

Piano students participate in annual audition

Three St. Francis piano students participated in the Kansas Music Teachers Association's annual Music Progressions auditions. The auditions were held on Saturday at the Colby Community College.

St. Francis students attending were Kayla Reed, Sophie White and Jenna Confer. They performed two solos and were tested in several areas including music understanding and vocabulary, rhythm and pulse, sight reading, scales, chords, written theory and listening.

Jean Ann Confer, kindergarten through sixth grade music instructor, entered the students.

"The students all did extremely well at the annual progressions," she said.

Musicianship auditions are a comprehensive program set up to promote well-rounded musicians. It provides a musical format for evaluating the progressive growth of the students.

Judging the event were Kathy Jamisen and Karol Hickel.

Kayla is a piano student of Ruth Milliken; Sophie, a student of Tema Trumbo; and Jenna, a student of Lila Whitmore.



STUDENTS PERFORM—(l to r) Sophie White and Jenna Confer listen to Kayla Reed practice her solo.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Obituaries

Norma Jean Rath

Oct. 5, 1928 - April 19, 2009

Norma Jean Rath, 80, of Horton, Kan., formerly of St. Francis, died on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at the Tri-County Manor in Horton.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1928, in Rexford, the daughter of Charles and Rosa Miller Durham. Norma worked as a restaurant cook and nurse's aide.

In 1954, she married Lloyd C. Rath in Colby. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2001.

Norma was a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis and was an avid gardener.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra and her husband, Dale White of Horton; two brothers, August Durham of Colby and Charles Durham of Baudette, Minn.; three sisters, Rosa Lee Johnson of Bloomington, Ind., Ella Marty of Phoenix, Ariz., and Elta Mae Dornberger of Leonardville; four grandchildren, Michelle White of Horton, Brandon White of Horton, Joshua White of Spearfish, S.D., and Katherine White of Horton and three great-grandsons.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, son, LeRoy Rath and a sister, Clara Jane Langely.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 21, at the St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton. Grave-side services were on Wednesday at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Horton Community Hospital or the Tri-County Manor in care of the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com.

William Perkins (Bill) Sawhill

May 31, 1924 - April 7, 2009

William Perkins (Bill) Sawhill died on April 7, 2009, in Sunnyvale, Calif. Bill was 84, and had been fighting the effects of dementia for several years.

He was the son of Howard Thomas Sawhill and Vivian Perkins Sawhill, of St. Francis, Kan.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lorraine, whom he always called Miki; daughter, Susan Riley of McLean, Va.; son, Howard Thomas Sawhill, Chapel Hill, N.C.; a sister, Virginia Gallo-way of Denver, Colo., and three grandchildren, Lauren, William and Julian.

Born on May 31, 1924, Bill grew up and attended schools in St. Francis, graduating in the class of 1942.

During his early years, Bill became an Eagle Scout and an avid photographer.

At Colorado University in Boulder, he joined the Navy's V-12 Program and graduated in three quick years in Chemical Engineering and then from Midshipman's school at Cornell University. He served as an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After the war, Bill took his first job in Borger, Texas, with Phillips Petroleum. It was there that he found Lorraine Gilmore, who was employed as a registered nurse in the company hospital. They were married in 1948, packed up everything they owned into the trunk of his Ford roadster, and drove to San Francisco to start their new life together.

Bill worked for Fuller Paint as a color chemist. When the company went international in the 60s, Bill was asked to move his family which now included two

children, to Antwerp, Belgium, as part of the first wave of American globalization after World War II. He and Miki, along with three other families, founded the American Protestant Church of Antwerp.

After returning to the United States, Bill joined Ampex Corporation and relocated to Opelika, Ala., where he headed up research and development for the instrument tape division. A leading expert on magnetic tape, he was tapped by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to lead data recovery efforts from the recorders in the Challenger disaster. They again returned to Belgium before eventually settling back in the San Francisco Bay area, where he and Miki remained.

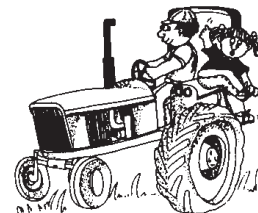
It was after retirement that Bill found his special artistic joy in adopting son, Howard's home-made high school potter's wheel. In many hours of experimentation, he perfected more and more beautiful pieces of pottery, with unusual glazes and colors and crystal patterns. Bill said that after developing a new formula and placing the pieces carefully in his kiln, the anticipation each time he opened it many hours later felt like Christmas morning. No two pieces were ever just alike, and each one held new possibilities.

He showed in numerous art shows throughout the Bay Area and was treasurer of the Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California. His warm crystalline glazes are featured in the American Ceramic Society's Ceramic Arts Handbook Series.

Bill's ashes were buried in Palo Alto at the Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

Youth hazardous class set for May 2

In 1970, the United States Department of Labor declared agricultural tasks as hazardous for children under the age of 16. With certain exemptions, this law made employment of youth under the age of 16 at these jobs illegal for anyone other than their parents or legal guardian.



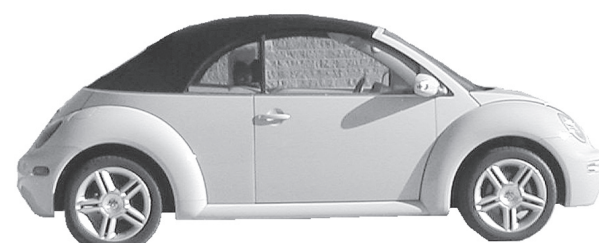
The long longstanding tradition of youth finding summer employment on local farms prompted the development of the Hazardous Occupations Training (tractor safety) program to train and certify youth 14 and 15 years of age to work in agricultural occupation for someone other than their parents. Recent interpretations of the law also require youth to have this certification to work for family partnerships, family corporations, and grandparents.

In the case of family partnerships and corporations, even when one partner is the parent, the youth technically works for the corporation, and therefore must have the certification. This training is also available for youth working on their parent's

farms as well as any rural resident or farm worker who desires a refresher course on farm safety. To meet the requirements of the law, youth should plan to attend a multi-county Hazardous Occupations Training from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the Brewster High School, Brewster. There is also required reading to do and assignments to complete prior to the class, so early registration is encouraged.

To register, provide your name, address, social security number and date of birth, to the County Extension Office by Monday, April 27. There is also a small fee which includes your manual, materials, and refreshments for breaks. A pizza lunch is being provided by Farm Bureau of Thomas and Sherman counties.

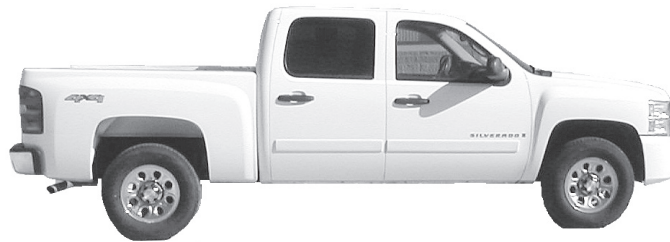
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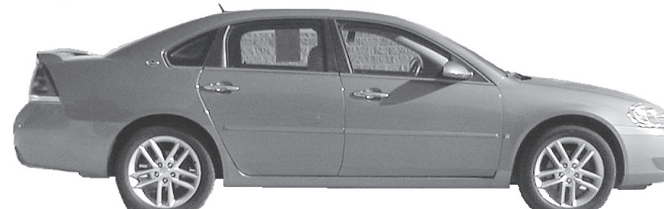
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Harold Leonard Mayfield

Aug. 11, 1931 - April 16, 2009

McDonald, Kan., resident Harold Leonard Mayfield, 77, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He had formerly been a resident of Goodland.

Harold was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Benkelman, Neb., the son of a farmer, Leonard Ernest and his wife Velma Pearl (Harper) Mayfield.

In 1949, he graduated from Atwood High School.

He served his country in the United States Air Force. During his tour in Europe, he was awarded a medal of bravery for his courage during a mission which involved the air transfer of nuns and children in Germany.

In 1958, he married Roberta (McCarty) Most. To this union, five children were born.

He was a master mechanic. Engines of any kind were no match for his God-given talent to repair what was broken.

Preceding him in death were

his parents and one brother Lloyd Mayfield.

Surviving family includes two sons Stephen Mayfield of Denver, Colo.; Shawn W. Mayfield of McDonald; three daughters Deidre D. Brantley of Atwood; Monique R. Mayfield of Thornton, Colo.; and Deserie A. Mayfield of Denver; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Elaine Stubbs and her husband Larry of Edgerton, Mo.

The memorial service was Monday, April 20, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with Dr. Chet Ross officiating. He was buried at the Atwood Cemetery, after a private family service.

Memorials may be designated to the Hunting Heritage Group (to be designated for Northwest Kansas youth hunts and outdoor events), and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

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