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Tom Dreiling (right), Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers, and Dreiling's son, Todd, conversed at the Kansas Press Association convention in 2010. Dreiling accepted the Clyde M.

Reed Master Editor-Publisher award, the highest honor the association gives. Most of his family was present at the convention.

Former publisher dies in Colo.

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Tom Dreiling, former publisher of the *Colby Free Press*, died at his home in Denver on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012.

A wake will be held at 7 p.m. (Central Time) Friday, Feb. 10, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 307 W. 13th St., Goodland. Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the church. Burial will follow at the Goodland Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend a lunch gathering at the church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, who died of leukemia in 1975; brothers James and Norbert Dreiling; and sister Mary Bieker.

He is survived by his brothers Donald (Dolores) Dreiling, Overland Park; K. Dean (Mikki) Dreiling, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Eugene Dreiling, Tulsa, Okla.; sisters Dolores (Robert) Schlyer, Hays, and JoAnn Scheierville; sons, Todd (Darci) and Lance (Tobie) Dreiling; a stepdaughter, Denise (Darren) Burrows; and five grandchildren, all of Centennial, Colo.

Dreiling was born on Nov. 25 in Hays to Richard and Mollie (Eichman) Dreiling, the second-youngest of nine children. He was never sure of the year of his birth. He had documents saying both 1934 and 1935. In a column last year, he joked that he often received birthday cards with two ages listed and instructions to circle one.

He graduated from St. Joseph's Military Academy – which is now Thomas More Prep-Marian – in 1953. He attended Fort Hays State University before joining the Air Force in 1955. While in the service he was stationed in Japan.

After his discharge in 1959, Dreiling spent 44 years in the newspaper business, getting his start at *The Ellis County Star*, a weekly paper in Hays owned by his family. In 1962 he was hired as a photographer by the *Hays Daily News* and eventually became sports editor and city editor.

Dreiling moved to Goodland in 1965 to take over as editor of the old *Goodland Daily News*, where he stayed until the paper changed hands in 1989. He worked for Kay Melia at KLOE, then at Thomas More Prep as director of develop-

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Irrigation expo set for late February

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Water and its effects on crops will be the main topic for farmers and others at the 24th annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference and Equipment Exposition Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 22, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby.

Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday and 8 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. The conference, sponsored by the Central Plains Irrigation Association, should wrap up by 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

A representative from the Kansas Department of Agriculture has been invited to speak on the "Legislative Initiative to Manage the Ogallala" during the general session on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Dan Rogers of Kansas State University will talk about "Kansas Irrigation Trends and Impacts."

Technical session topics include "Crop Water Budget: Effects of Tillage Systems," "Crop Water Budget: Effects of Irrigation Management," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity when Irrigation Water is Limited," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Center Pivot Irrigation," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Sub-

face Drip Irrigation," "Emerging Irrigation Scheduling Technologies," "Support Software for the Irrigation Manager" and "Crop Insurance and Economic Issues".

The free trade show will be open through 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. It is open to the public.

"This year's conference is full of valuable information for area irrigations," said Donna Lamm, executive assistant for the association. "The technical sessions are full of good information on budgeting water usage and the best way to irrigate based on the system farmers have in place. There will also be an equipment exposition. The

vendors cover the gamut of the irrigation industry."

If postmarked by today, registration for the two days is \$75, or \$85 for continuing education credits for certified crop advisors. After that, it will be \$90 and \$100. The fee includes all sessions, a copy of the proceedings, two lunches, all breaks and a social hour.

Booth space is available for exhibitors. For information, to register or reserve booth space, contact Lamm at (785) 462-7574 or donnalamm@yahoo.com, or go to www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html.

Nurse returns to Colby

Julia (Williams) Jennings of Colby has returned to the Family Center for Health Care as a nurse practitioner, seeing patients along with the physicians and other "mid-level" providers.

Jennings started Monday. After training for the first three to four weeks, said clinic manager Scott Focke, she'll cover rotations in the emergency room at Citizens Medical Center and see patients at the clinic, said Tama Unger, the medical center's director of community relations.

"Colby is my hometown, and I have enjoyed it since moving here as an adolescent," said Jennings. "My husband and I are both Colby natives and always felt that this was home. I am very happy that we are able to come back and raise our children in a wonderful community."

"This ... is a great place to raise a family. I feel that I will be joining a great team of providers at the Family Center for Health Care."

After graduating from Colby High School, Jennings received an Associate of Science degree from Colby Community College and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Washburn University in 2005. In 2011, she earned a master's degree in nursing from Washburn as a family nurse practitioner.

Jennings said she completed a rotation at an inpatient hospice facility which took

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Food and fun at Pheasants Forever



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Pat Sloan (above left), Hope Foundation member, showed off a black lab puppy to Joseph Griffith at the 28th annual Pheasants Forever banquet on Saturday. The puppy was one of 55 items auctioned off to raise funds for Pheasants Forever. Andrea Carpenter (right) held up a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 AR15 223 rifle for bidding. Several hundred people attended the event, which consisted of a dinner, auction and prize tables. Competition was fierce at times in the bidding accompanied by lots of laughter. Members of the Hope Foundation helped out for the evening with prize drawings and auction items. Pheasants Forever helps support the foundation with donations. The proceeds from a Henry Military Service Golden Boy 22 Rifle were shared with the Freedom Fighters organization. This organization helps wounded soldiers and their families enjoy the sport of hunting.

