

Colby meeting set to discuss programs

Farmers, ranchers, and others should plan to attend a farm bill meeting entitled "What's New in Conservation" to hear a Kansas perspective on conservation programs and find out the latest information on how they can use these programs, said Tim Christian, state coordinator for the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams (KAWS). The meeting is set for Friday, April 25, in Colby at the Community Center.

The agenda kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with registration and features a series of panel presentations from organizations and agencies including the Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Livestock Association engineering services, Pheasants Forever, Wildlife Management Institute, landowners, and others. United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservationist, Harold Klaege, will provide an overview of the new conservation provisions and be available to answer program specifics.

Kansas producers have an opportunity to tackle a wide variety of natural resource issues in ways not available to date, continued Coordinator Christian. Anyone thinking about using these programs needs to hear what their peers and advisors have to offer on the details of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). Additionally, panelists will cover the aspects of a new twist in providing technical help to producers as outlined in the 2002 farm bill - Technical Service Providers (TSP). And, to better understand how individuals can influence state-level guidelines and processes through their organizations and associations a special panel is set up to discuss the Kansas Technical Committee (KTC), the advisory group to Natural Resource Conservation Service. A number of Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams partners will be present to provide their insights throughout the day as well. A complete listing of the day's agenda is posted on the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams website - <http://www.kswetlands.org>.

Due to the importance of getting this information out, the meetings are being underwritten by the Kansas Farm Bureau, Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, Star Seed, and Sharp Brothers Seed, said Christian. Breaks and lunch will be provided by these folks. The Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development has provided key support as well. If you are interested in attending, RSVP by April 22 to the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at 785.462.2602, or contact KAWS at 620.241.3636. Additionally, Farm Bureau members can RSVP for this meeting to Elizabeth Brothers at 785.587.6700, ext. 6197.

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams is a non-profit organization organized in 1996 to provide quality information and education on wetlands, streams, and riparian areas and other natural resource issues in Kansas.



COLE WILLIAMS placed second in the triple jump at the track meet held in Bird City. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Cheylin hosted area track meet Thursday

A scheduling conflict found Cheylin hosting an area track meet at the same time the senior class was on their class trip.

"With the seniors gone on their trip I think the kids (who did compete) did real well," Coach Richard Martoglio said.

Six men did represent the school and had two first place showings,

both by freshman Josh Moyer who was 5-4 in the high jump and 18-3 in the long jump. Josh also had a third place win as part of the 4x100-relay team.

The other athletes were: Cole Williams; second, triple jump (36-3.5), sixth, long jump (16-6.5) and third in 4x100-relay.

Chase Krien; third, triple jump (31-9.5), fifth, long jump (16-6.75) and third in 4x100-relay.

Justin Antholz; fifth, 100, (12.3), fifth, 200, (26.5) and third in 4x100-relay.

Kelly Simmonds; sixth, shot put, sixth, discus.

Alex Hengen; fourth, 800, (2:29.2)

This week the track team travels to Triplains for a meet and should have a better impact with a full squad.

"I believe the times are going to improve and distances go up as we progress into the season," said Coach Martoglio.

Obituaries

Erma J. Eggers

Aug. 23, 1912 - April 8, 2003

Erma J. Eggers, 90, a longtime northwest Kansas resident, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Overland Park.

She was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Rawlins County, the daughter of Albert E. and Clara B. Smith, who homesteaded on the Burntwood in 1898. On Sept. 27, 1932, she was united in marriage to Herman C. Eggers in McDonald, and they farmed together in Sherman County until June of 1995, when they moved to Goodland.

Mrs. Eggers enjoyed learning and earned her high school equivalency when she was 68. In 2003, to celebrate her 90th birthday, Mrs. Eggers and a daughter completed a book titled "Roses of Burntwood - Stories from the Kansas Frontier."

Preceding her in death were her husband of 64 years Herman C. Eggers; five sisters; and five brothers.

Surviving family members include four children: Eugene Eggers of Rycroft, Alberta, Canada; Raleigh Eggers and his wife, Glee of Manhattan; Marcia Zinn of Lake Quivira; Wanda McGee and her husband, Bill of Port St. Joe, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister Letha Brown of Missoula, Mont.; and one brother Nile Smith and his wife, Shirley of Victor, Mont.

The funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, at Koons Chapel, Goodland, with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. The burial will be a private family service at Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Erma Eggers Memorial, and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Alice L. David

Alice L. David, 82, of Fort Dodge, Kan., died Friday, March 28, at Trinity Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 1, at the chapel of Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home with Rev. Harry Imaly, Pastor of Riverside United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at the St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Survivors include son Dennis Brodsack and his wife, Gail of Parker, Colo.; step-grandsons Matthew and Chad Lashua; sisters Darlyne Griswold and her husband, Zane of Duncombe, and Deloris Rohn of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, Daniel and Josephine Bunda Kusterer, daughter Mary Jo, son John Patrick Jr., and a brother Robert Kusterer.

Alice Lorraine Kusterer was born on Dec. 22, 1920, in Moorland. She attended schools in Moorland and graduated from there in 1938. She then attended teaching college in Cedar Falls and graduated from there. Following her education she was a grade school teacher in the Coleman District of Fort Dodge and in Badger for several years.

In 1948 she married John Patrick "Paddy" Brodsack and the couple established their home on a farm just south of Fort Dodge. Alice became a homemaker and helped run the family farm. Pat died in 1964.

In 1978 she married Ray David and the couple established their home on the farm. Ray died in 1992.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Bible school set

The Community Vacation Bible School will use the theme of "SCUBA" standing for Super Cool Underseas Bible Adventure this year when the school is in session June 2 through June 6 at the Cheylin School.

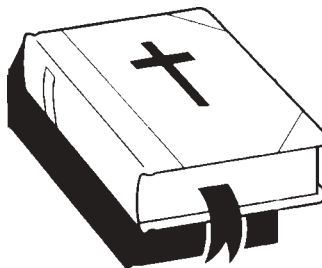
Registration will be at 4 p.m. June 2 in the school cafeteria. Bible school times will be from 4:30 to 7:30 each day.

Students should get ready to dive into God's love and some Bible adventures, but remember you can't go scuba diving without getting wet! Each day there will be lots of cool crafts, wet and wild games, lively songs and tasty treats.

Chadder the Chipmunk will stop by to see all of his friends and relate great Bible stories.

The mission will be "Shoes for Orphan Souls."

Everyone in the community is encouraged to donate new shoes and socks that will be distributed, along with the message of God's love, to orphans throughout the world.



Echoes of Southwind By Dorthy Mast

A "go ahead" spirit was the trait that supposedly distinguished the American from other peoples of the world today traceable to his or her experiences in history.

The frontier appealed to the secure, the contemplative and the cautious than to the restless, the men of action and the venture-some; those who traded the known comforts for the hazards of the unknown were men and women who were willing to gamble against nature for the chance of self betterment.

Among these resolute men were five brothers. They were Moritz J., Gustave J., Charles J., Edward J. and Theodore J. Kerndt.

These brothers were reared in Lansing, Allamakee County, Iowa. The parental lineage was out of Marklesse, Germany, behind the Iron Curtain.

All five brothers moved to the newly formed town of Bird City in 1885. Charles Kerndt became the first postmaster of Bird City. Edward J. Kerndt developed a branch mercantile store in Atwood and later became a merchant in St. Francis.

Charles J. Kerndt later moved to McDonald. Theodore J. Kerndt returned to Lansing, Iowa. Gustave J. Kerndt became the main proprietor of the Kerndt Mercantile in Bird City. Materials and supplies for the Kerndt Mercantile were hauled by team and wagon from Benkelman, Neb., (the nearest railroad).

In June of 1885 the Kerndt brothers had built a 20-by-30 foot building and put in a small stock of merchandise. By July 1, 1885, before the floor was finished the store was open for business. The Fourth of July, 1885, was a celebration of the event of the new windmill for water. A dance was held in the Kerndt Mercantile when only one half of the floor was laid and there were only three ladies in attendance.

The Kerndt Mercantile dealt in nearly everything necessary for meeting the residents needs such as general merchandise, hardware, implements and grain for livestock.

From the windmill pipes were laid to the Kerndt Mercantile, Slover's boarding shack, three

real estate offices and the hydrant where man and beast could quench their thirst.

The Kerndt family had living quarters above the store until they built a frame house in the block west of the store. This frame house still stands.

The mercantile store was located in block 28; lots 21 and 22 on fourth street. The first post office was located in the Kerndt Mercantile store.

Due to failing health "Gus" Kerndt sold the mercantile to Alonzo E. Wylder and J.A. VanDoren in 1905. About 1920 the store was purchased by the Harrison Mercantile Company of St. Francis. The building burned down in 1926 and was replaced by a brick building.

The "Gus" Kerndt family consisted of his wife, Clara, daughters Alwine (died at age 6), Martha and Bertha. Gustave J. Kerndt passed away in 1912, leaving Clara a widow. Many residents have fond memories of Clara, Martha and Bertha. The pioneer spirit of the Kerndt family is part of the valued history of Bird City.

Club Clips

McDonald Garden Club

The McDonald Garden Club of the Northwest District held their annual Arbor Day program on Wednesday, April 9 at the home of Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Pastor Greg Moyer opened the program with a beautiful prayer, followed by the flag salute led by the Cheylin fourth grade students. Ale Thomas accompanied by Pam Thomas, played a number of patriotic songs on his violin. Hudson Louderbaugh and his mother, Dixie, added to the theme of the day with their songs.

Cheylin fourth grade students under the direction of Marjean Zumbahlen, presented a clever play about the origin of Arbor Day. A redbud tree, donated by Garden Club member, Margaret Rhodes, was planted in the Kacirek yard. Fourth graders also helped with the planting. Cookies and cold drinks were served to everyone attending the ceremony.

Following the planting, Joan Tongish opened the business meeting. The Garden Party, sponsored by Kansas State University on May 8, was discussed. Several members are interested if transportation is provided. Plans were

made for the plant and food sale on May 14 at the McDonald Senior Center. Members all joined in the arranging of silk flowers in baskets to be used for the May Senior Citizens meeting. One member said "This is the day the Lord has made," and it was. The beautiful day, the green earth, the friendship and participation of so many truly made it a "day from the Lord."

McDonald Senior Citizens

Forty senior citizens braved the snowy streets to attend the potluck dinner and meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens on Monday, April 7. President, Betty Lewis thanked the new health nurse, Sheri Horinek for coming to take blood pressures, and also thanked Phyllis Wingfield for the clever Easter bunnies that made the tables so pretty. Vance Lewis read a story about e-mail and then led the meal prayer.

Following the delicious meal, bingo was played with Helen Peter of St. Francis winning the blackout prize.

At the business meeting the March reports were read. The secretary was instructed to send thanks you to those who donated money for the repair of the pool table and also to those who shoveled snow at

the center.

The new bingo cards are here, and the cost will be shared by the senior citizens, McDonald Area Development, Lions and the Legion.

It was approved to hold a garage sale on Saturday, April 19. Items will be set up and marked on both April 16 and 18. However, items can be left at the center any day between 10 and 11 a.m. and again between 3 and 4 p.m. any week day.

For the May meeting the committees are Poem, Marlene Johnson; Prayer, Roy Johnson; Bingo, Vance Lewis; Prizes, Joan Tongish and Kitchen Help: Ruby Tracy, Karlene Atchison and Joan Tongish.

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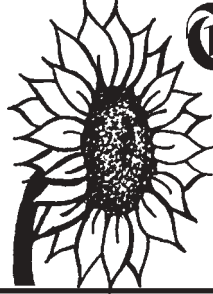
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