

Family

Deaths

Orvis Leroy Nelson

Orvis Leroy (O.L.) Nelson 87, of North Platte, Neb., died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at North Platte, Neb. He was a resident of Atwood, and was a farmer-stockman. Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife, Veda Mae of Atwood; one son, D.J. Nelson of Atwood; three daughters, Shirley and husband Dale Vap of Colby, Jane and husband Skip McCain of Atwood and Joan and husband Patrick Kania of Newbury, Ohio; four grandchildren, one step-grandson and four great-grandchildren.

Services are Wednesday at Atwood United Methodist Church with Rev. Terry McGuire officiating. There will be a private burial at a later date at Lone Star Cemetery in the Tully community. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. 2nd, Atwood. Memorials are being accepted in his name to the American Kidney Foundation and the United Methodist Church of Atwood. Williams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary L. Margheim

Mary L. (Settle) Margheim, 81, of Bennett, Colo., died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, in Aurora, Colo. Mrs. Margheim was born May 31, 1925, in McCallister to George J. and Vera B. (Knox) Settle. She worked in several restaurants as a cook and owned Muddy Fingers Ceramics. She was a member of the International Ceramic Organization, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and was a leader in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H. She married Waldo Alexander Margheim, Sr., Feb. 24, 1946 in Russell. He died March 4, 1967. Mrs. Margheim is survived by six sons, Donald of Bethany, Okla., Jerry of Oakley, Waldo, Jr. of Oakley, Michael of Winona, Kenneth of Lakewood, Colo., and Robert of Aurora, Colo.; six daughters, Mary Jean West of Goodland,

Katherine Kurka of Bennett, Colo., Patricia Goodwin of Winona, Rebecca Dickman of Garden City, Fay Margheim and Joyce Margheim, both of Bennett, Colo.; one brother, Lester Settle of Salina; more than 30 grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one daughter, Carol Darlene and one son, Stephen James. Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin in Colby. Graveside inurnment will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, followed by a luncheon at the Winona Grill in Winona. Memorials may be sent to the Mary Margheim Memorial Fund at High Plains Bank, P.O. Box 329, Bennett, Colo., 80102.

Harvey Jack May

Harvey Jack May, of Denver, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007. He was born and raised in Rexford. He is survived by his children Randal May and wife Cheryl, Dana and husband Jim Fox and Lisa and husband Tony Picaso; sister Ramona Bryan and six grandchildren.

Services were today at Funeraria Moore Howard Chapel in Denver, Colo. Burial was at Fort Logan National Cemetery with military honors. Visitation was before the funeral. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Helpline available to assist families in storm aftermath

MANHATTAN — Charlie Griffin says his phone has been ringing nonstop since damaging winter storms hit parts of western Kansas in late December and early January. Griffin is the director of the Kansas Rural Family Helpline, a program of the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology. The helpline, established in 2000, provides free confidential assistance, support and referrals to agricultural producers and rural families with immediate needs. The helpline's response to storm-related needs is being provided in partnership with Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services. Forty-four counties in western Kansas that were affected by the storms have qualified for assistance

through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The storms caused significant livestock loss and damaged key infrastructure like power lines and poles. Griffin said the Helpline provides access via referral to a resource network of health providers, churches, financial and legal advisers, farm and family mediation services, family educators and agricultural production and agribusiness specialists. It also provides access to local, state and federal agencies that may be able to help rural families in the state. "For people who don't know where else to turn, we can help," Griffin said. The Kansas Rural Family Helpline is available, toll free, at 1-866-327-6578 or by e-mail to farmksu@humeck.ksu.edu.

Wheat group concerned about latest farm bill

The word circulating from the nation's wheat industry is that the proposed Farm Bill commodity title proposals will not work for wheat growers. In earlier comments, the National Association of Wheat Growers said the U.S. Department of Agriculture passed up an excellent opportunity to restore equity among the commodities to federal farm policy. Agricultural interests, Congress, and the Administration are in the midst of trying to put together a new farm bill, with the usually conflicting targets. The wheat industry continues to argue that wheat did not get a reasonable safety net in the 2002

farm legislation, and wheat leaders point out that Ag Secretary Mike Johanns acknowledged that. However, the proposals do nothing to correct that inequity. With recommendations targeting direct payment increases to those commodities that received Loan Deficiency Payments and Counter-Cyclical benefits under the farm legislation, there is an assurance that the inequity to wheat will not be corrected. The bottom-line is that with a time of great opportunity and the demands of renewable fuels, conservation, and specialty crop programs, budget authority must be increased.

February full of activities for director

By Leilani Thomas
Tourism Director

As you read this we will have just returned from the Sports and Travel Show in Denver held Jan. 25-28 and will be looking forward to the Wichita Show Feb. 15-18. It is great fun talking to interested folks about Northwest Kansas and Colby. TIAK Legislative Day and seminar was held in Topeka Feb. 7-8. This was an opportunity to remind our legislators of the importance of tourism and to talk about KTI, the Kansas Tourism Initiative or strategic plan which is being planned for the future. A retreat for Travel Council is being held Feb. 27-28 to

On the Road

discuss goals and plans for the new year. It can be very interesting to look back and review where we have been as we progress into the future. Each year we prepare an "activity report" which goes to the city with the proposed budget for the next year (2008). We have just finished that report for 2006 and have some highlights which we hope you will find interesting.

- Welcome packets 1,100
- Miles traveled 4,855
- Visitor Center registered guests 11,034

- Transient Guest Tax collected \$184,152
- Services were provided for 34 specific groups or events in our community

Although it is not quite finished we are very proud of the new message center sign. We hope you are enjoying it as well. Leadership Thomas County met Jan. 10 at the Holiday Inn Express. Interviews were with health care professionals including Janice McCart, Citizens Medical Center; Darrin Clark, Apria Health Care; Cindy Cersovsky, Cersovsky Insurance; Kathy Ryan, Thomas County Health Department; Alva Horn, Prairie Senior Living Center;

Brenda Fehrenbach, Healthy Heart Nursing Services; Scott Focke, Family Center for Health Care; Tammy Swartz, Swartz Veterinary Hospital; Jeff Morrison, Morrison & Wahlmeier Optometrists; and David Voss, Colby Medical and Surgical. Facilitators for the day were Pat Sloan and Tim Moeder.

Consensus Building was demonstrated through several exercises including a town hall meeting facilitated by Carolyn Armstrong, Colby City Manager. Eight proposed projects were prioritized and finding funding avenues were discussed with the class having to come to a consensus. Materials were also distributed to help the class get the full value of the legislature experience during their Topeka trip. How a bill becomes law, flow chart of legislative procedure and how to read a bill were informational handouts. The class will be traveling to Topeka with Leadership Sherman County, Feb. 21-23, 2007. February is a relatively quiet month although there is lots of High School and College Basketball and wrestling scheduled. The Bill Voss Novice tournament WAS scheduled for Feb. 10; Pride of the Prairie Orchestra had a concert scheduled for Feb. 11 and Sacred Heart Carnival is scheduled for Feb. 25. We encourage you to get out and root for your favorite team.

Snow piles shrinking in Rexford

The piles of snow are shrinking around town and exposing Christmas yard ornaments that didn't get put away before the end of the year snowstorm. Most of the decorations will be up until springtime probably. The area Teens for Christ used Shepherd's Staff facilities, The Hall and Ranch House, on Saturday evening. Social Hour Club met at the home of Eileen Dible at Fairview Estates



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

in Colby, Feb. 7. A Happy Birthday to Levi Allen who celebrates Feb. 14. At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows, Thursday, to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb

Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Dick Sanford, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Lawrence Horinek. Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Eunice Sanford, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Jean Hawkins, Evelyn Proffitt and Vesta Roth. There were 14 at Bingo Saturday evening. I hope this Valentine's Day will be a romantic one for you. Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

College library featuring print exhibit

MANHATTAN — The Morse department of special collections at Kansas State University's Hale Library, in conjunction with the K-State Historical Society, will be host to a program by H. Craig Miner, a professor of history at Wichita State University. Held on K-State's Founders' Day, Miner will present "A Voice in the Wilderness: Don Drenner and His Magical Kansas Press" at 2:30 p.m. Friday, in Hale Library's Hemisphere Room. The program is free, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling the library's university archives at 785-532-7456. A reception will follow Miner's presentation. Founders' Day 2007 marks K-State's 144th birthday. The subject of Miner's talk will be the printed works of Donald von Ruysdael Drenner, a Kansas native and self-taught letterpress printer who ran The Zauberg Press from his home in Coffeyville from 1952-

1995. Letterpress printing is the fine art and craft of hand-setting lead type one letter at a time and printing using traditional hand presses. Drenner completed 27 books as a printer, some of which were his own poetry. Miner's presentation also coincides with the opening of the exhibit, "Donald D. Drenner: Kansas Printer" in the Hale Library's special collections gallery on the fifth floor. The department of special collections is home to a complete collection of Drenner's printed works, personal papers and library. The collection includes numerous letters with Robert Conover, editor of Kansas Magazine which was published at K-State from 1933-1968. Personal papers in K-State's Drenner collection include correspondence with several notable authors like John Ciardi, Langston

Hughes and Courtland Mathews. Miner has used sources in K-State's university archives for several of his publications about the history of Kansas. His most recent book, "Next Year Country: Dust to Dust in Western Kansas, 1890-1940," was published in fall 2006 by the University Press of Kansas.

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Girl Scouts holding book drive

Colby Girl Scouts and Sunflower Girl Scout Council are holding a book drive through Saturday, Feb. 24. They are collecting children's to young adult books that are new or slightly used to give to children who are in the hospital at Children's Hospital in Kansas City and Citizens Medical Center in Colby. The Colby Girl Scouts' goal is to raise 300 books. Drop-off boxes are located at Dillons, Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Dollar General. Monetary donations are also being accepted, and may be sent to Penny Cline, 765 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701. Please make payable to Colby Girl Scouts



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