

obituaries

Leo Johnson

Leo Johnson, 75, Keenesburg, Colo., a Bird City native, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at his home. He was born Aug. 12, 1931, at the family home in Bird City, the son of Glenn and Minnie Johnson, and graduated from Brewster High School in 1951. Mr. Johnson enlisted in the Air Force along with his twin brother Lee in October 1951 and went to basic training in Texas. They served the rest of their four years in Great Falls, Mont. On Jan. 16, 1954, he married Pearl Johnson in Great Falls. After he and his twin were discharged, both families moved to the Denver area, where his sister and brothers lived. Mr. Johnson as a drain layer and carpenter. In 1967, he was hired at United Airlines as a fueler, retiring after 30 years. He loved to build things and do woodworking and enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching his children and grandchildren in rodeos and

sports. He and his twin enjoyed raising and racing greyhounds and raising black labs for field trials. They lived in the Brighton area for 38 years and then 10 years ago moved to Keenesburg, where he raised cattle. Preceding him in death were his parents; two daughters, Linda and Cheryl Johnson; two brothers, Lee and Glenn Johnson; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Jackson; and a nephew, Lonnie Johnson. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Debra (Ray) Strong of Greeley, Colo., and Lanette (Pat) Walker of Hudson, Colo.; a sister, LaNora Jackson; two brothers, LaVern "Buck" (Glessner) Johnson and Kenny (Sandie) Johnson of Keenesburg; and four grandchildren. Services were Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Tabor-Rice Funeral Chapel in Brighton. A graveside service was held at Fort Logan National Cemetery west of Denver.

Harry E. Nelson

Harry E. Nelson, 89, Marion, a Ruleton native, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at his home. He was born Sept. 4, 1917, near Ruleton, the son of Fred and Ellen (Duell) Nelson. On April 11, 1944, he married Lorene Holub. He was an aircraft worker and owner of the Marion Mattress Co. He was a member of the St. Mark Catholic Church, Holy Family Parish, in Marion and the Knights of Columbus. Preceding him in death was his wife on Dec. 4, 2006. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Nelson of Marion and Fred Nelson

of Hutchinson; three daughters, Sharon Ball of Las Vegas, Pat Bina of rural Marion and Robin Nelson of Newton; a brother, Carl Nelson of rural Sherman County; two sisters, Esther Peter and Lucille Nash of Goodland; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services were planned for Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at the church with Father Paul Oborny officiating and burial in the Marion Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Harry Hynes Hospice in care of Zeiner Funeral Home, 205 Elm St., Marion, Kan. 66861.

Martin Carl Busse

Martin Carl Busse, 88, a Bird City farmer and rancher, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at the Cheyenne County Hospital. He was born Sept. 25, 1918, in Hebron, Neb., the third child of August Henry and Anna Marie (Greisler) Busse. He was baptized at Hebron. Fourteen months later, the family moved to the farm homesteaded by his maternal grandparents near Bird City. Mr. Busse was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bird City on April 24, 1932. He was active in Luther League and was vice president of its Central District. He taught high school Sunday school for 20 years and adult Sunday school into his 80s. He was a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood, sang in the choir and was elected to the church council in various positions over the years. He attended the one-room Mount Pleasant School through eighth grade and graduated from Bird City Rural High School in 1937. In 1939, after taking a six-month correspondence course in diesel mechanics, he went to Los Angeles for a month of shop training. When no mechanic jobs were available, he spent three months as a hospital dishwasher before returning to the Kansas farm. He was drafted into the Army and left home on July 31, 1941. After four days, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He achieved the rank of tech sergeant as an airplane mechanic. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 27, 1945, and was a member of the American Legion.

On June 8, 1947, he married Arlene America Ochser at Salem Lutheran Church northwest of St. Francis. They moved to a farm south of Bird City, where they lived for two years. In 1950, they bought from his father the farm his grandfather had homesteaded. They raised wheat, corn, milo, sunflowers and polled Hereford cattle. The couple moved into Bird City in December 1987. He was president of the board of the Northwest Kansas Electric Cooperative for 20 years. He served on the telephone board, school board, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county committee and the Farmers Home Administration mortgage committee. He volunteered in the Fancy Five and Eggers Eight buildings at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association show. Preceding him in death were his wife; his parents; a brother, Paul; a sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Fred Darnauer; a sister-in-law, Minnie Busse; and a granddaughter, Bethany Busse. Survivors include two daughters, Sherri (Phil) Berndt of Monument and Beverly (Ron) Smith of Colorado Springs; a son, Steve (Jan) Busse of Bird City; a brother, Clarence Busse of St. Francis; a sister, Ruth (Louis) Oestmann of Cottonwood, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Joann Busse Scott of Goodland; and five grandchildren. Services were Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the church with Shirley Daire, parish ministry associate, officiating and burial in the Bird City Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Helen Nelson West

Gertrude Helen (Hayden) Nelson West, 93, Goodland, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center. She has been a resident at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center the past 10 years. She was born May 16, 1913, at Ruleton, the daughter of Katherine (Doerfer) and William B. Hayden. She attended school at Ruleton. On May 30, 1930, she married Lester G. Frailey in Goodland. They had two daughters, Evelyn and Betty Jean. On April 1, 1935, she married Albert R. Nelson at Wray, Colo. They had two daughters, Darlene and Kathleen. She was a farm wife and a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Altar Society. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, playing the piano and crocheting. She was family-oriented and tried to instill a strong work ethic in her children and grandchildren. On Jan. 16, 1976, she married Lawrence West at Raton, N.M. Preceding her in death were her

three husbands; a daughter, Evelyn Froman; three brothers, William B., Frank and Eldwin Hayden; and a great-grandson, Justin Ryan. Survivors include three daughters, Jean Cowan of Lakewood, Colo., Darlene Stegman of Goodland and Kathy Sherlock of Hollenberg; a half-sister, Rosanna (Robert) Parker of Goodland; a brother, Ed (Loretta) Hayden of Goodland; a sister-in-law, Alberta Hayden of Goodland; 25 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery. Vigil and rosary were planned for 6 p.m. Monday at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Visitation was planned for 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Helen West Memorial in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555

correction

The obituary for Ophelia Pauline Kitten in the Tuesday, Dec. 26, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* said she and her husband lived in Lakin until they moved to Goodland. They lived in Kendall. The error was due to incorrect information given to the paper.

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Fears common but when persistent become phobias

Most people have something they are afraid of, such as a fear of snakes or a fear of heights. Other common fears include thunderstorms, flying in airplanes or feeling extremely uncomfortable in enclosed places. When a fear becomes persistent and unreasonable and prevents someone from completing important activities or responsibilities, it has become a phobia, which the dictionary defines as a compulsive fear of a specified situation or object. For people with phobias, the intensity of their fear is much stronger than others can imagine; even just thinking about the object or situation is frightening. For example, some people who suffer from arachnophobia (the fear of spiders) cannot even look at photographs of spiders or watch television shows where scenes of spiders are presented without becoming extremely frightened. How such intense fear develops is still a matter of some debate. One suggestion is that when a young



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searchers suggest that if a person has had a positive experience before the negative event occurs, this acts as a kind of mental buffer.

Everyone experiences fear of some kind, and people often avoid certain objects or situations. However, when a fear becomes a phobia and significantly interferes with participation in personal or social events and activities, it is time to seek professional help and treatment.

For example, when a young child is bitten by the neighbor's dog but is familiar with dogs as a family pet, the chances that a phobia will develop are decreased. Scientists also refer to the concept of "preparedness," meaning that the human brain is "prepared" to develop a fear of dangerous animals or insects. For example, people are more likely to develop a fear of snakes or spiders than of flowers or trees.

Contributed by Ken Loos, Consultation and Education Department. The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.

Mail questions to High Plains Mental Health Center, Plain Sense, Consultation and Education Department, 208 E. Seventh, Hays, Kan. 67601. Internet site: www.highplainsmentalhealth.com.

Farm Credit association offers renewable scholarship

Farm Credit of Western Kansas Agricultural Credit Association is offering a \$500-per-year scholarship, renewable for four years. High school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm

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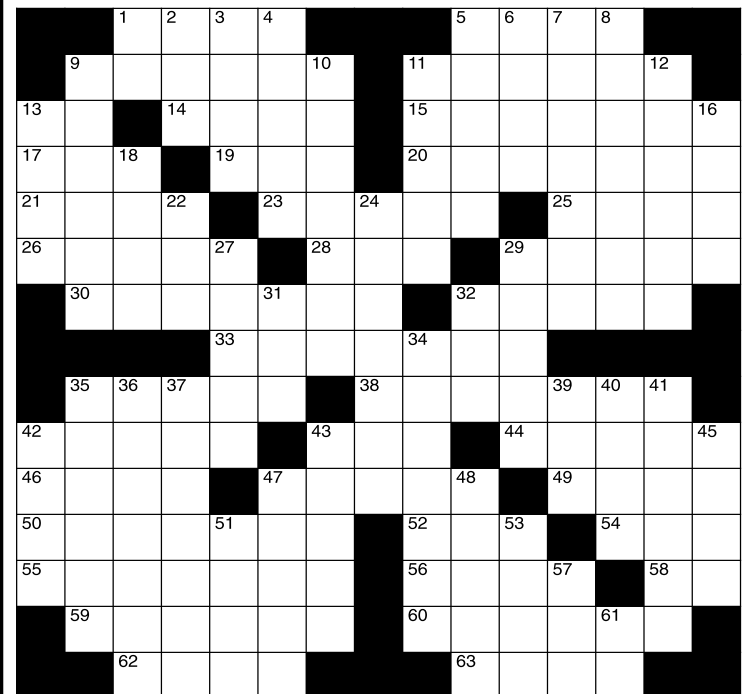
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- City transportation
- Listen
- Of the lower back
- High quality French brandy
- Red cross (abbr.)
- Mother
- First letter of a name
- Paddle
- ___ Boot: 1981 film
- Matter that remains
- Group of three
- Indian dresses
- The central idea
- Deep Space Nine writer Ethan H.
- Crunches federal numbers
- First king of Egypt
- No attempt at concealment
- Distinctively sharp tastes
- Not professional
- Ancient region on Aegean Sea
- Farmer's calendar
- Horse trained to a special gait
- El ___: hero of Spain
- Anwar ___: Egyptian statesman
- A single article
- Exchange of goods for money
- Make taunting remarks
- Withdraws
- Modern musical style
- Trading Spaces channel
- Penciled correction
- Monetary unit of Angola
- Popular Canadian expression
- Central portions of a vascular plant
- Yelped

CLUES DOWN

- Western state abbreviation
- 1st computing society
- A thin wire nail
- Spa at the Park Hotel Kenmare
- Sharpens on a whetstone
- Breastplate
- Stimulates the production of antibodies
- Marauding
- Ancient Egypt's divine beetle
- Large flat strips of pasta
- Boojum tree
- Campaigns
- College army
- Rents
- Rivulet
- River of W. Russia
- Grenadier fish
- Step
- ___ chino cherry
- Doctors' group
- Stomach
- Aged
- Provides food service
- Salt of acetic acid
- Surrendered claim
- To be a constant annoyance
- A nearly horizontal entrance to a mine
- Secured with a steel rope
- ___lli: Italian tire mfg.
- Occurrences of a disease
- GA ___: Atlanta school
- Language of W. Africa
- 5th month of the Hindu calendar
- Decide with authority
- Melon, cucumbers, pumpkin
- Initial public offering
- ___ route: on the way

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