

Obituaries

Johnnie J. Cooper

Sept. 9, 1936 - Aug. 27, 2004
Johnnie J. Cooper, 67, Goodland, Kan., died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver, Colo.

He was born Sept. 9, 1936, in Selden, the son of John Cooper and Rosa (Zimmer) Cooper. He graduated from Selden High School.

On Sept. 18, 1956, he and Joanne Huelsmann were married at Seldon. They made their home in Colby and raised a family of five children. They shared 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1962, Johnnie started a career cutting meat in Colby. He and his family then moved to Hoxie in 1966, where he owned and operated his own meat market. In 1968, the family moved to Goodland, where he continued to cut meat until he retired in 1999.

On Jan. 1, 1997, he and Connie Miller were married at Bonny Reservoir in Kit Carson County, Colo., and resided in Goodland.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge 152, Moose Lodge, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Johnnie loved the game of baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother Donald "Punk" Cooper.

Surviving family includes his five children, Rod Cooper and his wife, Michelle, of Goodland, Diana Slough and her husband, Gary, of Goodland; Kendall Cooper and his wife, Jacque, of Goodland, Cheryl Ralston and her husband, Kelly, of Great Bend, Cindy Sherlock and her husband, Gilbert, of St. Francis; 14 grandchildren, Christopher Cooper, Stacie Cooper, Zachary Ralston, Cortnea Ralston, Justin Sherlock, Kelby Ralston, Cassie Cooper, Cody Sherlock, Jesse Cooper, Cooper Slough, Colton Cooper, Carlee Cooper, Kylie Sherlock,

Tristan Cooper; one great-grandchild, Kiefer Cooper; four siblings, Hubert Cooper and his wife, Gene, of Colby, Norma Lee Brainard of Aurora, Colo., Rose Ann Chance of Colby, Ronnie Cooper of Oberlin.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Koons chapel, Goodland, with Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial was at the Selden Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to Goodland Baseball Programs

Lyle Duane Jacobson

Nov. 7, 1925-Aug. 21, 2004

Lyle Duane Jacobson, 78, died Aug. 21, 2004, at Valley Eldercare Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

Lyle was born on Nov. 7, 1925, to Melvin John and Myrtle (Johnson) Jacobson in Emerado, N.D. He served in the US Air Corp during World War II. During that time he met Nancy Pearson. Lyle and Nancy were married on Nov. 18, 1948, in Grand Forks. He was employed by Dow Supply in Grand Forks until his retirement.

Those to celebrate this life are his daughters, Marilyn, living at Valley 4000, Dorothy (Randy) Smestad of Ketchikan, Alaska; three grandchildren, Kevin (Christy) of Anchorage, Alaska, Ken (Christina) of Gresham, Ore., and Krysta Smestad of Gresham; also two great-granddaughters, Lidia and Bethany Smestad of Anchorage, Alaska; a best friend, Ruth Ann Halvorson of Thompson, N.D.; his brother, Lloyd Jacobson of Grand Forks; sister Ann Fayette (Mike) of Warren, Minn.; sister-in-law, Bertha Jacobson of Renton, Wash; also sisters-in-law Florence Smith, Sacramento, Calif.; Nadine Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.; Manette Henderson and Inez Bargo, St. Francis, Kan., and many nieces and nephews across the United States.

Funeral services were held at the Amundsen Funeral Home in Grand

Forks on Aug. 26, then at the Church of Christ, St. Francis, on Aug. 28. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Casket bearers were Dale Henderson, John Braden, Tim Burr, Troy Burr, Dale Leydig and Raymond Armknecht.

Troy Dean Witham

Jan. 18, 1935 - Aug. 22, 2004

Troy D. Witham, son of Thera Myra Waters Witham and Verne Audrey Witham was born Jan. 18, 1935, at the St. Francis hospital.

The family resided on a farm northwest of Bird City, prior to moving to Bird City in 1946. Troy attended Bird City schools, graduating in 1953. He attended Pittsburg State College in 1954 and 1955.

In June of 1956, Troy was united in marriage to Maxine Schocke. The next two years Troy spent in the U.S. Army serving in Honorary Military Guard.

Troy and Maxine then returned to Cheyenne County to farm. Two children, Darris and Paula Rae were adopted during the time in Cheyenne County. They moved to Forsyth, Mo., in 1970.

Troy remained in Missouri where he pursued selling real estate and later found his niche working and refurbishing antiques.

Troy suffered heart failure at his and Bonita's home in Nixa, Mo., on Aug. 22, 2004.

His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include his longtime companion, Bonita Hayworth; adopted children, Darris and Paula; sister, Charlene Ediger; brother-in-law, Eldo Ediger; nephews Mark and Scott Ediger; aunt, Donna Johnson; cousin, Bradley Waters and many other relatives.

Graveside services were held in Bird City on Aug. 27 with Pastor Morita Truman officiating. Military honors were provided by Fort Riley Memorial Team.



CHEYENNE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT coordinator Carol Redding is busy in her office in the basement of the courthouse.

Heald staff photo by Karen Krien

New coordinator takes over

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation has been seeking a new coordinator since the resignation of Susan Hobrock.

After interviews, the Development Corporation Board hired Carol Redding who had previously served on the board.

Mrs. Redding grew up in St. Francis and graduated from St. Francis Community High School. She moved back to Cheyenne County, living in St. Francis, in October 2002. During those years, she pursued two careers, then retired.

Her first career was teaching high school English/language arts and remedial reading.

"That's why I volunteered for helping students read in the grade school most of last year and tutored children this summer," Mrs. Redding said.

Following her teaching career, she went into the nuclear power industry, beginning as a certified mechanical and welding inspector. That job involved inspecting welds and mechanical components, and ensuring that hydrostatic tests were performed correctly on new installations of piping — all sizes — in a nuclear power plant. Those tests determined that piping was ready to be used in power production.

Then she worked as a quality training coordinator, preparing and presenting training (lesson plans and examinations) to nuclear inspectors and auditors, and maintaining certifications for quality personnel. Her

nuclear power years before retirement were in the licensing department, which involves the regulatory side of nuclear power. Licensing personnel interface with all regulators, especially the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ensuring that power production is within federal and plant regulations.

Mrs. Redding's goals for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation include helping revitalize the county economy by working with other organizations and the public. Another goal is to help maintain and improve this county as "the great place to live" that it is.

One project in the works now is a grant for fire equipment for the county. Mrs. Redding will be at-

tending training on grant writing and seeking information on fundraising in general; all such information will be happily passed on to anyone wanting to expand opportunities in the county.

Mrs. Redding said she looks forward to meeting and listening to all county residents.

She is in the office in the lower level of the courthouse Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon; the phone number is 332-3508 or 888-735-2444.

Mrs. Redding's dad, Maurice Blume, lives in St. Francis. Her son, Ben and wife Cristina are in Denver; her daughter, Alicia, husband Brad and foster daughter Loraine live near Fort Collins.

Extension Notes

Control Flies on Cattle

If you have been in rural Cheyenne county you can't help but notice the cows fighting flies. It would seem that with summer nearing an end, the numbers would be declining. However, their populations are growing in many animal production facilities, including cattle operations, according to a Kansas State entomologist.

"For control, management and prevention of flies, it is important to know what fly species is causing the problem," said Ludek Zurek, medical and veterinary entomologist with K-State Research and Extension.

Three fly species are major pests of cattle — horn flies, stable flies and house flies. Zurek provided these basics producers should know about:

Horn flies

Male and female horn flies bite and feed on the blood of animals. They are about half the size of house flies. Horn flies usually gather on the shoulders, back and sides of animals. On hot days they move to the underside of the belly. Unlike other flies, they stay on the animal and leave only when disturbed or when females lay eggs in fresh animal feces.

The ways to control horn flies, include ear tags, sprays, pour-ons, dust sprays and back rubbers. There are several brands to choose from.

"One ear tag per animal is good enough," Zurek said. "But, not every animal needs to be tagged for horn fly control. Tagging every third animal with one tag will provide good control because horn flies move between

animals and eventually will take blood from the tagged animal — which will kill the fly. Try rotating two years on organophosphate tags, one year on pyrethroid tags, two years on organophosphate tags, and so on."

Stable flies

Male and female stable flies bite and feed on blood from animals and people. They leave black or dark red spots on surfaces where they rest.

"On cattle, bites most often occur on the legs," Zurek said. "Cattle react to stable flies by bunching up and standing in water, which helps protect from bites, but reduces feeding and decreases weight gain."

Larvae develop in manure mixed with soil, straw or hay, as well as in decaying spilled grain and fermenting grass clippings. Development of the stable fly from egg to adult takes three to four weeks.

Currently, there are no effective control methods for stable flies on pastured cattle, Zurek said.

"Research indicates that stable flies in pastures develop in sites where round hay bales are fed to cattle during the winter," Zurek said. "Steps should be taken to minimize hay waste and accumulation or to spread the wasted hay into thin layers."

House Flies

Despite their name, house flies can be found outdoors as well as in. House flies do not bite, but can transmit food-borne and animal pathogens.

House flies generate brown or yellow spots on walls and other surfaces where they rest. They are common

By Tye Faulkender



from spring to late fall.

House fly larvae can develop in any decaying organic substrate, including animal manure, compost and garbage. Under ideal conditions, house flies' development from egg to adult takes only eight days.

"The key to controlling house flies is a good sanitation program that includes maintaining good drainage, cleaning around feed bunks, under fences and gates, and around water systems," Zurek said.

There are also baits and residual sprays that can help control house flies. Baits are available in granular form or a form that can be dissolved in water for paint-on application. Sprays are applied where the flies rest.

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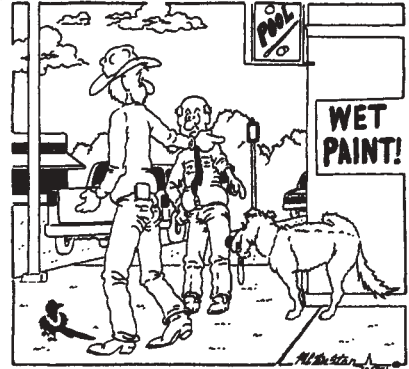
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