultry prices.

"I am not part of the gloom and doom crowd that believes the US economy is headed for a recession. However, even a little to no growth economy could cause some problems for beef demand. Looking at deferred live cattle contracts for later summer and fall, there is a lot of optimism in those prices, given the outlook for the general economy and for domestic beef demand in 2008."

There are many external forces such as higher feed prices, land costs and the question of export markets being reopened that affect our markets. With all these factors, its good to know that domestic beef demand will remain steady or better.

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