

Deaths

Donald W. Crumly

Donald W. Crumly, 83, Sulphur Springs, Texas, formerly of Colby and uncle of Jody (Shad) Metcalf, Colby, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, at Hopkins House in Sulphur Springs.

He was born Dec. 31, 1928, in Randolph to Kenneth D. and Lois (Edgerton) Crumly of Colby. Delivered by his maternal grandfather Dr. O.E. Edgerton at the family home in Randolph, he was also the grandson of Ike W. Crumly, president of the Brewster State Bank and Rexford State Bank.

A 1946 graduate of Colby High School, he went on to study animal nutrition at Colorado A&M, graduating in 1950. In 1951, he was activated from the National Guard unit in Boulder, serving with the air force through 1952. In 1954, he earned a degree in accounting from the University of Colorado.

On Jan. 28, 1954, in Colorado Springs, he married Carol Lou Stinehagan of St. Francis.

He worked for Dow Chemical at the Rocky Flats site for many years. Later he was an accountant

for Ball Brothers Research.

Following the death of his first wife and uncle of Jody (Shad) Metcalf, Colby, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, at Hopkins House in Sulphur Springs for several years before eventually settling in Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife and a sister, Ann Crumly.

Survivors also include his wife Ruby Fite of Sulphur Springs; two children, Michael Crumly and partner Dennis Kirchoff, Lafayette, Colo., and Mark Crumly, Grey, Tenn.; a sister, Kay (Robert) Gaskill, Oberlin; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Memorials services will be Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at the Cedar Crest Christian Church in Sulphur Springs. There will be a private memorial service in Kansas in early November.

The family suggests memorials to the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements.

Goodland broadcaster to be in Hall of Fame

Marty Melia of Goodland will receive the Kansas Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award and be inducted into the Kansas Broadcasting Hall of Fame next Monday and Tuesday in Wichita.

Melia, 57, has 38 years of broadcasting experience, including 12 on the association's board and a term as president. He has been active in community affairs and as a volunteer in Goodland.

He began his career while still in high school and worked his way up to general manager of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio stations in Goodland. Eventually, he and his wife Kathy bought the stations, selling them in 2009. Marty is now a commercial sales representative for Eagle Communications of Hays, a cable and Internet provider.

The couple have four adult children: Sarah (Trevor) Linton and Marcy Melia of Goodland; Andrew (Gen) Melia, Atwood; and Daniel (Kolby) Melia, Burlington, Colo. They have four grandchildren: Cole, Lauren,

Aiden and Benton.

Joining Marty in this year's ceremony will be a longtime voice of nationwide sports, Gary Bender, a native of Ulysses.

Other inductees over the years have included Len Dawson of the Kansas City Chiefs; Bill Kurtis, the renowned Kansas born broadcaster now at WBBM in Chicago; Ed Mason, longtime manager of KXXX in Colby; Tad Felts of KKAN in Phillipsburg; Bob Davis, the voice of the Kansas Jayhawks; Tom Headrick, the former announcer for the Jayhawks; and Dev Nelson and Bob Hilgen-dorf, the late former voices of the K-State Wildcats.

Marty's father, Kay Melia, former manager of the Goodland stations, has also been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The pair are only the second father-son combination to have become members of the Hall of Fame. The other pair is the late Arden Booth and his son Hank of Lawrence.



Marty Melia

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

Vice President Taylor Todd called the regular monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club to order Oct. 1 at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Cassie Wells led the flag salute and Sara Lamm led in singing Old McDonald. Seventeen members answered roll with their favorite body of water.

An installation ceremony for new officers was held with the assistance of club leader Donna Lamm.

The new officers are: Jory Koon, president; Hallie Vaughn, junior president; Brooke Ziegelmeier, vice president; Taylor Todd, junior vice president; Taylor Todd, secretary; Lakin Denny, junior secretary; Tucker Gerstner, treasurer; Jake Koon, junior treasurer; Cassie Wells, reporter; Lewis Haines, junior reporter; Kailey Shields, Shelby Crampton and Jenna Crampton, historians; Sara Lamm and Josh Koon, council representatives; and Hunter Vaughn and

Kinley Ziegelmeier, junior recreation leaders.

Outgoing club secretary Josh Koon read the minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

Reports of officers were given by Cassie Wells, reporter, Sara Lamm, council representative, Tucker Gerstner, treasurer, and community Leader Donna Lamb, on current 4-H happenings and upcoming events. During the short business meeting members decided to have the club awards presentation and a potluck supper for the November meeting.

Josh Koon gave a project talk about the shooting sports project and his plans for the upcoming year. Members took a short break to play "What Time is it Mr. Wolf" for recreation led by Jake Koon.

Taylor Todd announced the program for November and the meeting adjourned after club members recited the 4-H pledge.

—Cassie Wells, reporter

Tasters try old cheese

By Carrie Antfinger
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Adventurous cheese tasters sampled 40-year-old cheddar Oct. 6, never biting an eye that it had been on this earth longer than some of them.

And they loved it. "The 40-year-old was probably the highlight of my life in a while," said Ashley Mikkelsen, 28, who drove with her husband, Ryan, 32, from Minneapolis for the tasting at Wisconsin Cheese Mart in Milwaukee.

The store described the vintage cheese on its website as "the oldest cheese commercially available in the world." Its rarity meant the tasting was limited and sold out — only about 15 people were able to attend.

The Mikkelsons described the taste as smooth. "It was creamy, it was sharp, it was real sharp," Ryan Mikkelsen said.

Neither had any qualms about eating something older than them. "Not even the slightest," said Ashley Mikkelsen, who joked that she loved cheese so much she would marry it if she could.

The 40-year-old cheddar, as well as samples of a 28-year-old cheddar, were made by Ed Zahn, the former owner of Z's Cheese Shoppe in Oconto. He was at Saturday's tasting.

Zahn, 73, said he found the cheese in his walk-in cooler this spring when he was closing his store, stored in several wooden boxes and hidden from plain sight. He blamed it on a lack of space and employees who didn't notice its age.

"Truthfully it's a little embarrassing. We weren't watching our

inventory," he said with a laugh.

Zahn, who got his cheesemaker's license in 1956, said he sold much of the 40-year-old cheddar at his store for over \$40 a pound. But Ken McNulty, owner of the Wisconsin Cheese Mart, bought the remaining 10 pounds of the 40-year-old cheddar and 240 pounds of 28-year cheddar.

Cheese is often sold by the pound, but McNulty sold the 40-year-old cheddar for \$10 an ounce so more people could have a taste. He sold 40 ounces in the first half-hour Saturday, and saved the rest for four tastings.

The 28-year-old cheese was going for \$48 per half-pound — he only had 100 pounds left by Saturday evening.

McNulty inspected the blocks before he bought them, not knowing what condition they might be in, he said.

"We do have some that are brown, green, blue all that stuff," he said. "It was dependent on the individual block. There are some out there that are quite repulsive."

Some blocks looked normal after he cut off the mold, he said.

Saturday's tasting also featured 1-year-old cheddar, 2-year-old cheddar and 5-year-old cheddar, all paired with beer, wine or bourbon.

Deana Dearry, 42, of Milwaukee, said she came to the tasting because she wanted to be part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. She said it started out smooth, had a clean finish and wasn't sharp like others had said.

"The texture, there's not much moisture left in it so the texture is unique," she said. "It's a testament to how it's made to be that good."



Norton woman crowned Mrs. Northwest Kansas

Lori Shields of Norton has been selected to represent northwest Kansas in the Mrs. Kansas pageant Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, in Branson, Mo.

This competition is the state preliminary to Mrs. America and Mrs. World. Delegates compete in three categories: An interview comprises 50 percent of the score, swimsuit accounts for 25 percent and the remainder is derived from the evening-gown contest.

At the local level, contestants make appearances at community events, fairs and festivals. Mrs. Northwest Kansas will be promoting and educating people on her platform "The Haven, Helping Families Who Are Affected by Incarceration," by speaking to groups and volunteering at activities.

The Haven is a home-away-from-home for people who come

on the weekends to visit inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility. The agency also provides services and resources for families in need.

She will also become a supporter of the National Association for Music Education, which has partnered with the Mrs. America organization to show people the importance of music education.

Shields and her husband Damien have two children, Darius, 8, and Emmery, 2. They live in Norton, where she is a teacher aide at Eisenhower Elementary School. Shields also serves as a volunteer supervisor for the Haven.

If you interested in having Mrs. Northwest Kansas make an appearance or speak at your event, contact Shields at (785) 874-4043 or thehaven11@aol.com.



Lori Shields

Lions governors to gather

The state council of governors, leaders from Lions clubs across Kansas, will gather Friday through Sunday at the Best Western Convention Complex in McPherson.

The district governors include Sheryl Brenn of Colby.

The council is the official governing body of all Kansas Lions, and meets four times each year.

Kansas Lions have programs for diabetes awareness, eye bank transplant information, eyeglass recycling and environmental photo contests. Youth services include the state band program, peace poster contest, camps for handicapped children and Leo clubs for students.

Corrections

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Now's the season to winterize tools

As gardeners, many of us spend quite a bit of time about now thinking about next year. If we don't, we should.

Planning for the next growing season is extremely important to your yard and garden as we all search for significant improvement in the things we do.

But please allow me to visit with you about a different kind of project we must face head-on right now. We should do some serious planning about how to clean up and generally prepare the machinery we have used all summer for a comfortable winter's nap.

Mowers immediately come to mind. We will continue to use them for awhile longer on our bluegrass lawns, but will soon park them for the winter. So, when you're through with them for the season, you may want to load them (it) in the trailer or pickup and head down to your favorite lawn serviceman or mechanic and have the blades sharpened.

As a general rule, mower blades need sharpened after about every 10 hours of use. If you are not equipped to do it, check it in with someone who does that kind of work for a living. He may discover that the blade should be replaced.

While this efficient young fellow has your mower in his shop, ask him kindly to drain the gas tank, drain the oil, replace or clean the oil and air filter and install a new spark plug. Also suggest to him that before you pick it up, you would like him to go over it, underneath and on top, with his power washer so as to remove all



Kay Melia

The Gardener

vestiges of gunk that detract from the general health of this expensive piece of equipment.

After it arrives back home, all clean and shiny, store it in a clean, dry, dark place (just like your onions) and allow it to rest comfortably for the winter. When spring arrives, your mower will practically jump out of storage in gratitude to you for providing for its winter comfort.

After you have given your garden plot a deep plowing with your rototiller, allow that same friendly serviceman to whip it into shape for winter storage, just like he did with your mower(s).

If you feel comfortable doing all this work yourself in an efficient manner out there in your garage, then do it. But always keep in mind that your motorized garden equipment is the most expensive tools in your possession, and should be given top priority when it comes to proper upkeep.

There's more. Sharpen your hoes. Both of 'em. Put a good edge on them, and tighten up the handles if you can. There may be a shovel or two out there that could use the same treatment.

Finally, stretch out your entire footage of garden hose, as well as soaker hose, and turn on the water. Check for leaks and worn out con-

Are you zombie-ready?

The unthinkable...the unimaginable...decaying monsters of the undead with a craving for brains. Zombies! Are you prepared for the unexpected?

That is the question the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is posing to the public this October during "Zombie Preparedness Month," an emergency preparedness campaign with the theme "If you're prepared for zombies, you're prepared for anything."

Why zombies? "One of our primary missions is to encourage the public to take action and be prepared for whatever disasters may come our way," said Angee Morgan, the department's deputy director.

"How do you prepare for a zombie apocalypse?" said Morgan. "You assemble a home emergency

kit with all the supplies you need to survive on your own for a minimum of three days, you make an emergency plan and you practice it with your family so everyone knows what to do. And those are the same preparations you make to be ready for tornadoes, severe storms, floods, fire and any of the other disasters we usually face in Kansas. So, if you're ready for zombies, you're ready for anything."

Your Smile



Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand I cannot touch, I still have many memories of the one I loved so much. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart. Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

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Dixie Snyder
Teena, Ty, & Trev
and Families

Thank You

I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Matchell and others from The Family Health Center and the staff of Citizens Medial Center for the fine care I received as a patient. Appreciation also, to friends and family for their kindness.

~Nadine Kammer~

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