

## Obituaries

### Wayne D. Deeds

June 29, 1922 - Dec. 31, 2008



Deeds

Wayne D. Deeds was the oldest of six children born to Ray and Elsie (Eggers) Deeds at their farm home southeast of Bird City, Kan., on June 29, 1922, and died at his home in Colby on Dec. 31, 2008, at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 10 days.

Wayne attended the Frontier Country one-room school for eight years of his life riding ponies 2 miles with his brothers and sister.

He graduated from Bird City High School in 1940, attended Fort Hays University one year, studied radio and communications at Kansas City, and graduated from the Dunwitty Institute in Minneapolis, Minn.

Wayne then enlisted in the Army on Oct. 27, 1942. His tour of duty with the 249th Signal Operation Company during World War II took him to Italy, France and Germany. Wayne's tour ship was ordered to the Pacific Theater, but due to the atomic bomb dropped on Sept. 6, the ships were ordered to re-

turn to the United States arriving Sept. 10, 1945. Wayne was discharged on Dec. 3, 1945, as a Tech Sergeant.

Wayne married Irma Carstens on Sept. 18, 1945. This home was blessed with four children, three daughters and one son...Reva (Jon) Eicher, Linda (Ray) Crumbaker, William (Janice) Deeds and Jeanie (Fred) Schields, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Wayne considered himself a very rich man believing that true wealth was found in the happiness and love of his family and God.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father and mother, two brothers, Harold and Don Deeds and one sister, Carol Brubaker.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his faithful wife of 63 years, four children and their spouses, grand- and great-grandchildren, brother, Ed Deeds of Goodland and Lorraine Brethower of Buffalo, Mo., and a host of friends and neighbors.

Services were held in Wayne's memory at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby, with Reverend John Schmidt officiating on Saturday, Jan. 3. Burial was in the Brewster Cemetery with the Fort Riley Honor Guard special service.

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Maurice "Moe" William Riley, 78, of Iola, Kan., died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at his home.

He was born March 31, 1930, at Piqua to William J. and Frances (Nieman) Riley. He received his elementary schooling in Piqua, attended Rockhurst High School in Kansas City and then transferred and graduated from Maur Hill High School in Atchison in 1948. He received his bachelor of science degree in 1952 from St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine College).

Moe served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, in the Intelligence Corp. as a photo interpreter. He served with the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. After his discharge, he worked as a negotiator for Westinghouse Aviation Gas Turbine Division in Kansas City, Mo., with the Navy.

On Nov. 13, 1954, Maurice married Rose Mary Strathman at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Seneca. They lived in Kansas City and later moved to Piqua where he farmed and raised cattle. In 1961, he became the rural mail carrier in Piqua, and in 1971, was transferred to Iola. He and Rose Mary then moved to Iola.

He was a lifetime member of the Kansas State Historical Society and served on the initial board of the Woodson County Historical Society.

He served on the Piqua State Bank board for 20 years. He was the founding president of the Rural Water District No. 1, establishing a water plant in Neosho Falls.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Iola, and a

member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He served on the church committees at St. Martin in Piqua and St. John's in Iola. He and Rose Mary worked with Catholic Engaged Encounter, led over 50 weekend retreats, and served as coordinators for the Wichita Diocese.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Mary Riley of the home; four children, Gregg Riley and wife, Tami of Redwood Falls, Minn. Karen Pendleton and husband, John of Lawrence; Jolene Reeh of McDonald and Philip Riley and wife, Dawn of Oregon, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Brian, Megan, Mitch and Brett Riley, Elizabeth, Margaret and Will Pendleton and Naomi and Kenan Reeh; one brother, Robert Riley and wife, Frances, of LaJolla, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son-in-law, Robert Reeh.

Mass was held on Monday, Jan. 12, at St. John's Catholic Church in Iola with burial in St. Martin's Cemetery at Piqua.

Memorials may be made to Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome International, St. Benedict's Abbey or Allen County Healthcare Foundation (Hospice).

Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.iolafuneral.com](http://www.iolafuneral.com).



BARBARA BEOUGHER'S presentation at the United Methodist Church, had many pictures of her tour in Greece and Turkey.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Audience hears presentation of trip

On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Barbara Beougher presented to the United Methodist Women and guests, at the Methodist Church in Bird City, the trip she and her daughter, Amy Andrews took to Greece and Turkey Nov. 5-14.

The trip was a tour of the cities the Apostle Paul walked through during his ministry. Mrs. Beougher opened the presentation by telling the audience that when Amy first asked her to go, she hesitated. However, after spending a month thinking and praying about it, she realized it was a chance of a lifetime.

Using picture slides, Mrs. Beougher took the audience through cities and toured areas that were frozen in time, and market places that had not changed for centuries.

Walking in the steps of the Apostle Paul, Mrs. Beougher

and Amy attended worship services in churches that had been built on ground that commemorated the people and events during the time of his ministry.

"It was a life-changing experience to follow in Paul's footsteps," said Mrs. Beougher.

Following the presentation, the guests went into the fellowship hall and view many interesting items Mrs. Beougher brought back from her trip and then sat down to a Greek salad lunch prepared by Velda Wright, Carol Marsh and Carol Peters.



## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Bob and Helen Johnson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening when their children took them to the Landmark Inn in Oberlin. Those who made the evening perfect for the Johnsons were Rod and Lisa Johnson, Ron Johnson, Rob Johnson and Mark and Hilary Van Patten and Clay of Almena. On Sunday, family members who called to continue the celebration were Rod and Lisa Johnson, Ray

and Marlene Johnson, Jim and Lois Morelock, and George Vandegriffe.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were hosts to their Bible study on Wednesday evening.

Jerry and Betty Knapp baby-sat for the Purvis children in Goodland from Thursday to Saturday.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Sunday evening supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer. The ladies put in a quilt to be quilted.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Sunday visitors of Bobbie Miller and Laddie Kacirek in the Atwood Good Samaritan Home.

Weekend guests of Gail and Kay Miller and Frances Erickson were Glen and Earlene Erickson and Paul Erickson all of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Velma Goeings of Buena Vista, Colo.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Tuesday visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

## Help is available

By Karen Krien

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Priority Oil and Gas will once again be helping some families in Cheyenne County to meet their winter heating costs. Applications are due by Jan. 31.

Priority president and owner Robbie Gries said she realized that, with the rising energy costs, there are people who are having trouble paying their heating bills and decided to begin the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program in the winter of 2005. Every year since then, Priority has continued to assist Cheyenne County residents with their escalating heating bills.

"The program is a direct relationship between the oil and gas company and low income families who need help with their heating bills because of the increase in energy prices," Ms. Gries said.

The program is comparable to the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

Applications are available at various locations in St. Francis and Bird City. People may call the company at 303-296-3435 or e-mail priorityog@aol.com or contact Jessica Andrews in Idalia, Colo., at 970-354-7495 or e-mail LaRanaLLC@aol.com for applications. Applications are due in Priority's office no later than Jan. 31.

"Helping residents with their heating bills is a way the company can give back to the community," Ms. Gries said. "The assistance is not designed to pay the whole bill but assistance will be given on the varied bases of need. We try to weigh the need with the amount of dollars to be dispersed."

Priority Oil and Gas LLC owns natural gas wells only in Cheyenne County, however, they have exploration projects in Wyoming and Colorado.

Ms. Gries started the company in 1992 and reformed the business in 1995. She started with 12 wells and is now up to 121 wells in the county.

Ms. Gries has a bachelor's degree in geology from Colorado State University and a master's degree from

Rising energy costs have created some difficulties for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with part of your energy bill is now available for income-qualified applicants.

Applications will be available starting Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the following locations:

St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's office, city office and the St. Francis Equity on 123 River Street.

Bird City - city office, Frontier Equity.

Or with Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS) agents in Goodland and Colby.

You may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil and Gas LLC at 303-296-3435, PriorityOG@aol.com, LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or P.O. Box 27798, Denver, Colo. 80227-0798.

University of Texas, Austin. She has been a geologist for 35 years and prior to that, for 2.5 years, taught beginning geology at Wichita State University.

Others working with Ms. Gries are Melissa Gray, Business Director; Jessica Andrews of LaRana Resources LLC, contract administrator; and Kevin Andrews of LaRana Resources LLC, contract field operations manager.

Ms. Gries said the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program will continue as long as the company can afford to do so and expects the program to be a long-term project.

Anyone needing assistance, call 303-296-3435 or 970-354-7495. You may also stop by the various locations listed in the advertisement in this issue of the paper.



## Club Clip

### Kanred Unit

The Kansas Association for Family and Community Education group, Kanred, met on Monday, Jan. 5, at the LeBow Manor in Bird City, with five members present.

For roll call, each shared a goal for 2009. This was really interesting as each told something they would like to do and shared how it was hoped to be accomplished.

For the program, Treva Henry taught the lesson, "Someone's in the World - Being Green." This lesson told how important it is to recycle and how everyone should use environment-safe cleaning products and other things that could be done to protect the environment and keep it going for the next generations.

Also, some of the next lessons that the members will have include- "Someone's in the USA - Court(ing) the Judicial System," "Choose Wisely - Your Health Depends on it," "Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology," "Vary Your Protein," and "How to - Using Your Hands."

At the end of the meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments that Jerry Cress had brought. Everyone had a good time of fellowship around the table.

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