

**Sylvia C. Fisher**

Sept. 24, 1928 - May 28, 2010

Sylvia Kinen Fisher was born in St. Francis, Kan., on Sept. 24, 1928, to Philip and Mary Kinen. She grew up on the family farm, later going to work for *The Saint Francis Herald* as a reporter of social events.

Sylvia later moved to Denver and was employed by T. W. A. She married Larry Fisher on Aug. 22, 1959, and raised three children in lieu of pursuing her career with T. W. A.

She was active in church events, enjoyed dancing, playing bridge and spending time with her friends.

Although plagued with health issues much of her life, Sylvia continually found strength to move forward in her activities and find happiness in her friends and family.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Fisher of Arvada, Colo.; children, Mark Fisher, New York City, N.Y., Gina Ritter and husband, Ted, Jefferson, Colo., Mace Fisher of Arvada; grandchildren, Sam and Marissa Ritter of Jefferson. Siblings are; Sister Catherine Kinen of Benet Hill Monastery, Colorado Springs, Colo., Norbert and wife Jan Kinen of Gresham, Ore., Gary and wife Patricia Kinen (deceased), nephews, Philip Kinen of Kansas City, Peter and wife, Alice of St. Francis, Megan Kinen Morton (deceased), Anthony Kinen of Gresham, Ore., and great nephews, Tanner and Trent Kinen of St. Francis.

Memorial services were held on June 3 at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Arvada.

**Lydia Margardt Krien**

March 9, 1922 - May 26, 2010

Lydia Margardt Krien, age 88, died May 26, 2010, in Aurora, Colo. She was born March 9, 1922, in St. Francis, Kan.

Lydia was a farm wife in her earlier years, and a retired florist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip; son, Arlen in 1972, and grandson, Bobby Krien in 1999.

Survivors include her daughters, Elaine Willt, Holyrood, Marlene Reynolds, Parker, Colo.; son, Gary, Great Bend; brothers, Del-

mar Zweggardt, Parker, Willard Zweggardt, St. Francis; sister, Alice Coffin, Parker; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 1, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lincoln Meadows Senior Living in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis KS 67756.

**Melba LuVena (Boyd) Harford**

May 14, 1925 - May 21, 2010

Melba had written in February 2007, some of the following. The family has added some to the information.

I was born May 14, 1925, at home during a thunder and lightning storm, in the middle of the night to Pearl (Lines) and W. Grant Boyd. My dad went to Hiawatha where my grandfather lived to bring my aunt to stay with my mom while he went to Benkelman to get the doctor. I was born after midnight.

I had a very good home and parents.

When I was 6, I started school at the school house 1/4 mile south and 1 mile west of our home. I carried a lunch pail every day. A neighbor loaned us a pony for me to ride... that was a big joke! He wouldn't go where I wanted him to; he'd stop and put his head down and eat, and the only way I could get him to go was to get off and lead him. I walked in good weather and my dad took me on stormy days. Then my parents got me a bicycle...that was great! I rode it all my grade school years. Books were such a joy. I had a teacher that would bring me books from the county library in Benkelman. Pets and books were my playmates.

We took a trip to the Colorado Mountains before I started high school. What an adventure!

I started high school at 14, boarding in town during the week. Several girls lived with Mrs. Fisk and when her son Neil would get mad he would lock himself in the bathroom...the one and only for several girls. Those were good years. I was never a top student, but I got A's and B's, except geometry and physics and I did good to get C's on those. Math never was a top subject for me. I like being in 4-H in the summer, and even took a prize-winning pig to the fair. Then had to sell it and I cried. I always liked animals, except horses to ride!

I graduated with the Benkelman class of 1943. I helped my dad harvest wheat and in the fall I went to work at the county agent's office and really liked it. Mr. Barnell was a very good person to work for, besides, whenever he needed to be gone I'd stay with their four children and I could milk the cow for them.

Soil conservation was just getting a start and there were two young men from Haigler who were very

interested in soil conservation. They lived in the sandhills where the sand blew if not covered. They came to the office often...the younger one of them asked me to go out to dinner with him...I did...and soon decided I really liked him.

We were married at the Haigler Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, and I moved to the sandhills ranch north of Haigler with him. To the nicest house I'd ever lived in and there is no place I'd rather be.

Melva loved being a ranch wife, mother and grandmother. She loved flying with Ray to check pastures. She was active in the church, Sunday school, Bible school, United Methodist Women, extension clubs, was a 4-H leader, and enjoyed crafts, gardening, watching birds, photography of the beautiful sunrises, sunsets and while flying, quilting and sewing clothing, toys, dolls and sock monkeys. She enjoyed traveling, her trip to Mexico five years ago with her daughter and granddaughters and husbands was a highlight for her.

Melba was fortunate to live at her beloved home until January 2010, when, due to declining health, she moved into the Hester Home where she died on May 21, 2010, at the age of 85 years and one week. Her entire life was lived in Dundy County, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray; her sister-in-law, L. Virginia Harford and her nephew, Gail Harford.

Her memory will be cherished by her family: Linda and husband, Gene Jones, Glenda Brown, Ted and wife, Vicky Harford, and Tom and wife, Virginia Harford, eight granddaughters, one grandson, three step-grandchildren and their spouses; 14 great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren and five step-great-great-grandchildren; her brother-in-law, Don Harford; her niece, Karen Harford; her niece-in-law, Wanda Harford and children and families, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 26 at the Haigler United Methodist Church in Haigler, with Carol Coates, CLM and Anne Gatobu officiating.

Interment was in the Haigler Cemetery.

Memorials to the Melba L. Harford Memorial Fund.

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the procedures used to encourage people to clean up their property. Maybe it might be better to have the superintendent, city attorney and council people visit these people before the letters are sent.

There are two properties, they said, that have a court order for them to clean up their property. The only way they might get control of the property is to have a tax sale. They talked about having a district judge condemn property; that a district judge would be more objective. They also talked about going through the municipal court and the person can be fined if they are in violation. If they don't clean up the property, they will be fined so much a day.

They agreed that what they are doing to enforce the cleanup isn't working. Penalties mentioned besides fines included jail time and wage garnishment. Clerk Mary Lampe also suggested the Setoff Program which is used for those who do not pay utility bills. In the program, the name and social security number of the person who has not paid the bill is sent to the state and if he or she has a tax return coming, the utility money is taken out of that amount.

It was also agreed that everyone has a degree of what they feel is "sufficient property cleanup."

They reviewed pictures of different property, none of them, they said, are new and some have been in the same condition for the last 9 years.

Mr. Day brought the council up to date on a piece of property that Travis Milne is cleaning up. He said Mr. Milne had made substantial improvements including tearing down an old garage. After much discussion, the council agreed that Mr. Milne should attend the next meeting to talk about future plans and the city's agreement to abate some of the taxes.

**Recycling**

Roger Jensen, councilman, and Mr. Landenberger have been talking about how to get certain businesses to recycle more. They said one business has made great strides in recycling.

They had drafted a letter that they wanted to be sent to businesses which would offer businesses a "deal" that could have their trash pick up rate adjusted. The letter was read by the council and some of them agreed that it needed some "tweaking" which the city clerk would do.

They talked about how to make returning the letter/questionnaire easier -- maybe by fax or e-mail.

**HIGHWAY**

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be incredible in an area where nearly every county is losing jobs, population, farmers and schools.

"The area along U.S. 36 was left behind with the construction of the Interstate system. It became, in some ways, an economic backwater. Now, with Missouri set to dedicate a four-lane U.S. 36 across the state this summer, Kansas has an opportunity to get on the bandwagon and capture the traffic - and the economic benefits - of a four-lane road that bypasses congestion in St. Louis and Kansas City.

"Kansas has a start, the first eight miles of freeway, west of St. Joseph. Now we can see the benefits of continuing this work west."

The Docking study was done over the last year by Dr. Gilson, a senior fellow who worked on a similar study of widening U.S. 50 west of Hutchinson, and Dr. Brinker, director of the institute, under a contract with the association. Money for the study came from many of the counties along the highway and from a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan.

"We appreciate the support of the counties which joined this effort and especially of the foundation," said Mr. Haynes. "I thought it fitting, since Mr. Hansen made his fortune as a road builder, that his foundation would support this project.

"Having the study is just the start, however. The real job is ahead of us, pushing improvements in a part of Kansas that in many ways has been left behind by state transportation efforts. The association and our supporters must be as dedicated to this task as were the supporters of a four-lane U.S. 81 a decade or more ago."

After hearing the Docking report, members and directors of the group will hold a business meeting and elect officers for the year. For information, call the association office at (785) 476-3196 or Mr. Haynes at (785) 475-2206.

**CLEANUP**

The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Carla Lampe, council woman, said there was misinformation about the trees on Main Street. She said residents need to know that, first of all, nothing has been decided. Also, the city crew is not taking out all the trees.

Mr. Landenberger said the crew is looking at basically, taking out the diseased trees which will be replaced on a rotation basis. These trees, he said, are slower growing trees for this climate.

**Five-year plan**

The city's 5-year plan was reviewed. The council was concerned about putting away money for the swimming pool and new equipment for the theater. They talked briefly about money-making projects for these projects, especially the theater. It was noted that money would not be raised by raising admissions but possibly, concessions might be increased.

Money was set aside for streets, equipment and sewer cleaning. They talked about the breaking of the curb in several areas on Main Street, noting that, for one side of one block, the cost would be around \$6,000 and could be more, depending on what would need to be done to the bricks on the sidewalk.

**Police chief's report**

Shane Guggenmos, police chief,

had drawn up options for hiring of officers. He said if four were hired, there would be two officers on weekends and there would be less overtime.

Mrs. Lampe asked about working with the sheriff's department to help cover the city. He said he could talk to the sheriff.

**Swimming pool report**

Bruce Swihart, Swimming Pool Committee member, said a rules meeting had been held with the guards and manager, Crissy Cooks. Guards were told they were to be considerate about taking time off, making sure that the pool is not left short staffed. They are also to be honest with their hours and get the paperwork to the city clerk.

"It was a very positive meeting," he said.

**Superintendent's report**

Superintendent Landenberger talked about the streets that will be redone this summer. He had a price of \$135,075 which is below budget. He reminded the council that there could be a problem with the base of the street and this could run about \$4,000 extra. The council approved the street bid.

He said there are leaks in the small building at the swimming pool and the library and they needed to be repaired.

He said the Billy Krien crew is repairing the wall of the power plant and doing a nice job.

He had talked to the hospital's architect, Kent Carmichael, about plans to expand the hospital. The present plans will allow no parking. They are working on another plan.

**Light pole painting**

Scott Schultz, mayor, said he had been given a Salina Journal with an article about volunteers painting the light poles in the city of Salina. The council agreed that the Main Street light poles needed painting but, after discussion, they decided that it was a job for the city crews and volunteers can be better used in other project.

**Building permits**

Building permits were approved for Mark Cooper, fence; Sally Wieck, sidewalk; Pete Jensen, fence; Brock McAtee, fence; Rueb Farms, carport; Mike McGinnis, enclosed carport; Billy Lampe, driveway; Bankwest, curb, gutter and sidewalk; Dan Siegfried driveway.

**In other business**

In other business: • Ilene O'Leary with the St. Francis Housing Authority asked that the council waive taxes amounting to \$3,021. They agreed.

• A mobile home license was approved for Eldon Zimbelman.

**Next meeting**

The next regular city council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 14.

**Phone scam alert could cost \$\$**

It's another scam which can cost the caller big bucks!

A reader brought in the following warning for those answering telephones. There can be a message which asks the person answering the phone to call them back with a phone number beginning with the area code 809 as well as 284 and 876.

The following information to the reader was provided by AT&T. The 809 phone number is being distributed all over the United States. It is scary, especially with the message which is generally something like "I have something important to tell you."

The caller gets people to call by telling that it is information about a family member who is ill or someone has been arrested, died or that the caller has won a wonderful prize.

In each case, the caller is told to use the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If the person calls from the U.S., they will be charged \$2,425 per minute.

Or, the person can get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the

charges. It works because the 809 area code is located in the Dominican Republic.

Charges can become a nightmare because the person did make the call. Both the local phone company and the long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell the person that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. In the long run, the person who made the call will probably end up paying for it.

To verify, go to [www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045](http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045)

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**Activities in the Park**

**Friday, June 11th**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Golf Tournament         | T.B.A.            |
| Beer Garden             | 5:00 - 12:00 p.m. |
| DJ X-Press/Street Dance | 7:30 - 12:00 p.m. |

**Saturday Morning, June 12th Downtown Bird City**

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| Triathlon             | 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.        |
| Crafters/Food Vendors | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.   |
| Bed Races             | 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.       |
| Antique Car Show      | 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   |
| Sidewalk Chalk Art    | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.       |
| Grand Parade          | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. |

**Afternoon at the Park - June 12th**

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Inflatable Playground Equip. | 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.  |
| Rodeo Clown                  | All afternoon     |
| Sand Volleyball Tournament   | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| Horseshoe Tournament         | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| Kids Face Painting           | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| Blind Golf Cart Course       | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  |
| Band - Flatland Xprest       | 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  |
| Bull's Eye Drop              | 3:30 p.m.         |
| Beard Judging                | 4:00 p.m.         |
| Rifle/Buckle Drawing         | 4:30 p.m.         |
| Rifle/Buckle Auction         | 5:00 p.m.         |
| Free Barbecue                | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  |
| Beer Garden                  | 5:00 - 12:00 p.m. |
| Band - Pieces of Eight       | 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. |

**Sunday, June 13th At the Park**

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| Community Church | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Potluck/Meal     | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  |

NOTE: All Times are Central Time Zone

For more information - contact Wanda Dowdy @ 785-734-2383 or Ken Krien @785-734-7015.

RV Parking is available by reservation. Call Doug @785-734-7140

Costumes welcomed but not required. Bring your lawn chair and Enjoy!

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had been raised by the girls selling dessert at the recent car show and by one leader who had taken it upon himself to go door to door asking for donations. Ms. Gohl said she thought there were more donations coming in.

Elmer Kellner, representing the Boy Scouts, said 15 people had donated \$2,000 for the Hut. He had sent letters in the St. Francis high school alumni letters and he had gotten donations in that way. One woman, who was 80 years old, said she was a scout when the Scout Hut was built and it had cost \$2,960. He said the Scouts plan to raise extra money to take care of repairs as they are needed.

The Car Show members had donated \$250 and the United Methodist Thrift Store had given \$2,000.

"It is absolutely amazing," Bruce Swihart, councilman, said about the number of donations to the building.

The council had only one bid for the log siding which will be used on the Hut. Rasure Lumber, Goodland, had a bid of \$3,400 which the council accepted. Roger Jensen, councilman, said it will take more to finish the siding.

Volunteer labor will be used for putting up the siding. The windows should be put in shortly and the new door is already installed.