

Obituaries

Ruth Eleanor Moore Nov. 14, 1920 - Aug. 16, 2012

Ruth Eleanor Moore was born Nov. 14, 1920, in a sod house in the South Fork community of Cheyenne County, Kan., to George William Best and Pearl Maida Pasley. Ruth was their only child. She died peacefully at 7:15 a.m. Aug. 16, 2012, in the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis at the age of 91 years, 8 months and 2 days. At her bedside were her daughter, granddaughter Shaundell, son-in-law, and Vicki Cress.

Ruth attended rural grade schools and high school in St. Francis. After graduation, she obtained a teaching certificate, taught in rural grade schools, then later sixth grade in St. Francis. One of her students was astronaut Ron Evans.

She married Wallace Olen Moore Dec. 27, 1945, in St. Francis. On Jan. 16, 1947, they were blessed with their only child, Karen Sue. In 1948, they moved to a rental farm. Eleven years later, they moved into a remodeled one-room school house relocated next to her parents' house 7 miles north and 2 east of Wheeler. There was no indoor plumbing but there was a party-line phone. They retired from farming in 1985, moving into St. Francis.

Ruth's greatest joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each grandchild would spend independent time with her every year. Another passion was the Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., 675, which she joined April 10, 1968. She progressed through the chairs, finally serving as treasurer and president of the Rebekah Assembly, Grand Matron of the Grand L.E.A., and

Lady President of the Department Association.

She was also a charter member of VFW Post 1528. She was active in 4-H and many other community organizations. Crocheting was a favorite pastime and she taught many people how to crochet.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years on May 18, 1995, and her grandson, Dana Hewett III on May 12, 2009.

Survivors are daughter Karen (Dana) Hewett of Topeka; granddaughters Nicole Goodrow of Topeka and Shaundell (Brian) VanPelt of Hays; granddaughter-in-law Kristi Hewett of Olathe; great-grandchildren Aubryana and Gabrielle Hewett of Olathe; Elizabeth, Emily and Chase Goodrow of Topeka; Trey VanPelt of Hays; and step-great-granddaughter, Brianna VanPelt of Hays; many nieces and nephews; the Yost (Harrison), Connert and Cress families. She was well known and highly respected by the entire community.

Services were held 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 at the Christian Church in St. Francis with Jeff Landers officiating. Interment was in St. Francis Cemetery with the special Rebekah graveside ceremony of Patriarch Millitant honor-guard.

Pallbearers were Brian VanPelt, Marquis Moore, David Krien, David Yost, Melvin Confer, and Patrick Delano; honorary pallbearers were Jerry Moore and all great-grandchildren.

Memorials received will be directed to the Ruth Moore Scholarship Fund.

Harold Kamla

Aug. 3, 1920 - Aug. 30, 2012

Harold Clarence Kamla, 92, died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at the Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb.

Harold was born at the family farm 12 miles northeast of St. Francis on Aug. 3, 1920, to Fred and Rosa Wagner Kamla. Harold was the oldest of eight children. He was baptized September 1920 and was confirmed in 1935 at the Evangelical Immanuel Lutheran Church in northwest Cheyenne County.

Starting at the age of nine with a team of horses and a plow, he helped his dad on their family farm, as well as neighboring farmers. Harold graduated from the Prairie Rose grade school in 1934. He left home at the age of 20 with three buddies to find work in the wartime defense industry in Maryland. Finding no jobs there, he joined the Army Air Force in September 1942, learning and specializing in hydraulics technology. He helped keep C-46 aircraft serviced to fly the famed Himalayan Hump in the World War II Burma Theater. He was honorably discharged at sergeant rank in December 1945, earning the Good Conduct medal, two Bronze stars, and the Victory medal.

Returning home from the war, he helped his family, eventually buying his own farm ground in the Armel community in eastern Yuma County, Colo. On Oct. 2, 1949, he married Frances Walz, beginning their farming and ranching operations that continued for 50 years. Harold took much pride in his farming operations and raising cattle. He and Frances enjoyed raising a big garden and enjoying its produce each year.

Harold and Frances had two children, Roger Dale in 1952 and Bonnie Jean in 1954. He served on numerous church committees and as an elder at Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, Colo.,

being recognized in 2011 for his many years of service. Harold worked hard and took pride in constantly improving his farming and ranching operations, being recognized for his soil conservation stewardship and range management activities.

In 2006, Harold became a resident at the Cedardale Nursing facility in Wray and lived there for 2-1/2 years, then moved in 2009 to the Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman. He enjoyed getting reacquainted with his cousin, Mary Lou Munn, and the compassionate care received from the entire Hester staff.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Frances in 2000, three sisters, Oma, Pearl, Opal, and one brother, Sam.

Those left to mourn his death are Roger and wife, Jean, of Lake Charles, La., and Bonnie and Pat Stuart, of St. Francis; four grandchildren, Dr. R.W. Stuart and wife, Krista, of Hays; Roxie Stuart of St. Francis, Benjamin and Hannah Kamla of Lake Charles; two great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Gemma Stuart of Hays; brother John and wife, Maria, of Bird City; and sisters Louise Schlepp of St. Francis and Marie Pothoff of Fort Morgan, Colo., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Wray, with Rev. Timothy Davis officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Brad Rock, Alfred Schauer, Harry Ekberg, Steve Laughlin, Stan Fisher, Argil Renzelman and Darrel Stults. Casket bearers were R.W. Stuart, Fred Kamla, Spencer Schlepp, Craig Kamla, Mitchell Schlepp, Noel Rath, Davern Pinchard and Stan Pothoff.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with Air Force Honor Guard performing military graveside services.

Famous Quotes

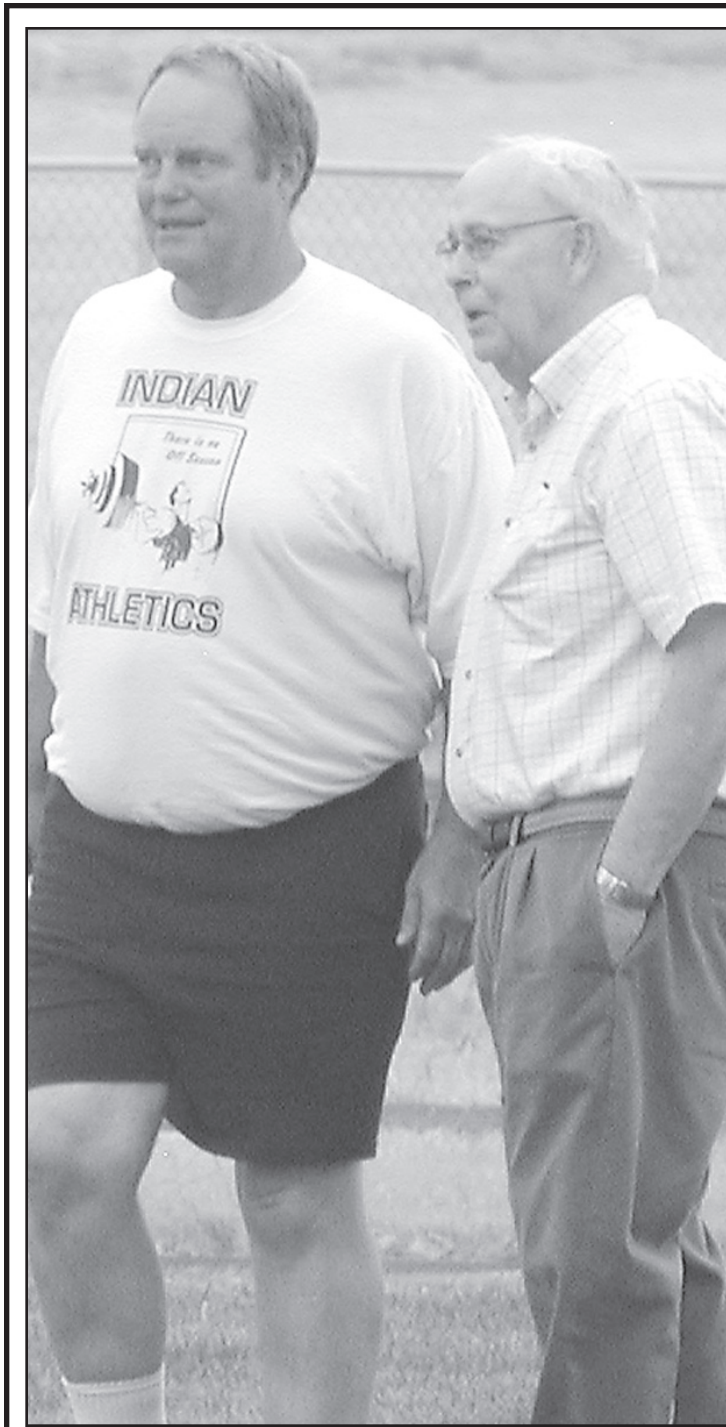
- It is better to live rich, then to die rich. - Samuel Johnson
- The after-effect of an insight depends on temperament. - Friedrich Nietzsche
- He who is known as an early riser can stay in bed till noon. - Yiddish Proverb
- One is no more master of his

impressions than of his coughing or sneezing. - Madame Du Defand

- Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow. - Alexander Pope
- The only way to have a friend is to be one. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire at (970)354-7587 for further details.



FOOTBALL COACH and principal Scott Carmichael, and athletic director Carl Werner watch the football open house on Friday, Aug. 24. Mr. Werner is the new activities director and is in charge of Indian News.

Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

Rec 4 U

By Penny Gienger
St. Francis Rec Director

We need you to join in the Rec. activities starting soon:

- Adult Woodworking with Dennis Fredrichs starts Tuesday, September 8th and runs through Thanksgiving.
- Girls gymnastics with Conny Paulsen
- Zumba exercise classes with Connie Jenkins
- Youth Flag Football begins this Saturday morning, September 8 at the High School practice field.
- 9:00 a.m. game - Grades kindergarten and first:
- Players are Shane Todd, Jordan Smull, Jake Rath, Colton Raile, Dodge Fromholtz, Connor Hathaway, Ian Taylor, Nate Leibbrandt, Rhonald Neitzel, Dawson Rose, Dallas Laten, and Ashton Vaughn
- 10:15 a.m. game - Grades

second through sixth:
- Players are Jordyn Faulkender, Caleb Todd, Chris Leibbrandt, Rylan Doyle, Ben Nelson, Jayce Landers, Zach Koger, Preston Witzel, Isaac Hathaway, Shannon Semler, Eli Mills and Adam Leibbrandt

Coming soon

Basketball skills classes with Holly Hingst. Holly is a former physical education teacher and basketball coach. She will be offering skills camp to grade-school-age children on Saturday mornings from October through December. Watch for more details later.

History help needed

The Bird City Historical Association is seeking information for a historical booklet entitled "Stewards of the Land."

The information needed is directed toward descendants or relatives of early settlers who homesteaded in Cheyenne County and are still living on the original homestead.

Members of the association would like to honor all those farmers who are still involved in farming, but this would be an impossible task. Therefore, they have selected only those families who are still living on and farming the land.

If you are one of these families or know of a family doing so, contact members and they will follow

up with a guide to the information needed. Contact the Bird City Historical Association, P.O. Box 8, Bird City, KS 67731-0008 or call 785-734-3750i

-Famous Quotes -

• Intellect is to emotion as our clothes are to our bodies: we could not very well have civilized life without clothes, but we would be in a poor way if we had only clothes without bodies - Alfred North Whitehead

• Every artist writes his own autobiography - Havelock Ellis

Dry weather creates conditions for wildfires

The Kansas Wildland Fire Prevention and Education Team is urging citizens to adhere to local burning restrictions and take precaution when using equipment that can create a spark. The team is a national multi-agency group of wildfire prevention specialists established to raise awareness of the severe threat of wildfire the state is experiencing due to the drought conditions.

"Kansas is experiencing a unique and extreme level of wildfire activity this year compared to previous years," said Tim Phelps, public information officer with the team. "Extreme caution and conservative judgment should be used when conducting any outdoor burn where restrictions are not currently in place or using equipment that can cause a spark - like brush mowers and hay balers."

Droughty conditions are making the landscape particularly vulnerable to the ignition and spread of fire. Since March, Kansas Forest Service officials have estimated that more than 41,000 acres have burned across the state, making it one of the worst years for wildfire on record. Last week alone there were seven fires resulting in over 8,000 acres burned. These fires are burning hotter and are more difficult to control making suppression by firefighters more dangerous.

Making matters worse is the fact that these wildfires are resulting in greater property loss than in previous years. According to the Kansas Forest Service, there were 26 structures lost due to wildfire so far this summer. Compare that to the fact that no structures were reported lost over the past seven summers, and the severity of the situation really comes to light. In addition to structural losses, burned hay fields can now be considered property losses since the likelihood of regrowth is low due to extreme drought conditions.

Many counties across the state have burn bans in place or are not issuing burn permits because of these extreme conditions. As always, citizens should check for local restrictions or burn ordinances issued by county or municipal governments prior to conducting any outdoor burning. Where restrictions are not in place, the Council is recommending that citizens delay any outdoor burning until their area receives a significant amount of rainfall.

Field equipment, such as brush mowers and hay balers, should be equipped with fire extinguishers in case the equipment strikes a surface that could cause a spark and ignite the dry vegetation.

According to the National Weather Service, much of Kansas

County-wide burn ban still in effect

By Karen Krien

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The county commissioners at their Thursday meeting said they had several people asking about raising the burn ban which was established over a month ago. Some areas of the county had received some rain but the majority of the county was still extremely dry.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said some, especially farmers, were wanting to know if, when there was a little moisture and the humidity level was high, if there could be exceptions for farmers who needed to burn?

The commissioners discussed the fact that early morning

could have those conditions but by late morning, the wind could come up reversing the conditions.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, said he didn't want to put the responsibility on the dispatcher who would make the decision on burning. Is it worth it to burn a little and end up burning down someone's home? It is something we need to think about, he said.

They talked about having the farmer fill out a permits which would require them to take all responsibility and, if the fire did get away, they would take care of all costs.

No decision was made.

is currently experiencing extreme or exceptional drought conditions. Relief does not appear to be coming anytime soon as there is very little chance of precipitation forecast through the Labor Day weekend and into next week. Even a

slight chance of a rain shower will do little to ease the drought or reduce the threat of wildfire.

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