

Obituaries

Leslie L. White

Oct. 5, 1934 - Feb. 7, 2005

Leslie L. White, 70, of Haigler, Neb., died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Wray District Community Hospital in Wray, Colo.

He was born Oct. 5, 1934, to Herman and Lillie (Dixon) White on his family's farm south of Haigler in Cheyenne County, Kan. He grew to manhood on the farm and attended country school near his home. He was a graduate of Haigler High School.

After high school, Les worked with his father on the farm until 1955, when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard as a machinist. He received his military training at the Great Lakes Coast Guard Training Center and was stationed at Sand Island, Hawaii. He later transferred to Galveston Island, Texas, and then Miami, Fla. He received his honorable discharge in 1959. Les enjoyed telling others about his military service and would often reminisce about his adventures in the Coast Guard.

In 1960, he was united in marriage to Rae Wheaton at Benkelman, Neb. Together they made their home in Haigler where they engaged in farming and raised their children, Kris, Shellie, Jerry and Sherrie.

In 1963, Les obtained his private pilots license and enjoyed flying with family and friends. He was always ready to fly anywhere. Les also drove an activity bus for school events, including Senior Sneak. To this day, people still don't know who had the most fun, Les or the kids! In his spare time Les enjoyed camping and horse-back riding and spending time with his loving family. He was a Charter member of the Wray Elks Lodge, and the Nebraska American Legion.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Herman and Lillie White; mother-in-law, Eleanor Muse; brother-in-law, Tom Wheaton; and sister-in-law, Dorothy White.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 44 years, Rae White of Haigler; children, Kris Jardine and husband, Dave, Shellie Lare and husband, Brad, Jerry White and wife, Jackie, Sherrie Roach; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, at Forch Funeral Chapel in Benkelman with Reverend Chris Farmer officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Haigler Cemetery.

Arrangements of Forch Funeral Chapel of Benkelman.

Margaret M. Stuart

Sept. 2, 1921 - Feb. 18, 2005

Longtime St. Francis resident Margaret Marie Stuart, 83, died Friday, Feb. 18, at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

Margaret was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Goodland, Kan., the daughter of Luella Mae (Sperry) and James

Dalton Amos.

Margaret graduated from Goodland High School in 1940. On Oct. 26, 1946, Margaret was married to R.W. "Bud" Stuart in Goodland (58 years of marriage). Margaret worked at Stuart's Jewelry Store as a salesperson since 1949 and semi-retired in 1996.

Margaret was a member of the First Christian Church of St. Francis. She was baptized as a teenager at the First Christian Church of Goodland. She was a Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Ramblers Club and was a past-president of the Garden Club. During her high school years she worked at Kelly's confectionary in Goodland.

Preceding Margaret in death were her parents, Jim and Luella, and one brother, Donald Amos.

Surviving family members include her loving husband, R.W. "Bud" of their home in St. Francis; their son Patrick (Pat) and his wife, Bonnie of St. Francis and two grandchildren, R.W. Stuart and wife, Krista of Overland Park and Roxy Stuart of Denver, Colo. Also surviving is one sister Vivian Jensen of Goodland and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Tony Christians officiating.

Casket bearers were Harold Nolan, Jack Lampe, Tom Bandel, Kelly Frewen, Doug Leibbrandt, Jeff Raile. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Margaret's name to the First Christian Church.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home

Shirley L. (Roberts) Maxwell

Feb. 7, 1926 - Feb. 28, 2005

Shirley L. Maxwell, 79, of Colby, Kan., died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby after a short illness.

Mrs. Maxwell was born Feb. 7, 1926, to Charles and Martha Roberts in Benkelman, Neb. She attended Benkelman schools graduating from the Benkelman high school. She was a homemaker.

She married Robert (Bob) Maxwell Jan. 6, 1947, in St. Francis. To this union one daughter was born, Sandra K. (McMillen). The Maxwells also had an adopted son, Ron L. Maxwell.

Mrs. Maxwell is survived by her husband, Robert (Bob) Maxwell of Colby; one son, Ron L. Maxwell and his wife Damie of Hephzibah, Ga.; one daughter, Sandra K. McMillen and her husband, Kenny of

Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one brother, Virgil "Delton" Roberts and his wife, Elaine of Sparks, Nev.; one sister, Phyllis Roelfs and her husband, Rowland of St. Francis; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, John and Raymond, one sister, Charlotte; two nephews and one niece.

Vigil and rosary was held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 4, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating. Buriawas at the Catholic cemetery in Sequin.

Daphne Belle Todd

April 15, 1923 - March 6, 2005

Daphne Belle Todd was born April 15, 1923, in Haigler, Neb., to Hazel Adelaide Arnold and Lawrence Todd. She died March 6, 2005, at the Wray Community Hospital, Wray, Colo. Daphne had been in ill health for many years. She was 81 years, 10 months, and 19 days old.

Daphne's early childhood days were spent in southwestern Nebraska. She attended high school in Boulder, Colo., Alma, Colo., and Benkelman, Neb. She graduated from Benkelman High School in 1941. She then moved to Butte, Mont., with her mother, Hazel and stepfather, Frank Leslie Yager. She attended St. James School of Nursing for three years and received her registered nursing degree in nursing in September 1947. She worked in her nursing career at Butte, Caliente, Nev., Lima, Mont.; and Pocatello, Idaho.

Daphne's mother died in 1971, in Montana, and following her death, Daphne moved back to Haigler. She lived with her mother's sister and her aunt, LaVella Long until LaVella's death in 1979. Daphne, better known as "Todd," continued to work in the nursing field after returning to the Haigler area. Through the years, she was employed at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, the Hester Memorial Nursing Home in Benkelman and the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan.

Daphne loved animals, and was always taking in a stray kitty from the streets. Throughout her life, she helped many animals...as well as people.

Daphne was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel; her father, Lawrence, Todd; her stepfather, Frank Yager; her aunt, La Vella Long; and her close cousin, Harriet Carlock.

She is survived by cousins, Marv Carlock, Stan Carlock, Sandra Magley, Cheryl Raile, Linda Miller and friend, JoAnn Tafoya.

Burial was at the Haigler Cemetery on Monday afternoon, March 7.



PATCHING THE CRACKS on the Cheyenne County runways. Bill Lee and Larry Zweygardt were among the state crew doing early maintenance to extend the life of the asphalt.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Grace

Group to meeting Sunday

The High Plains Archaeology Group will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby.

President Nancy Arendt will discuss the upcoming Kansas Archaeology Training Program, which will be near Kanorado in June.

No archaeology experience is necessary to participate in the field school, which is at a site that has prehistoric mammoth and camel bones along with evidence of man.

"This could be the excavation of a lifetime," Ms. Arendt said. "It is possibly the oldest evidence of humans in North America."

Cost to attend the 16 day dig is \$20 for Kansas Anthropological Association members.

Cost for an individual Kansas Anthropological Association membership is \$20 annually. Family and student memberships are available. For those who are not association members, cost to attend the dig is \$80.

"Participation can be as little as one day or all 16 days for the one-time fee of \$20," Ms. Arendt said. "You choose your schedule. You can even come and go in nonconsecutive days."

Along with the actual site digging

at the field school, classes are offered each year for personal enrichment, that can also be used for credits towards the association's amateur certification program, or college credit. The classes are at no additional cost unless participants are going the college credit route.

Classes being offered this year are Archaeological Fieldwork, Archaeological Site Survey, Field and Laboratory Photography, Historical Archaeology and Historic Rural Architecture.

In addition to the field school discussion, Ms. Arendt will discuss a scouting trip she and several other members took to the Dancing Leaf Earth lodge near Wellfleet, Neb. A short video of the site will be shown. Group members plan on organizing a trip for later this summer that the public is welcome to attend.

April is Kansas Archaeology Month, with the theme being Faces From the Past. Vice president Kathy Arendt will present ideas at the meeting for the publicity campaign that will be launched to promote both archaeology and the High Plains Archaeology Group.

"It is really exciting this year because the field school is on the High Plains this year, near Kanorado,"

she said. "I have lots of plans and ideas to get information to the public about our group and the dig."

She added she is open to ideas from other group members, and will be needing volunteers to help carry out the campaign.

Linda Davis-Stephens, Historian of the High Plains group, will speak about opportunities coming up for the group to be involved with a tour of Cottonwood Ranch, as well as the annual Thomas County Historical Society meeting.

"I don't have dates confirmed yet, but either of those could include an event in honor of archeology month in association with our Chapter," Ms. Davis-Stephens said.

"The training covers the how-tos of identifying, describing and analyzing prehistoric artifacts like stone projectile points and pottery," Miner said, "as well as historic artifacts such as bottles, ammunition and porcelain."

For more information on the High Plains Archaeology Group or the Field School, contact the group at (785) 460-6653, or via e-mail at arendts@st-tel.net. Postal inquiries may be sent to High Plains Archaeology Group, 665 Cherokee Drive, Colby, KS 67701.

Local student accepts university scholarship

Devin Rohweder of St. Francis was among area students who accepted Fort Hays State University scholarships for the 2005-06 academic year at a recent Student Recognition Program in Goodland.

Rohweder accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in geosciences and a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award. He is in-

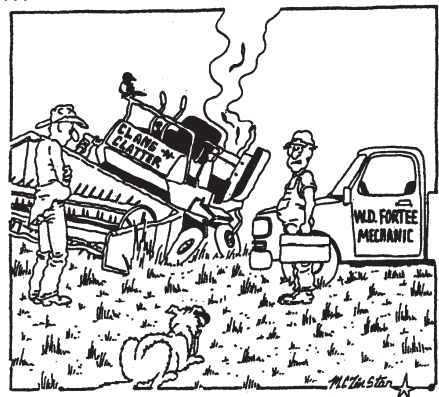
involved in football, wrestling, art, drama and wood.

The son of Richard and Michele Rohweder, he plans to major in geography.



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