

Family

Death

Joseph Rehmer

Joseph P. "Joe" Rehmer, 72, of Angelus died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born March 11, 1935, in Kansas City, Mo., to John Gerhardt Rehmer and Mary Catherine Felthoelter Rehmer. He was a farmer and a lifetime area resident.

He married Lee Ann McInay Feb. 1, 1958, in Colby. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus and Knights of Columbus in Angelus and Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree in Angelus.

Survivors include his wife, Lee Ann of Angelus; sons, John Rehmer of Greeley, Colo., Joseph Rehmer Jr. of Angelus and James Rehmer of Oakley; daughters, Yolande Miller of Macksville, Yolanda Suter and Michaela Baalman

both of Oakley, Jolene Glavin and Jennifer Blackwell, both of Salina; sister, Rose Mary Bange of Colby; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Mark Rehmer and sister, Mary Ellen Zimmerman.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus. Father Michael Elan will officiate. Interment will be at St. Paul's Cemetery in Angelus.

Visitation is 4-9 p.m. Friday at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Memorials can be made to the Joe Rehmer Memorial Fund in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Shirley Frame

Shirley Margaret (Oard) Frame, 58, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born July 17, 1949, in Colby.

She was a pharmacist.

Survivors include husband Harlan "Dutch" Frame of Weatherford, Okla.; sons, Andy Frame of Davis, Calif., step-sons, Harlan Frame III of Dewitt, Mich., Stephen "Bear" Frame of Durham, N.C.; parents, Earl and Mary Oard;

brothers, Dale and Dan Oard; sister, Lila Amos, all of Colby.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m., Monday at First Christian Church in Colby. The Rev. Pat Stuart of Saint Francis will officiate. Inurnment will follow a Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Memorials may be made in Shirley's name and left at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., in Colby.

Al Lowenthal

Al Lowenthal, 83, of Colby died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at Lawrence. He was born Dec. 14, 1924, in New Haven, Conn. He lived in the area for about 60 years.

He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Colby; sons, Richard Lowenthal of Scott City, David Lowenthal of Lawrence and Jeffrey Lowenthal of Carrollton, Texas; daughters, Deborah Teeter of Lawrence; sister, Eleanor Fasse, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Mardock will officiate. Burial will follow at Oakley Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., in Colby.

Donations may be made to the Ruth Lowenthal Scholarship Fund at Colby Community College, Colby United Methodist Church or the Al Lowenthal Scholarship Fund at the University of Kansas and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

Kansas Senate committee considers smoking ban

TOPEKA (AP) — A proposed statewide smoking ban will be reworked next week by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and it's expected to add some exemptions for businesses.

The committee heard from opponents of the ban Wednesday, a day after hearing from supporters. Some testifying urged senators to remove a section requiring counties to vote on whether they want to be part of the ban. The bill's sponsors say without the county vote, the measure is doomed.

Committee Chairman John Vratil said he expects the bill to change before being sent to the Senate for debate.

"It'll look very similar," the Leawood Republican said. "The committee may look at some exceptions."

Sen. Phil Journey, a committee member, said he will offer amendments to exempt bars, tobacco shops and adult care facilities with indoor smoking areas.

"It's too broad and doesn't accommodate reasonable exceptions for adult-only establishments," said the Republican from Haysville.

Supporters say the bill is needed to ensure clean-air environments in public places and make sure employees aren't exposed to secondhand smoke. They say a ban would improve public health.

Thirty-one states have some type of statewide smoking ban, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Opponents said the ban would hurt business owners and amount to government intrusion into the private sector.

Sandy Jacquot of the League of Kansas Municipalities said more than 20 municipalities already have anti-smoking ordinances and any state ban should take those into account. She also questioned whether a city in a county that rejected the ban could impose its own ban, but Vratil said nothing in the bill would prevent that.

Among those testifying against the measure was Tim Shallenburger, lobbyist for Penn National Gaming Inc., which is trying to get contracts to manage proposed

state-owned casinos in Cherokee and Sumner counties.

He said the ban would be a hardship for the Cherokee County casino, which would be near an Oklahoma casino that allows smoking.

"If you prohibit smoking in Kansas, clearly the people will walk the few feet to Oklahoma," the former House speaker said.

Joann Corpstein of the Department on Aging suggested the bill exempt adult care facilities because the residents consider them their homes. She said the facilities now decide whether to allow smoking outdoors or in a designated indoor area and those moving in are told about the policy.

Several business owners spoke against the bill, saying it would hurt them. Lawrence restaurant and bar owner Tom Conroy said his city's smoking ban has reduced his sales 30 percent to 50 percent most days and his number of employees has dropped from 27 to 13.

"Whatever is good for business and gives people the freedom of choice is good for me. A smoking ban, in my experience, is bad for business."

The Rev. H. Setter, a Roman Catholic priest in Wichita, said the ban would prevent him from holding his annual benefit cigar dinner for local charities.

"To legislate a smoking ban in private businesses by any level of government is at best an act of benevolent dictatorship and hypocrisy," he said.

Alan Cobb, Americans for Prosperity's state director, said the bill infringes on business that already have no-smoking policies if that's what their customers want.

"Kansas citizens can and do choose the businesses and locations they visit," he said. "We see the market has responded. Therefore intervention by the government is unnecessary."

Ron Hein, lobbyist for Reynolds American Inc., said, "It is interesting that this bill pretends to care about local citizens and their right to govern themselves. However, this bill does not give local control at all."

Three of Clubs learns of Kosovo donations

The Three of Clubs met Feb. 8, 2008, at Pioneer Memorial Library. The meeting was called to order by Carol Baker. The 15 members present repeated the club collect and the pledge of allegiance.

Books for babies program at Citizens Medical Center would need funds in the near future.

The program Kosovo Kindness was presented by Lisa George. She

told us that Bard Carney, serving in the Marine Reserve Military Police Peace Keeping Operations through the United Nations was deployed to Kosovo. While home on leave told of the poverty the people there were facing and asking if perhaps some shoes and other articles could be shipped to them.

Lisa went to the U Save Shop and found them most willing to

donate used shoes, clothes and stuffed animals. After receiving two pickup loads of boxes, the next problem was getting them shipped to Kosovo. Each box would cost approximately \$30.

By asking for donations from banks, businessmen and other local residents the boxes were soon on their way. Lisa showed a DVD taken in Kosovo by Brad.

The club saw both the poverty

of the residents and the pleasure they had when they received the gifts. This project was done in January 2005.

Carol Baker and Bev Eicher were hostesses for the meeting. Bev decorated the table with antique valentine's and a beautiful lace pink tablecloth.

Carol served black forest dream dessert.

Beagles need special owner

For The Associated Press

When Uno the beagle got caught up in the excitement of his big win at Westminster Kennel Club, he reacted just as a beagle-lover would expect: with a joyful noise.

"That's their way of telling you they're happy," says Joan Kerr, who runs Penny Angel's Beagle Rescue in Ventnor, N.J. "They were originally bred as hunting dogs — if they see a rabbit or a bird or a squirrel, they'll bark."

Celebrating a rabbit, a bird, your homecoming from a day at work, or winning best in show, it's all one to a beagle. And for those that love them, their vocal antics are charming, says Christine Tartaro of Galloway, N.J., a volunteer with Kerr's rescue.

Beagles are already one of the most popular breeds in the country. Their compact size, easy grooming, and loving nature make them excellent companions for the right family.

But they are also talkative and stubborn. As Kerr puts it, "Beagles have a mind of their own. You have to be one step ahead

of a beagle all the time."

Combine this with the focus on scents that comes from their past as hunters and you can have a problem.

"They're going to follow their noses no matter what," says Tartaro — even if it means ignoring your commands. "There are some dogs that are eager to please. With beagles, sometimes it's 'Make me!'"

This makes them bad candidates for play at your local off-leash dog park unless it's very securely enclosed.

And you need to be serious about your own fencing, as well. Escaping the yard again and again is one of the main reasons beagles are surrendered to Kerr's rescue.

"Even if you have a fenced yard — some will even dig under a fence and go," Tartaro warns.

If you do want to adopt a beagle, Kerr encourages you to consider adopting an adult. Many adult dogs in rescue are already housetrained, and even if not, Kerr says, an older dog is easier to train than an immature puppy.

Shakespeare Club meeting goes to members' heads

Shakespeare Club met at the home of Amie Kendrick's 1:30 p.m., Jan. 25.

Members repeated the flag salute and the club collect in unison.

Roll call "a tip to keep your brain power" was answered with six members present.

After a short business meeting, Diann Gerstner was presented. She presented the program "brain blitz." Diann started the program by asking all members to stand

up and move arms, legs and body for one minute to set tone. We learned the brain weighs about three pounds and about the medium size head of cauliflower. The group participated in mind-stimulating exercises and learned about memory loss from what's normal and what's not and learned ideas to help memory.

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