

Obituaries

Robert "Van" Burrus March 4, 1923 - April 2, 2013

Robert "Van" Burrus, 90, died Tuesday April 2, 2013. He was born March 4, 1923, in Red Willow County, Neb., to Tom and Dorothy VanVleet Burrus. Most of his childhood was spent in Danbury, Neb., and he graduated with the class of 1940.

Van was unable to participate in sports or join the armed services because of a heart condition, but that never stopped him from working hard. He held a variety of jobs in his early years but spent most of his career as a carpenter and managing lumberyards. He and Milton Lampe purchased Tri-State Lumber in 1966 and Van retired from there in 1981.

June 23, 1945, was a memorable day when Van and Nola Kelly and Melvin Nokes and Nada Boyer were married in a double-wedding ceremony at the home of the probate judge in Oberlin. The two couples shared many good times.

Van and Nola had one daughter, Glorienne. They were blessed with four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Van had many hobbies. He enjoyed fishing from a young age up to the winters in Texas during retirement at Lake Buchanan.

He and Nola loved traveling and had many memorable trips. They traveled to China and Hawaii and often took the grandkids on special outings.

Many good times were shared on Shrine trips and United Methodist KeenAge Karavans. Golfing became a fun pastime for Van and Nola. Van played in many tournaments and enjoyed the afternoon golf group.

After retirement, Van took up the cooking and baking in the Burrus home. His cookies were favorites everywhere.

In later years, Van was often seen in his garden. He had the pots filled and ready for planting tomato seeds when he died.

Music was a lifelong love for Van. He played in dance bands with his parents and then had his own dance band "Van's Victorians" in the 1940s. He was a clarinet player in the ISIS Shrine Band, the Maverick Band and the Once Again Band.

Brad Thomas Figgins Jan. 18, 1968 - April 3, 2013

Brad Thomas Figgins, 45, of Saint Francis, Kan., died on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Brad was born in Ulysses, Kan., on Jan. 18, 1968. In 1970, Brad and the family moved to South Dakota, followed by another move to southeast Colorado in 1974.

Brad and his brothers were raised on the farm east of Two Buttes, Colo. He attended school at Walsh, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. Brad excelled in each sport, and made All Conference at running back. He graduated from Walsh High School in 1986, and continued to farm and run a small herd of cattle.

Brad met Leanna Windell during the fall of 1991, and the two were married in June of 1992. April 27, 1993, brought about the arrival of their first child, Garrett Thomas,

followed by Kaitlin Marie on June 14, 1994. Their third child, Faith Victoria Diane, died in May of 1997.

Brad was a hard worker who always had various projects going in addition to his full-time driving job at FedEx, where he worked for the last 15 years. As a single parent, he found great enjoyment and fulfillment in raising and providing for Garrett and Kaitlin, faithfully attending their games and activities, encouraging them to be strong in the faith, and instilling in them the ethics of hard work, being genuine, and honesty in character. As everybody who



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knew Brad has said of him, "What you see is what you get."

Brad is survived by two of his children, Garrett and Kaitlin; his parents, Richard and Diane Figgins; and four brothers: Bryan, Brent, Brook and Brett.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 9 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor David Butler officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Merylyn Yonkey, Lee Ihrig, Rob Windell, Mike Windell, Mike Sharp, Olea McCall and Truman Wright. Casket bearers were Garrett Figgins, Bryan Figgins, Brent Figgins, Brook Figgins, Brett Figgins and Rick Windell.

Interment was in the Kanorado Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Olga Iverna Bammes Feb. 28, 1914 - April 5, 2013

Olga Iverna Bammes, 99, of Topeka, Kan. formerly of Wamego, Kan., died Friday, April 5, 2013, in Topeka. She was a long time resident of the area.

Olga was born Feb. 28, 1914, in northwest Cheyenne County, Kan., the daughter of Oliver and Emma Ochsner Mundhenke. She had an older brother, Virgil, and a younger sister, Helen Mundhenke Petitjean.

Olga married Earl R. Bammes of St. George, Kan., on Nov. 16, 1938, in St. Francis. They had three children, Lynnford, Cleone, and Eugene. Earl preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 2005.

Olga and Earl lived on the family farm near St. Francis until 1955, and then moved to rural St. George. In 1957, they moved to the river bottom farm near Wamego. They grew strawberries that customers picked on their own and sold watermelon, cantaloupe and tomatoes from a stand in the yard.

Olga was a member of Mt. Cal-

vary Lutheran Church, Lutheran Womens Missionary League, and the Kaw Valley Family and Community Education Unit in Wamego, and the Hemerocallis Society and Blue Valley Sweet Adelines in Manhattan. When the Sweet Adelines disbanded, she was a founder of the Wamego Dutch Mill Sweet Adelines. Olga sang in various community choruses and in the Pottawatomie County Extension Homemakers Unit (EHU) Chorus. She enjoyed growing flowers and arranged bouquets for the church altar for many years. Olga shared plants, bulbs, and seeds with others and was generously rewarded when others returned the favor after she lost most of her flowers in the 1993 flood that covered their yard and east field.

In October 1999, Olga and Earl moved to Topeka to be closer to their children. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Topeka.

Olga is survived by her daughter, Cleone Barker; son, Eugene and wife, Ruth, both of Topeka;

daughter-in-law, Wilna Bammes, of Frisco, Texas; brother-in-law, Charles Petitjean, of St. Francis; nine grandchildren and spouses; and 21 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Virgil; sister, Helen; and son, Lynnford.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 12 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego. Burial will follow in St. George Cemetery, St. George, Kan.

Mrs. Bammes will lie-in-state starting a 4 p.m., Thursday, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego, where the family will greet friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.



WILDLIFE BOARD MEMBER, Terry Rieger, Tom Quiggle, auctioneer and Ericka Wieck, clerk get the wildlife auction going.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

Annual county wildlife banquet held in Bird City

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The Bird City Legion hall was packed on Saturday for the Cheyenne County Wildlife prime rib dinner. There were 290 adult and 50 children's tickets sold. Dinner consisted of prime rib, baked potato with butter and salad. Josh Moberly and his friend Willie Nettles from Woodland Park, Colo., fired up the cookers and put 20 20-pound prime rib roasts on to cook at 10 a.m. Five were left to be auctioned off. Lines were forming in front waiting for opening time at 5:30 p.m. Stragglers continued to come eat all night long.

A copy of the review of past year's business and financial status was presented to everyone and the outgoing president Martin Hilt announced the board members. Rodney Radcliff, Terry Rieger, Chris Howard, Martin Hilt, Patrick Delano and Cale Rieger still have elected terms to serve. Those on the 2013 ballot to be elected by the board of directors were Francis O'Leary, Brock McAtee and Jarrod Mauck.

The walls were lined with prizes and auction items from 81 local donors. Numbers were drawn throughout the evening for door prizes, and tickets were sold for special drawings at various prices. Patrick Delano was selling \$10 poker cards for various rifles and guns. Terry Rieger did the announcing and Tom Quiggle the auctioneer would say, "Who has any garden tools (spades)? Throw them away, they are no good." Then ask Mr. Rieger, "Is it high or low?" then announce, "Anything lower, or above that number, they are no good."

Items that went to the highest bidder were: Marilyn Frisbee print "Fence Line Boys," Gun powder 8 pound keg, turkey print "Spring Creek Game Birds," Frisbee original painting "Stormy Skys" six bags of Pioneer corn seed, Ber-



DALLAS REED holds the turkey print title 'Spring Creek Game Birds' during the wildlife banquet auction.

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etta 12-gauge shotgun, Duck print "Quiet Couple" six framed and hand painted Feather Turkey's by Peggy Moberly, Remington 1911, Sherlock spraying for 100 acres, three bags of corn seed, three bags milo seed, Remington youth shotgun 20 gauge, feather art "Coyote" by Peggy Moberly, Frisbee original "Farm Pond," Cricket 22-caliber gun, Melvin Crow four-man hunt, Turkey Fan Art by Peggy Moberly, and a Tony Howard knife were the last and highest bid on items. The fan had a dog

pointed on it and for \$100 more the artist would paint the dog of their choice on it.

Alice Reed, Emily Elfers, Danna Magnani and Shayla Hubbard were the high school young ladies who delivered the items to the winners.

Every child with a ticket had a number and as their number was drawn they were able to go to the table with lots of fishing and other items for children and select the item of their choice.

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Come & Go Party on Monday, April 15 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Riverside Recreation



Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc
Fishing Tournament at Keller Pond
Saturday, April 20
Youth Day Fishing age (0-14)
9 a.m. - 12 Noon
No Fee/No Registration
Sunday, April 21
Fishing Tournament
Must register at Wildlife Clubhouse, 6-7 a.m.
\$25/ 2-man team
Tournament ends at 1 p.m.
Valid fishing license required

Concrete Bids
The City of St. Francis is accepting bids for four (4) 3'x9'x6" concrete level pads and one (1) 38" diameter concrete platform in Sawhill Park for the Glenn Zwegardt art. Work must be completed by May 4 for details contact J.R. at 785-332-3031.

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