

OBITUARIES

Dwight A. Wood

Nov. 7, 1955- April 2, 2014

Dwight A. Wood, 58, died at the Community Hospital in McCook, Neb. on April 2, 2014. He was born in Norton on Nov. 7, 1955, to Leon and Veda (Van Gundy) Wood.

He grew up on the family farm near Norcat, helping his dad. Dwight graduated from high school in Oberlin at the Decatur Community High School in 1975.

Dwight worked at the K-State Experiment station in Colby. He then moved to Kearney, Neb. It was there he married Tammy Pruitt and to this union twin daughters were born: Chelsey and Taryn.

Dwight grew up loving music; he played the guitar since his childhood, he also played the mandolin and some keyboard. He played in several bands after graduation. He loved to sing and had even produced and recorded several CD's of his own songs.

He earned a degree in audio technology from Northeastern Community College in Norfolk, Neb. in the 1990's.

Dwight has had many health



problems since he was 14. This kept him from pursuing his audio career. Dwight was given a kidney by his brother David in 1993. That kidney failed in 2003. At that time he had to go on hemodialysis for the last 10 1/2 years. In 1999 Dwight met Teresa Reves and they married in McCook, Neb. on Sept. 25, 2004. Teresa has been his primary caregiver, helping him with his dialysis.

He was preceded in death by his father: Leon and a brother Merrit.

Dwight is survived by his wife: Teresa of McCook, Neb.; his daughters: Chelsey and Taryn, both of Chicago, Ill.; two stepchildren: Mary (Jeff) Zimmerman of Westmoreland; Bruce (Melissa) Reves of Ozawkie; three grandchildren; mother: Veda of Norcat; three brothers: David Wood of Stroud, Okla.; Merlin Wood of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Dennis Wood of Norcat; two sisters: Carol (John) Moye of Oberlin; Sandra (Larry) McNames of Palco; along with many nieces and nephews. He was the son-in-law of Gerald and Mary McDougal of Havensville; brother-in-law Diane and Matt Roggenkamp.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Church of Christ Annex in McCook, Neb. on Sunday, April 6, 2014.

Memorials may be left at Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel of McCook, Neb. or mailed to Dwight Wood Memorial, 611 E 5th St. McCook, NE 69001.

Friends may leave on-line condolences at herrmannfh.com.

Serving the community



The Norton Community Center served up spaghetti last Thursday evening. It was a free will donation to receive a plate full of spaghetti with homemade sauce made by Malinda Segura. Pictured is Melinda Segura serving with Rose Garrison being a helping hand.

-Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

Learn to age gracefully

Friday, April 25 is a big day for K-State Research and Extension in Northwest Kansas. It is the day that Full Circle...An Aging Expo will be held in Hays, at the Messiah Lutheran Church at 2000 Main. What is Full Circle...An Aging Expo you ask?

Full Circle...An Aging Expo is a day long conference on aging which is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, the NW Kansas Area Agency on Aging, and Fort Hays State University. When it became apparent that the aging population in most of northwest Kansas counties was approaching if not exceeding 20 percent of the total population, Full Circle...An Aging Expo was born. A figure like 20 percent just couldn't be ignored, especially when this number will very likely grow even larger in the future. So this one of a kind conference on hot aging topics was designed to help families and individuals learn to age gracefully and with the knowledge to help themselves and loved ones find solutions to complex problems that go along with aging.

This year's Full Circle will highlight Dr. Jeff Burnett, a dynamic speaker from Fort Hays State University - Department of Health and Human Perfor-

mance. Health and fitness are main interests for Dr. Burnett. He will discuss being realistic about health at any age and deals with fad diets, exercise, and popular health and exercise advice.

Angel Shaver, WaKeeney, is a survivor of a serious auto accident. She battled to overcome serious injuries and eventually became the 2013 Miss Wheelchair Kansas. Angel has a moving message which emphasizes the use of an attitude of gratitude.

Other local expertise includes a presentation by Sue Noll, Supervisor of Hospice and Palliative Care at Hays Medical Center. Noll will describe options which are available in the event of a life threatening illness and will discuss the fact that it is ok to tell your doctor no.

Paul Koemer, local Hays pharmacist, will clarify your questions about Medicare Part D and the options that are available.

Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes presented by Stacey Seibel of Seibel Law Office of Hays will emphasize what not to do when creating an estate plan.

The final local expert is Erin Petersillie, Extension Agent in

Northwest Kansas. Erin shows how to bring generations closer together by using technology. Participants will have the opportunity to use some of the latest technology and learn how it can be used in everyday life.

Loren Snell, Kansas Deputy Attorney General, is not local, but he is an expert on crimes being committed against the elderly. He will highlight healthcare fraud, identity fraud and medical identity fraud.

Strategies for those who need to provide care for a distant relative or friend will be discussed by Bradford Wiles, KSU Extension Specialist, Manhattan, Kan.

Participants will have the opportunity to choose three of six breakout sessions to attend plus attend the keynote and cap-note speakers.

A separate session has been planned for health care professionals which will enable participants to earn six Continuing Education Units.

For registration information for both of these conferences, please contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or visit www.northwest.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=98. Registrations are due April 17, so do not delay.

A new threatened species

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Secretary Robin Jennison reacted with disappointment over the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision Thursday to list the lesser prairie-chicken as threatened. Dan Ash, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced the decision March 27, citing habitat fragmentation, population declines, drought, and threats from development.

"This wasn't the decision we hoped to hear," Jennison said. "A lot of work went into a plan to show that state wildlife agencies could manage and conserve lesser prairie chickens without designating the species as threatened."

For the past 18 months, the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism participated in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Interstate Working Group, established by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Wildlife biologists from agencies in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, as well as other partners, worked tirelessly to develop a Range-wide Lesser Prairie Chicken Plan to conserve the species. Keith Sexson, Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism assistant secretary, was actively involved in the process and is pleased with the way state agencies worked together.

"The feeling among state wildlife agencies was that such a plan would benefit lesser prairie-chickens through voluntary support from industry and private landowners, and perhaps dissuade the USFWS from listing the species," said Sexson,

Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism assistant secretary. "I'm proud of the effort and passion shown by our staff to help create this plan, and it demonstrates the ability for state fish and wildlife agencies to work together with industry and private landowners to deliver an approach that will result in positive conservation for the lesser prairie-chicken."

While the Fish and Wildlife Service endorsed the final version of the conservation plan, it didn't prevent the final listing of the species.

"I believe the development and initial success of the range-wide plan shows that our staff have the expertise necessary to manage lesser prairie-chickens and their habitats. I think we missed an opportunity to break out of the status quo in managing species in need of conservation," Jennison said. "Had the final decision been 'not warranted,' the range-wide plan would have represented a groundbreaking new approach for the way these decisions are made. We have a plan that would have

conserved prairie-chickens and benefitted all stakeholders without the burdensome red tape and often times heavy-handed approach of the federal government."

The final Range-wide Lesser Prairie Chicken Plan is the result of an unprecedented effort and collaboration among state agencies, landowners and industry. The Range-wide Lesser Prairie Chicken Plan is a comprehensive lesser prairie chicken conservation/management plan that provides a vehicle to bring industry, government and private landowners together to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. To date, more than \$20 million has been committed by oil, gas, wind and electric transmission industries that will impact nearly four million acres, enhancing and developing critical lesser prairie-chicken habitat.

Information about the Range-wide Lesser Prairie Chicken Plan is available on the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies website, www.wafwa.org.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Tuesday, April 8 - Ham and beans, tossed salad w/tomatoes and carrots, cornbread and Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, April 9 - Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, Cook's choice complement, bread and rosy applesauce.

Thursday, April 10 - Mom's turkey casserole, broccoli salad, peaches, bread and cookie.

Friday, April 11 - Baked fish, parsley potatoes, beets, bread and plums.

Monday, April 14 - Smothered steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, seasoned carrots, bread and pears.

Tuesday, April 15 - Paprika chicken, tater tots or triangles, baked beans, bread and mixed fruit.

Wednesday, April 16 - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and pineapple.

Thursday, April 17 - Polish sausage w/kraut, mashed potatoes, cake, bread and hot cinnamon apples.

Friday, April 18 - Tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, bun,

crackers and jello w/fruit.

Monday, April 21 - Chicken and rice casserole, california blend vegetables, cottage cheese w/fruit, bread and cookie.

Tuesday, April 22 - Lasagna, tossed salad w/tomatoes, corn, garlic bread and peaches

Wednesday, April 23 - Hamburger patty, potato salad, coleslaw w/carrots, bun and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, April 24 - Chili, 5-cup salad, crackers and cinnamon roll.

Friday, April 25 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, bread and pears.

Monday, April 28 - Taco burger, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, Spanish rice, bun and Cook's

choice fruit.

Tuesday, April 29 - Cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, mixed vegetables, bread and apricots.

Wednesday, April 30 - Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, bread and tropical fruit.

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