

Obituary

Randy Allen Hudson

Jan. 17, 1952 - Nov. 21, 2013

Randy Allen Hudson died on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in Benkelman, Neb. He was born in McCook, Neb., on Jan. 17, 1952, to Delmer and Lylas (Norman) Hudson.



Hudson

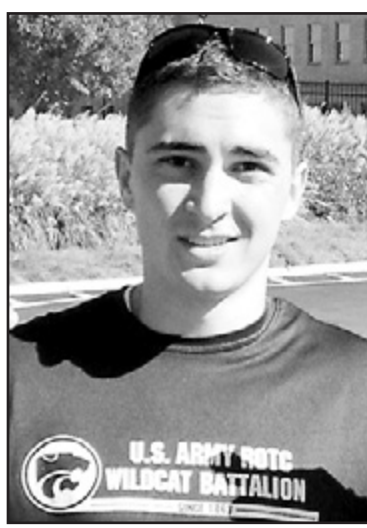
being the early morning boat rides with Sally. Randy was a gentle giant. While many could be intimidated by his imposing figure, deep voice and gruff exterior, those who were close to him knew that he was really just a big teddy bear. His soft heart was always apparent on the dance floor, as he thoroughly enjoyed twirling his girls around. Animals, and especially dogs, were always a big part of his life. Four-legged critters always knew they had a friend in Randy, especially his grandpuppy, Honey.

He married the love of his life, Sally Hickert, on June 13, 1981, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bird City. They made their home in Benkelman, where they lived their entire married life. To this union were born two daughters, Emily Catherine and Eleanor Marie. Randy always told Sally, "our 'boys' will come later." When Dustin joined the family, he was more than a son-in-law, he became Randy's kid. A wonderful addition was the arrival of their granddaughter, Sara Marie, in 2012, a very bright light in Randy's life.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include wife, Sally; daughters, Emily Hudson, Callaway, Neb., and Eleanor (Dustin) Jahay, Ellinwood, and granddaughter, Sara Marie Jahay; sister, Ronda (Gaylord) Vrbas, Stratton, Neb.; brother, Rick Hudson; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

A funeral mass was held Nov. 26 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Benkelman. Casket bearers were Randall Raile, Brad Leach, Michael Downey, Shane Sis, Terry Martin and Bob Krutsinger. Honorary casket bearers were Dustin Jahay, Michael Todd, Brad Norman, Scott Norman, Steve Norman, Gaylord Vrbas, Tim Hickert, Dan Hickert, Lee Gallatin and Ken Henry. Military services were performed by the American Legion Post 65, VFW Post 4178, Benkelman. Burial was in the Benkelman Cemetery.



Raby runs 10 mile race.

Local graduate in ROTC

Tyler Raby, a 2013 graduate of St. Francis High School, is a member of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps, associated with Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas.

Every year, the Army sponsors a ten mile run at the nation's capital, Washington D.C. Although he had injured his foot earlier in the week, Tyler attended the try outs in Manhattan, and qualified to go to Washington. The 10 Mile Army Run, held on October 20, 2013, had nearly 26,000 participants, representing all service branches, ROTC's, and also civilian participants. Tyler placed 5048th overall.

"The course ran thru many of the monuments, and in and around the D.C. area, finishing at the Pentagon. It was a lot of fun, a great experience, and a great honor to be a part of the Kansas State ROTC team that got to participate," said Tyler. "It was a darn long drive, though. I was really glad I got to go."

Hospital board meets and discusses budget for 2014

By Amanda Miller
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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board held their monthly meeting on Nov. 25 to go over department head reports and financials for the hospital. The board also briefly discussed the most recent commissioners meeting that two hospital board members had attended.

Mila Bandel, public health nurse for the county health department, reviewed the 2013 yearly report for the department. The county health department has taken over the immunization program this year and stayed very busy. There is more on what county health has been doing in the Nov. 28 issue of The Herald.

Jackie Ritchey, health information manager, then briefly went over the change in coding that will take place next year. The department has also been busy scanning all health information from patient folders this year into the computer system.

Shawna Blanka handed out information regarding critical access hospitals. Hospitals in this category across the country are currently dealing with funding difficulties. Look for more information in the related article in this issue of The Herald.

During the meeting, the board also discussed the last commissioner's meeting. Board members said that they will continue to go and educate the commissioners. They expressed frustration that they have gone two times now with an agenda, that was sent prior to the commissioners meeting, and the commissioners did not follow it. They felt the commissioners were not interested in the financials, but said they would

continue to go to the meetings and have a presence.

Les Lacy, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, said that the mill levy comparison to other hospitals is like "comparing cars based on their color." Every hospital is so different, and things are not always what they seem.

When looking at the funded depreciation account, it may look like a lot of money, but it is an emergency fund. The hospital board decides when the funded depreciation will be used. The board is a type of checks and balances between the county and the hospital. Some other hospitals do not have this emergency fund.

The financials of the hospital are extremely complicated. The auditors for the county and hospital are going to come together to review things. Cheyenne County Hospital is a leased hospital, not a managed hospital like many others in the Great Plains Health Alliance. Rawlins County Health Center is a managed care hospital.

Mike Bandel, board member, asked how the commissioners get the Rawlins county information? Les Lacy said he did not know. As the area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, he is also director of the Rawlins County Health Center. However, Les stated that has given very limited information to the commissioners.

Les Lacy told the board that he felt very positive about the commissioner's interaction and communication that is taking place. He said transparency is best.

"We all want the best thing for the community and the hospital," Les said. He went on to say that we are all reasonable people. We

just need to help with the commissioner's understanding.

The hospital board voted to give employees a Christmas bonus this year that reflects last year's. Full time employees will receive \$100; part time employees \$50. In addition, they received a "premium holiday" because the amount paid out for health insurance was less than expected. The hospital and employees both get a month off from paying their December monthly premium.

Moving on to the budget, it was stated that the MRI machine the hospital is making a sinkhole, so that must be repaired before it causes problems with the water main. JR Landenberger, city superintendent, will be asking if the city will pay half of the expense.

Judy Rockwood, hospital administrator, said that the board is going to have to start thinking about forgiving the hospital for the debt that they have borrowed. If the hospital paid back the funded depreciation account, it would owe about \$864,000. The only real option is to not replenish that account.

A budget was prepared for 2014. Les commented that they had done a nice job trying to get a conservative budget done. While they want to get the budget for next year approved, because the board just received the information they opted to table the budget approval to the next meeting. This gives the board members more time to review the budget.

The next hospital board meeting will be held Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in the basement of the clinic.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE
KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
IVALEE MARGARET MEARS, a/k/a
IVALEE MEARS, Deceased. Case No. 13PR21

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 25, 2013, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Joyce Annetta Cahoj, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of IvaLee Mears, deceased, dated August 7, 2013, requesting the admission to probate of the foreign Will of IvaLee Mears to probate and record without administration of the estate.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 19th day of December, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joyce Annetta Cahoj, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

DAVID MERKLIN, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Case No. 2013 CV 15

DANIEL CUATT, and his unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successor, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased,

DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1002

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 26, 2013, a Quiet Title Petition was filed in this Court by David Merklin, regarding the following property located in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

A strip of ground 24 3/4 feet wide along the entire west side and edge of the Northeast Quarter (N.E. 1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21) in Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, said strip of land consisting of One and One-half (1 1/2) Acres.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 30th, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

David Merklin, Petitioner

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