

# Family

## Deaths

### Glenn Bennett Sekavec

Glenn Bennett Sekavec, 66, brother of Jay (Pam) Sekavec of Oakley, died May 22, 2010, at Lovelace Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was born Jan. 2, 1944, in El Paso, Texas, the son of Gordon and Lucile Sekavec. The military family returned to Oakley, where he grew up, graduating from Oakley High School in 1961.

On Aug. 13, 1966, he married Judith Reed of Colby.

He graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1967, where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda. He did graduate studies at North Carolina State University, the Institute of Marine Science and Duke University, publishing articles and receiving many awards.

He worked for the Department of the Interior before becoming a regional environmental officer. Before his retirement in 2003,

he worked with other agencies and groups on oil and hazardous-material planning and emergency response.

He was a longtime member of the Oakley Masonic Lodge and a member since 1973 of the Scottish Rite Consistory of new Bern, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Gordon Blane Sekavec.

He is also survived by his wife Judith, of the home; his mother-in-law Josephine Bricker, Albuquerque; and a brother-in-law, Marshall (Linda) Reed, Franklin, Tenn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 26, at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to the Humane Society or Shriners' Hospitals, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

### Tamara Jeanne Hawk

Tamara Jeanne Hawk, 57, Manhattan, whose father-in-law Dale Hawk, and brother-in-law, Donald Jay (Cathy) Hawk, live in Colby, died Sunday, July 18, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born Aug. 5, 1952, in Chanute, the daughter of John Thomas Naughton and Opal Irene Locke. She grew up on the family farm in Neosho County, and graduated from Chanute High School in 1970.

In 1975 she graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in social work. In 1981 she earned a master's in social work from the University of Kansas. From 1997 until her death she was a member of the Georgetown Family Center and Bowen Center for the Study of the Family special post-graduate program, and was engaged in clinical research.

After working in Junction City with Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Junction City schools, she joined Pawnee Mental Health Services as a therapist before entering private practice in Manhattan in 1987.

On March 25, 1972, she married Thomas Dale Hawk in Manhattan.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church, the Kansas National Association of Social Workers (president, 1995-1997), and founder of the Prairie Center for Family Therapy in 1999.



Tamara Hawk

As a volunteer, she worked as a seamstress and clothing designer to support various city and school dramatic programs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kenneth Dale McNaughton.

She is also survived by her husband of the home; two sons, Skyler Thomas Hawk and partner Ian Lesnet, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and Cameron Joel Hawk, Lawrence; two brothers, Tom (Shelley) Naughton, Chanute; and Gary (Barbara) Naughton, Manhattan; a sister Sydney (John) Carlin, Manhattan; step-father Frank Stacy, and a step-sister Francene (Alan) Johnson, all of Chanute; and a sister-in-law Rodica McNaughton, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, with burial in Sunrise Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan.

The family suggests memorials in Tammi's name for the Georgetown Family Center and Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, Washington, D.C., or for the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, Kan., 66502.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com).

## Chili peppers spice seed vault

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wenk's Yellow Hots, Pico de Gallos and the unpredictably hot San Juan "Tsiles" chili peppers have safely arrived at a "doomsday" vault in the Arctic.

Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., says he and other congressmen delivered seeds from the pepper varieties on Sunday to a Norwegian seed bank on the remote Svalbard archipelago.

Operators say the Svalbard Global Seed Vault has the world's most diverse repository of crop seeds and is a safeguard against war or natural disasters that could wipe out food crops.

The seeds came from a Department of Agriculture collection in Colorado. In addition to peppers, seeds for plants including peanuts and melons were sent to the vault.



Allen and Nadine Henry

## Couple to celebrate 50 years of marriage

The children and grandchildren of Allen and Nadine Henry invite friends and family to a reception in honor of their parents from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Shelby Community Center in Shelby, Mo.

Allen grew up and attended

schools in Colby, and is the son of the late Gay and Ruth Henry, and the brother of the late Wilbur Henry.

Cards can reach them at 17461 Highway M, Purdin, Mo., 64674.

## Photo entries sought for rural Kansas contest

Rural Health Education Services at the University of Kansas Medical Center is accepting entries for its Rural Kansas Photography Contest.

Photos can be submitted in rural landscape, health care, recreation and community categories.

Entries are due Friday, Sept. 10. Winning photos will be published and prizes awarded.

Download an entry form at [ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest/index\\_info.html](http://ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest/index_info.html) or call (888) 503-4221 or (316) 293-3456.

## Logan arts and crafts fair to include chainsaw artist

The 37th Annual Hanson Arts and Crafts Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Hansen Plaza Square on Main Street in Logan.

The fair will feature crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, along with food vendors and live entertainment.

Attractions will include a chainsaw artist, Gary Keenan from

Iowa; Tad Felts, master of ceremonies; Bob Jones, an antiques appraiser from Jennings; the Intensity cloggers, a national champion percussive-power tap crew; Uncalled 4, a barbershop quartet; and antique tractor and variety motorcycle shows; as well as a 22-inch slide, an obstacle course and an "enchanted" castle.

There is no admission charge.

## Drive-through burglars hit

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP) — Grays Harbor County sheriff's deputies in Washington state are looking for the burglars who drove a pickup truck into a local store and stole an ATM machine.

Undersheriff Rick Scott says surveillance video shows the wall of the Amanda Park Mercantile exploding Thursday morning as

the truck drives through.

KCRO reports two masked suspects load the ATM and a number of other items and drive off.

The truck was found later Thursday in the Quinault area. It had been stolen at Kalaloch.

*Thank You*

The family of Ben Keller would like all our family and friends to know how grateful we are for all the kind deeds and expressions of sympathy shown us before and after Ben's passing.

The care Ben received at the hospitals was exceptional. Both at Hays and Colby. Thank you Dr. Matchell, Andy rose and all his nurses. Also thank you Gary Wingard. The help and caring you all gave was very much appreciated.

Don and Kathy Kennedy thank you for the help you gave us through this time. And a special thank you to the men who provided the military honors. God Bless you all.

*Elsie Keller*

*Brenda & Tom Thompson Family*

*Lana & Mike Johnson Family*

*Leanne & Mike Bempewolf*

*Amy & Jack Patrick Family*

## Kansans invest in trees, civic pride

Kansas towns have been hit hard by the economic downturn, says Tim McDonnell, community forestry coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service.

A strange thing happened last year, however, even as belt-tightening led six towns to drop out of the state's urban forestry program, known as Tree City USA.

"The 111 communities that remained spent more than \$18 million on trees, planting them, as well as caring for them," he said. "If nothing else, that's phenomenal, because it's roughly the same dollar amount that 117 communities had invested in 2008."

The program is part of the national Tree City USA effort, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska. It recognizes the communities that adhere to and build on four standards:

- A municipal tree ordinance.
- A legally responsible group with authority to develop the town's tree management plan and then administer it.
- A community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita.
- An annual Arbor Day proclamation and observance.

Colby has been a member of the programs for a total of eight years, going back at least to 1992.

McDonnell said the enrolled communities are home to some 89 percent of the Kansas population, yet 77 percent of those Tree City towns have a population of 10,000 or less.

"That's amazing, too," he said. "It says something about Kansans in general, but especially about the Kansans who live in small towns that have a small budget and a limited pool of possible volunteers."

As part of last year's participation, 1,600 Kansas volunteers helped 633 city tree board members provide almost 22,000 hours of no-cost labor. They planted more than 13,000 trees, pruned another 67,200 and removed close to 16,000 dead and dying trees.

Sixteen of their hometowns earned a Tree City USA Growth Award. Three again qualified to post a Tree City USA sign at the edge of town, including tornado-torn Greensburg. And, because four towns were among the first 11 enrollees when the state's foresters started the program in 1976, Clay Center, Dodge City, Junction City and Newton completed their 34th year in the Kansas program.

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.34
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