

**Deaths** (continued from page 4)**Charles Edwin Draper**

Charles Edwin Draper, 96, of St. Francis, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

He was the father of the late Bill Draper of Colby.

Mr. Draper was born March 6, 1909, in Howard, Kan.

He was a farmer and rancher.

Mr. Draper is survived by a son, Robert Draper of St. Francis; four daughters, Raythel Rueber of Ludell, Vivian Jones of Lincoln,

Neb., Phyllis Bexley of St. Francis, Joann "Jody" Lee of Wheeler; a sister, Irene Rose of Hamilton, Mon.; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriette, in 2002; infant daughter Janet; granddaughter Heather Draper in 1996 and son Bill Draper in 2004.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian church in St.

**Wilbur Arthur Gross**

Wilbur Arthur Gross, 87, of Lexington, Neb., died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Plum Creek Care Center. Mr. Gross grew up in the Colby area.

He was born Oct. 18, 1918 in Oakley to Arthur James and Bessie May (Howard) Gross. He graduated from Colby High School in 1936.

He attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo. for a time before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He also worked for Safeway.

He served in World War II from 1942-1946. His unit was stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.; Bremerton, Wash.; Camp Adair, Ore.; Camp Livingston, La.; Camp Haan, Calif. and Okinawa.

**W. Gross**

He worked in sales, and later became assistant manager. He retired in 1986.

He was a member of Lexington First United Methodist Church for 46 years and active in Sunday school and the choir. He was also active in many community activities.

Mr. Gross is survived by his wife, Betty, of Lexington; a son, Mark

**Betty J. St. John**

Betty J. St. John, 79, of LeGrand, Iowa, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

She was the mother of Martha Collins of Colby.

Mrs. St. John was born Jan. 25, 1927, in Des Moines, Iowa to Edward and Helen Hutchings. She lived most of her childhood in Marshalltown, Iowa.

She married Virgil St. John Sept. 22, 1946, in Olathe. She was a homemaker and worked for the

Mason County School System as a teacher's assistant.

They lived in LeGrand since 1986.

Mrs. St. John is survived by her husband, Virgil St. John of LeGrand, Iowa; son Marshall St. John and wife Grace of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; three daughters, Regan Roberts and husband Dan of Marshalltown, Iowa, Leslie Jaspersen of LeGrand, Iowa and Martha Collins and husband Ed of Colby; two brothers, Bill Hutchings

**Fern R. Jones**

Fern R. Jones, 87, of Norton, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Norton County Hospital in Norton. She grew up in the Colby and Atwood areas.

Mrs. Jones was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Chadron to Russell R. and Blanche K. (Hinkle) Andrews.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, Vernon, of Norton; four children, Elton Jones of Washington, W.V., Mary Kathryn Campbell and husband Kenneth of Dearing, George Jones of Norton and Judi Jones of Norton; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and four

Francis. Burial will follow at Grace Cemetery in McDonald.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Friday and 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis, and from noon until service time at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services of Cheyenne County in St. Francis. They may be sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756-0606.

Gross and wife Jane of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Mary Ellen Lews of Des Moines, Iowa and Sarah Jones and husband Curt of Lincoln, Neb.; twin brother Willard of Burlington, Colo.; a sister, Ruth Blair of Midland, Mich.; three grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Elmer, Frank, Howard and Ralph, and three sisters, Mabel, Hazel and Pearl.

Services were held today at First United Methodist Church in Lexington, Neb. with Revs. Todd Karges and John Craig officiating. Burial was held prior to the service at Greenwood Cemetery east of Lexington.

Reynolds-Love Funeral Home of Lexington, Neb. was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in Lexington or Camp Comeca in Cozad.

and wife Vandy of Omaha, Neb. and Robert Hutchings and wife Dorretta of Mesa, Ariz.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were today at the First Baptist Church in LeGrand, Iowa with Conrad Lundberg officiating.

There was no visitation.

For condolences, go to <http://www.mitchellfh.com>. Mitchell Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at First Church of God in Norton.

Pastor Terrill Worthington officiated. Burial was at Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Norton County Hospital.

**Committee reworking funeral picketing bill**

TOPEKA (AP) — A Senate committee plans to make changes to a bill intended to halt protesting and picketing at funerals after a legal expert said the measure could face legal challenges.

The Federal and State Affairs Committee is considering a bill to ban picketing and protest marches within 300 feet of a funeral service one hour before, during or two hours after the service. Currently,

state law says only that it's illegal to picket "before or about" a funeral service.

Although the proposal would ban any protest, it was prompted by the Rev. Fred Phelps Sr. and his Westboro Baptist Church members picketing and protesting funerals of soldiers around the nation.

The problem, said Stephen McAllister, University of Kansas Law School professor and constitu-

tional scholar, is that a 300-foot buffer zone in most instances would extend to streets and sidewalks, which courts consider public forum areas.

"Those zones would be subject to serious challenges in court," McAllister told the committee Tuesday. "You can try distance but it will be a serious issue, and the greater the distance the more of an issue it will be."

**18th Annual Consignment**

Storm Date:  
Mon. Feb. 27

Across the road west of the Hitchcock Co. Fairgrounds, Culbertson, NE

**AUCTION**

**Monday,  
February 20  
10 a.m. CST**

**Many more consignments by sale time. Consignments will be received until Feb. 19th.**

**Feed Truck, Trucks, Pickups, Motor Home & Fire Truck:**

• 1990 Ford 8000, Ford diesel engine, 6 cyl, 200 hp, auto transmission, Allison 653, recent engine overhaul, 600-16 tires, with Roto-Mix box, stainless steel liners in box, electronic scales • 1996 Kenworth, Cummings diesel, 20' box, roll-over tarp, 3rd axle steer • Colt 20' hopper bottom pup • 1980 Chevy, V8, 15 1/2' box & hoist, 4/2 spd trans • 1976 Chevy, V8, Swartz 15 1/2' box & hoist • 1973 Peterbilt, 400 Cummings, 13 spd trans, conventional cab • 1974 Ford, Obeco 16' box & hoist, 4/2 spd trans, roll-over tarp • 1964 Ford, 13 1/2' steel box, runs good • 1974 Ford, 16' steel box, real clean, runs good • 1975 Ford F600, 16' box & hoist, wood floor • 1974 Ford F700, V8, 5/5 spd trans, 900-20 tires, near new, 18 1/2' steel sided box • 1980 Chevy 1 Ton dually pickup, gooseneck, steel box, 2WD • 1991 Ford 3/4 T. pickup, V8, auto trans, on propane • 1969 Chevy C60, tandem, 427 motor, 18' box & hoist, 4/2 spd trans, roll-over tarp • 1965 International, 304 motor, V8, 4/2 spd trans, 8.25 tires • 1968 Chevy, 6 cyl, Giant 13 1/2' box, 4/2 spd trans • 1950 Ford F100, 1/2 Ton, V8, 4 spd trans, good motor • 1979 Chevy Luv pickup, 4 cyl, 4 spd trans • 1973 International pickup, 4x4, 1/2 Ton, V8, 4 spd trans, good body, runs good • 1980 Chevy K20 Suburban, 4x4 • 1988 Ford 3/4 Ton pickup, 4x4, 20K miles on new motor • 1954 International Fire truck with pumps • 1981 Pace Arrow 25' Motor Home, AC, self-contained, 425 motor, excellent condition Steel rods, 1" & 1 1/8"

**Tractors, Combine, Heads & Backhoe:** • 1976 International Huff 65C payloader, 2 1/2 yard bucket • Case 580B, backhoe & loader, diesel • 1984 JD 2950 w/JD 148 loader w/grapple • 1977 AC 7060, power shift, 3pt, 20.8-38 duals, 6,000 hrs, SN-58825 • 1961 JD 3010 diesel, 3pt, 15.5-38 tires, less than 500 hrs on overhaul, SN-45335 • 1981 Ford TW30, 3pt, 20.8-38 duals, 70% rubber, 500 hrs on new engine, new clutch, dual power, air, with dozer, SN-C645191 • 1980 AC 8550, 4 wheel drive, 3pt, dual tires • 1964 Ford 4000, 3pt, w/ Ford heavy duty loader • 1940 IHC H tractor, w/Farmhand loader, SN-230883 • JD 7700 combine, hydrostat, SN-166438H • 1995 JD 925 flex head • International 820, 15 1/2' flex head.

**Trailers:** • 1999 Travelong 3 horse slant trailer, gooseneck, tack room • Tandem bale trailer, holds 10 bales, like new • 30' Gooseneck flatbed trailer • Moveall 40' drop deck trailer.

**Livestock Equipment:** • Haybuster H1100E tub grinder, gooseneck, Cat 3306B 300 hp engine • Haymule bale processor, near new • Comanche 20' bale feeder, new • 3pt bale carrier • (4) Round bale feeders • Stock racks • 85 bushel hog feeder good shape • WW squeeze chute • Hydraulic wire roller, 3pt. • Barbed wire & smooth wire • Letz roller mill, PTO • Livestock squeeze chute • 4 rolls barbed wire • 3pt hydraulic wire roller • Calf cradle • 105 small bales of cane • 25 steel hog panels • Saddle, used very little • Pallets white rock salt • Lindy squeeze chute • Small hog feeders • Monitor pump jack • Swartz feed wagon • Cattle & hog panels

**Irrigation Equipment:** (41) joints mainline pipe • (25) joints 8" gated pipe, 30' • (180) joints 8" gated pipe, 30' • (34) joints 5" mainline pipe • (25) joints 10" gated pipe • (1200) new irrigation gates, 6", 8", 10"

**Terms of Sale:** Cash, Cashier Check or Personal Check with proper I.D. Settlement for items must be made in full day of sale, and no items shall be removed until settled for. Not responsible for accidents, theft or items after bid-off. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any other advertising. All guarantees, if any, are between buyer and seller.

**Farm Equipment:** • Sunflower 5x5 under cutter, pickers, like new • Sunflower 24' disk, excellent shape • Sunflower 30' chisel, SN-239011, like new • JD 9400 drill, 10" spacing, fert tanks, transport, marker • Tonutti 10 wheel rake w/cart • Haymule 30' 6-bale mover w/arm, near new • Demco pull-type sprayer, 60' booms, 1,000 gal. • 2001 Sunflower 9432 drill, 30', 10" spacing, w/liquid fertilizer • Vermeer 605F baler, less than 4,000 bales • Crust Buster 29' spring tooth • Tri-flex 3x6 under cutter • Kan Am 14' blade • Tonutti 12-wheel rake • Hesston 5580 round baler • NH 285 square baler • JD 40' spring tooth w/harrows • Twin Star 25' rod w/Degelman harrows • Bush Hog 7', 3pt rotary mower • International 30' spring tooth w/harrows • Superfill II Blue Jet 7-shank ripper w/coulters, like new • Big Ox 7-shank ripper • JD 530 round baler • JD 455 drill, 30' • Case 5-btm 16" plow, hydraulic • Great Plains 24' double disk grain drill • Krause 465 ripper cultivator • JD 7000 planter, 6-row narrow • JD 10' tandem disk • 5-row ditcher on single bar • JD 7100 planter, sidewinder, 4-row, 36" • Flex King 25' rod weeder • Well Rich 25' duck foot w/harrows • JD 7100 planter, 12-row • F10 bucket w/grapple hooks • Noble 3x5 under cutter • Buffalo 12-row cultivator • Graham Hoeme 14' chisel • Miller 14' drag disk • Buffalo guidance system • Buffalo 8-row no-till planter • Buffalo 6-row no-till planter • (2) JD 8300 disk drills, 10" spacing, w/hitch • JD 10' Van Brunt disk drill, shedded • Miller 20' rod w/harrows, like new • JD 350 sickle mower, 3pt. • International 470 go-dig, 3pt. • Dual loader dirt scoop • Sunflower 18' disk • Great Plains 24' double disk drill • Emersco 2-wheel ditch puller on hyd • JD 3-btm rollover plow • Dirt scoop for F11 loader • OMC 590 round baler • NH 495 12' swather, pull-type, crazy wheel • JD 7100 6-row 36" planter w/monitor • NH 853 round baler • 2-wheel bale mover • White 20' tandem disk • Pull-type PD sprayer w/20' booms • Bush Hog 6' rotary mower, good shape • Anhydrous in-row 7-shank, 6-row cultivator • United Farm 400 bushel grain cart • Miskin 8' box scraper, 3pt. • 3pt blade • JD 27 stalk chopper • Krause 20' tandem disk • IH 7'sickle mower, belt driven, 2pt hitch • Speed King 8" x 51' auger • Hutchinson 8" x 50' auger, elec motor • Speed King 8" x 40' auger, elec motor • Speed King 6" x 28' auger, elec motor • Westfield 8" x 61' auger, PTO.

**Miscellaneous:** • (10) Anhydrous nurse tanks • Turfmaster front deck mower w/bagger • Pallet of 3" & 4" hydraulic cylinders • Pallet of John Blue gears & anhydrous tank floats • (2) 950 gal fertilizer tanks & frames to mount on trucks • 3200 gal stainless steel tank off truck, leaks on seams, good for water only • (10) 1000 gal poly tanks taken off trucks, no leaks • (2) Big trailer loads of shop tools, cylinders, air compressors & more • Drill fill 12-volt auger • (2) 500 gal propane tanks, (1) on wheels • Approximately 30 tires - trailer, semi, straight trucks • Miller 3 phase wire feed welder • Galvanized metal building trim & flashing - lots • Metal building screws - lots • Standard size pickup tool box • Nuts, bolts, washers - lots • Large job box • Roto 4' mower • I beams - (1) 4" x 8" x 6" - (2) 14" x 16", 20'.

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