

Cowgirl publishes poetry of her life

Many people have heard Helene Landenberger, Wild Rose Poet, entertain at different functions or have her CD titled “Rawhide and Roses.” Now, she has published a book, “Bloomin’ Prairie Poetry.”

The book contains poetry describing her life from the age of 11. She said that was when she first noticed her future husband, or, rather the horse he was riding. She said they were involved in the same riding and roping clubs and eventually, they were married.

The poem, “First Love,” describes what happened in those few years and the years that followed. The book, through poetry, tells about the story of family, special horses, memorable characters, appreciation of the land and historical events.

My roots run deep in Cheyenne County, she said, as my Grandpa (Fred) Magley homesteaded in the county in 1907. Through the years, her family has continued farming and ranching.

There is a lot in the book about her dad, Arnold Magley.

“As there came a time in his life that I realized some of his great stories could be lost for all time if not written down,” she said. “Not feeling like a story writer at that time, they came in the form of rhymes.

“He is the star of the memorable characters, but there are some other good ones (characters) as well.”

A few years after he died, Ms. Landenberger began to focus on local “Old West” history, writing quite a lot on the subject. She recently helped Dorothy Mast, who

was writing articles for Cheylin students, by adding her poem, “L&LLP Stage Line - 1859.”

It just fit in with the work Dorothy is doing in the Bird City Historical Association, she said.

Ms. Landenberger began performing her original poetry in 1993 and was on the opening program of the Red Steagall Show in Torrington, Wyo., in 1996. In 2007, she opened for Riders in the Sky in Colby. She has also performed at many different events and for organizations in the area.

This year, the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs named her “Poet of the Year.” This was when she decided to put her poetry in book form.

“It (the book) had been on my mind for years as there were times when I was performing that people would ask about ‘a book,’” she said.

Helene was born in rural Cheyenne County and attended country school for two years at which time, the Bird City school consolidation occurred.

She raised four children, two girls and two boys, and, she said, filled those years with livestock and riding.

While performing, she opens with a poem which tells much about her life. It starts:

I’m the Wild Rose Poet, you maybe didn’t know it,
And I’m proud to be from our town,
Wherever I go, I’ll always show,
I wear that name like a crown.
Yes it is St. Francis, here in



WILD ROSE Poet Helene Landenberger looks over her new book, “Bloomin’ Prarie Poetry.”

Photo by Karen Krien

Northwest Kansas,
Cheyenne County has been my home...

To purchase the book, CD or have Ms. Landenberger perform, call her at 785-332-2528. The book is also available on line but only in hard copy.

New law practice opens in both St. Francis and Colby

By Karen Krien
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Kevin Berens opened his own law practice in both St. Francis and Colby in August.

Mr. Berens graduated from Washburn University in Topeka with a law degree in May 1999. Before that, he had been an accountant for the Rural Electric Association in Bird City after graduating from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

He said he talked with Jim Milliken of Milliken Law Office in St. Francis about going into law and he had encouraged him to pursue the career.

I wanted to help people, Berens said, and I thought that I could do that by being a lawyer.

After graduating from Washburn, he went to work at Milliken Law and was there for 12 years. During that time, he was the Cheyenne County Attorney from 2001 to 2005.

Working with Jim Milliken and Kari Gilliland, he said, was good experience but I felt it was the right time to go out on my own.

His area of practice includes general litigations, contracts, real estate, estate planning, probate, tax and accounting.

In March 2011, Mr. Berens was appointed as the Thomas County county attorney after the former county attorney, Bruce Flipse, resigned.

I am originally from Colby, Mr. Berens said, so I sought the appointment in order to



KEVIN BERENS opens law practice in St. Francis.
Times staff photo by Karen Krien

give back to that community. The Republican Committee made his appointment.

His office in St. Francis is in the Shay Realty building at 107 E. Washington. He is there on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

He spends three days commuting to Colby for Thomas County Attorney matters. Berens also spends time on Fridays in Colby where his office is located at 410 N. Franklin. He is there between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. He can be reached by calling 785-332-2275 or 785-462-2266.

His wife, Angie, recently retired as the director of the Farm Service Agency in St. Francis. This gave flexibility to work with Mr. Berens’ schedule and raise their two sons, Matthew, 6-years-old, and Joshua, 8.

Mr. Berens’ parents, Gary Berens and Barbara Nichols, live in Colby.

McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended Kruze Denny’s first birthday brunch Sunday morning in Colby. He is the son of JJ and Lori Denny.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Laddie and Vera Kacerik at the Samaritan Home in Oberlin last Wednesday.

Weekend guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Lois’s children Patty and Dexter Leach, Peggy and Wayne Sager, Gary and Lisa Johnson, Joan and Jordann, and Ray and Edie Johnson, Scott and Laura. They were here to attend Ray Johnson’s funeral Friday.

Guests this week of Fred

and Lavina Waters till Tuesday morning are Kim and Rusty Brown, Alex and Sidney all of South Carolina, Jenna Penny of Burlington, Colo., and Becky and Ray Nelson of Rifle, Colo.

Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams enjoyed vacationing in Aurora and Monument, Colo., this past week.

Guests this week of Joan Tongish are Dick and Cheryl Beamguard and Douglas of Northvill, Mich. They are here to attend the funeral of Dick’s mother, June Beamguard.

Mike and Doug Tongish were Sunday afternoon visitors of

their mother, Joan Tongish.

Brenda Knapp was a weekend guest of her parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Travis Knapp is helping his Dad drill wheat.

Friday evening and overnight guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Janice’s brother Harland and wife Joan Hubbard of Silom Springs, Ark. Saturday they met Janice’s sister Jean and husband Steve Skobal at the Land Mark Inn in Oberlin.



South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George Banister attended Ray Johnson’s funeral Friday in McDonald.

Ote and Ellen Dewey attended Tayten Dewey’s fifth birthday party Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon and evening

guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer to celebrate birthdays were Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls, and Ryan and Diane Shay and family. They celebrated Valeria’s first birthday, Riley Shay’s 15th birthday, and Diane Shay’s birthday.

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Sellers: Cappel Sales & Dick & Kathie Cappel

Sat, Oct. 1, 2011- 10:00 CST

Sale Site from McCook: 3 miles West to Rd 381, 1 mile North. From Orshelns: 1 mile West, 1 mile North, 3 miles West. Signs will be posted.

Machinery & Miscellaneous

1995 JD 6810 Chopper w/676 head and 630 pickup head, 4,108 cutter hours, 5,671 engine hours

1980 JD 950 Tractor FWA, JD 75 loader, new rear tires 12-4-28, 2,503 hours, rear blade (nice)

2005 New Holland LS 180B Skid Steer loader, pallet forks and bucket, 327 hrs., like new

2005 7x20 Elite Alum., Stock Trailer

2009 Ford NH TC 2220 Tractor, FWA, Supersteer Hydrostatic w/240 TL Ford NH Loader

1972 Chevy truck, 16' box and hoist, 4-spd, 2-spd, w/327 motor (maybe 366)

16' Car trailer w/2-250 gal. diesel tanks w/oil filter, disposable tank and tool box, 50 gal. diesel tank w/12-v electric pump

91 9600 #640740 combine, 30.5x32 fronts, 14.9x24 rears, 2650 hrs.

843 #190622 CH

925 #651273 platform

224 #444391 platform

644 #568992 CH

UFT 660 bu. Grain Cart, 30.5Lx32 tires

Forklift extensions

Tow bar

Steel tractor seat

3 New rubber tanks (stock)

110-volt Fence charger

12-volt Fence charger

3 Hand saws

3 Welding helmets

Electric chicken picker

Older stick welder

3 Sprayers

Tractor sun shade

Load binders

16 Aluminum clad fenders for Peterbilt

Used oil coolers, large and small

JD Quick tach JD front weights

JD 3-pr arm Radar Unit

New transfer pump, 6.5 hp

Generac 4000XL generator, new

Lincoln Wire welder, SP17ST

6' Sealfolding Grain totes

Multi-CLeazer high pressure washer, LP or gas, 2,750 PSI

4-Wheel wagon on rubber

2005 S & H 2-Horse trailer (like new)

Shop, Household & Misc.

Bar stools

Gun rack

Pistol safe

Misc. shelving

Garden tools

Used Holland BBQ grill

2-Travel lawn sprinklers

Gas trimmer

Lawn chairs

Christmas lights

Gas blower

4 Rolls 1990 uncut Baseball cards (rare find)

Small safe

Gun safe

Baseboard heaters

Kerosene heater

DR Trimmer, needs engine

2-LP Burners

Alt.- double dog box

2 10' canopies

Lamps

TV

Fire extinguisher

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:
Dick and Kathie have sold their business to their son and will liquidate the listed items. Many more items too numerous to mention. **Lunch will be served.**

Thanks, Royce

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