

Deaths

David Lee Murray Sr.

David Lee Murray Sr., 75, Oberlin, self-employed at David Murray Disc Rolling, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at the Decatur Health Systems in Oberlin. He was born Nov. 9, 1937, in Gothenburg, Neb., the son of Samuel and Evelyn (Earl) Murray. After growing up in Gothenburg, he lived in Cozad and Smithfield, Neb., Jennings and Oberlin. On Jan. 22, 1964, he married Nancy Pokorny in Phillipsburg. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Dorothy Murray, Marie Murray and Shirley Ideus. Survivors include his wife, of

Oberlin; a son, David (Nikki) Murray Jr., Oberlin; two daughters, Gina (Troy) Olmstead, Overton, Neb.; and Kim (Gerry) Bieker, Chapman; and nine grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with the Rev. Nancy Proffitt officiating and burial in the Oberlin Cemetery. No visitation. The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences for the family may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Arlo R. Sporer

Longtime Oakley area resident Arlo R. Sporer died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby. He was born Aug. 30, 1934, in Seneca, S.D., the son of Mike and Rilla (Carlson) Sporer. On June 14, 1953, he married Laura Hillery in Russell Springs. Best known locally as the founder of Sporer Land Development Co. in 1961, his passion of the construction business started in 1960 with the purchase of his first backhoe. He began with soil conservation, moved into land leveling and the business grew into the heavy highway construction business of today. He retired from active management in 2001. His enjoyment of hunting and fishing is reflected by his induction into the Trap Shooters Hall of Fame in 2005 and annual winter trips to Arizona to trap shoot. He was preceded in death by

his parents and a brother, Gerald Sporer. Survivors include his wife of 59 years; two daughters, Brenda (Greg) Hubert and Tracee (Jim Davidson) Sporer, and two sons, Jay (Melanie) Sporer and Troy (Lori) Sporer, all of Oakley; a brother, Warren Sporer, of Pierre, S.D.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at the Oakley United Methodist Church, with burial in the Oakley City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, in care of Baalman Mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748. Condolences may be left at baalmanmortuary.com.

Titans honored by Liberty League

Congratulations to the Titan players who received honors from the Western Kansas Liberty League for volleyball and football.

On the volleyball First Team, Brittany Plummer, junior, in Winona, and Shayna Rogge, sophomore, in Winona were named.

Football honors went to Seth Smith, Winona junior, First Team offense and defense; Phil Kulas, Winona senior exchange student, First Team offense; Michael Schmidt, Brewster senior, Second Team offense and honorable mention special teams; Nathan Jorgensen, Brewster Junior, Honorable Mention Offense.

Brewster is gearing up to hold the annual Sagebrush Shootout Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Play begins at 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Our Triplains-Brewster Titan girls will play at 6 on Tuesday against Weskan. Boys will follow at 7:30, also against Weskan. A complete bracket can be found on the school website, www.usd314.k12.ks.us

Veena McCall Winslow has shared some *Brewster Herald* and *Brewster Tidings* from the 1920s and one from 1939. The newspapers will be on display at the Heritage Center Museum in Brewster.

If you have never stopped by the museum now would be a great time. Betty Wolf spends many hours keeping the library and museum open. I enjoyed looking through the newspapers with my grandmother, Wanda Moore Ful-



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Brewster Correspondent

wider. Some of our favorite highlights were in the March 11, 1920, edition of the *Brewster Herald* where the Village of Brewster petitioned the Thomas County Commissioners to incorporate Brewster as a city. It notes a population of 261, with all eligible town folk signing the petition. We found my great-grandpa R.E. Moore on the list.

The April 8, 1920, headline of the *Brewster Herald* declares Brewster a city. Another favorite was the May 18, 1939, edition of the *Brewster Tribune*. The "School News" lists the Brewster High School Class of 1939, where I found my Granny's name and her dear friend Nadine Mallory Kammer.

Be sure you stop by and check out the papers at the museum. There are lots of familiar names. Also, interesting how many business ads fill the pages.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail angiem@st-tel.net, call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.

Atwood grad wins at tech conference

Max Kisner, an Atwood junior, was among the Technology Education Collegiate Association students at Fort Hays State University who won first place in manufacturing, teaching lesson, problem solving and technology challenge at the annual Four State Regional Technology Conference in Pittsburg, Kan.

"Our students had the opportunity for networking, team building and leadership," said Kim Stewart, associate professor of technology studies. "We also had the chance to tour Depco Inc., a curriculum and educational equipment devel-

opment center." They competed against the University of Wyoming-Casper, the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and Pittsburg State University in events including manufacturing, problem solving, live communications and technical presentation.

The team also took second place in the live communication event and third in the transportation contest.

This competition is a prelude to the national spring conference of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association in Columbus, Ohio, in the spring.

Recess bell exempted

KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - It's safe for the recess bell to ring again at one southwestern Michigan school.

MLive.com reports (bit.ly/US-PBSU) trustees in Kalamazoo County's Kalamazoo Township voted unanimously Monday to amend an ordinance to exempt noises sanctioned by or made by governmental units or schools. It includes exemptions for emergency vehicles and street repairs, for example.

Township Supervisor Ron Reid says police cited Reformed Heri-

tage Christian School for a noise ordinance violation because the bell exceeded a decibel limit in the ordinance. The violation came despite efforts by the school to quiet the bell with a box around it and by adding muffling material.

The issue was brought to the board's attention by an area resident. But the board determined that noises such as school bells should be expected by those living nearby.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

President Anita Thiel conducted the Nov. 14 meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The legislative report covered the Wounded Warrior program.

For the hospital report, a box of coupons was sent to military bases in Turkey.

The veterans and family support chairman reported seven members worked 21 hours at the blood drive.

A member is still in cancer treatment according to the membership chairman.

Publicity reported the October meeting in the *Colby Free Press*.

The Americanism report was on the history of the POW-MIA flag. Since its inception in 1971, this stark black and white flag has come to represent the missing from all our wars.

In 1988, it flew over the White House for the first time. In 1989 it was installed in the Capitol Rotunda due to legislation passed by the 100th Congress. In a rare demonstration of bipartisan support, leaders of both houses were hosts

of the installation ceremony.

Thiel reported a Facebook page has been set up for the Auxiliary. The e-mail address is VFW.aux.6882@hotmail.com.

She also reported on the fall convention in Oakley and gave out committee information packets.

District 9 had 100 percent reporting for Americanism reports.

The midwinter conference will be Sunday, Jan. 20, in Hays.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the post.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.43
Corn (bushel)	\$7.52
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.98
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