

Family

Deaths

Richard E. Omohundro

Richard E. Omohundro, 95, Sun City West, Ariz., a retired veterinarian, died Sept. 22, 2010, at Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center. He was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Wellington, and was married to Marjorie Jenkins of Selden, who preceded him in death. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at the Selden Cemetery, with Pastor John Paulson officiating. Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, (785) 475-3127, is in charge of arrangements.

Newlin E. White

Services for Newlin E. White, 91, formerly of Colby, have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at the Mount Vernon Cemetery northwest of Stockton. Born March 5, 1919, in Oxford, he died Sept. 17, 2010, at the Solomon Valley Manor in Stockton. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Stockton Ambulance Fund, in care of the Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home, 723 N. First, Stockton, Kan., 67669. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mooreoverlease.com.

Erlene M. Schroer

Erlene M. Schroer, 90, Oberlin, retired clerk of the District Court for Decatur County, and mother of Don (Janelle) Schroer, Colby, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She was born Nov. 2, 1919, in Kanona, the daughter of Arthur and Florence Orr. On Aug. 27, 1940, she married Francis Schroer. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband; a son, Renold; and a brother, Lloyd Orr. Survivors also include four other sons, Ronald S. (Barbara) Schroer, Lansing; Alan (Linda) Schroer, Santa Clara, Calif.; Merlin Schroer, Oberlin; and Brian (Linda) Schroer, Dresden; three daughters, Elaine (John) Moelling, Grinnell; Karen (Brad) Gregory, Grants Pass, Ore.; and Ronda Schroer, Oberlin; a brother, Roy Orr, Canton Ill.; a sister, Evelyn Meitl, Oberlin; 13 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today, Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin, with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Leoville. Visitation was Sunday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The family suggests memorials to the Oberlin Library, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Condolences may be sent at www.paulsfh.com.

Esther M. Touslee

Esther M. Touslee, 73, Colby, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at her home. She was born June 28, 1937, in Ellis. She was a retired registered nurse. Survivors include her husband, Boyd Touslee of the home; three sons, Ty E. Touslee, Denver; Troy J. Touslee, Olathe; and Toby J. Touslee, Seattle; four brothers, Bernie Waldschmidt, Fruita, Colo.; Eugene Waldschmidt, Grand Junction, Colo.; Jim Waldschmidt, North Platte, Neb.; and Tom Waldschmidt, Wichita; a sister, Agnes Wannamaker, Ellis;

Albert L. Moser

Albert L. Moser, 93, Oakley, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley. He was born April 8, 1917 in Salem, Ark., the son of John and Nancy (Montgomery) Moser. On Dec. 25, 1937, he married Mina Cone in Salem. During World War II, he served in the Army in the Philippines. After the war, they moved to Oakley from Billings, Mo., in 1946. He was a custom harvester for many years and a road grader operator for Oakley Township for 40 years. His brother, Noel, of Mountain Home, Ark., died the same day. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1991, two other brothers, Archie and Wallace Moser, and sisters Lela Blue, Leona Crouch, Susan Perryman, Artie Clayton and Armelda Bookout. Survivors include four sons, Mike Moser (Debra Maher), Boston; Ron (Kay) Moser, Littleton, Colo.; Jon Moser (Phyllis Hendrickson), Lakewood, Colo.; and Monte (Beth) Moser, Garden City; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at the Oakley Christian Church with Pastor Carl Dumlér officiating and burial in the Monument Township Cemetery. The casket will be closed at the church. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. The family suggests memorials to Pheasants Forever in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Cosmosphere fest to focus on rockets, costumes, science

Rocketober-Fest at the Kansas Cosmosphere on Saturday, Oct. 23, is an afternoon of fun for the entire family. Activities will include making buttons and solar-system bracelets, experiencing the 4-G simulator and watching weird science demos. Kids will be able to launch their own air rockets and enjoy liquid-oxygen ice cream, as well as other activities. Students who come dressed as

a space traveler or alien can enter the costume contest. Downtown Hutchinson and Walmart are providing gift cards for the winners. Register for the contest by 2 p.m. that day. Some items require a Rocketober-Fest ticket and some are free. The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing knowledge of space exploration. For information, go to cosmo.org.

Take time now to evaluate garden

It's that time of the year again – the time I sit down and critically review my successes and failures of this past gardening season and do a little planning for the garden year to come. Planning ahead, despite the fact that it will be six months before I plant a seed in next year's garden, allows me to think a little about my intentions for spring. Despite the fact that I have all winter to plan, some of the most important procedures relating to next year's effort will take place this fall. The next two months are the time when I add amendments to the soil and just generally do what I can to increase the garden's fertility and richness after it has performed so well for me this past season. So, lets talk about some of the successes this summer as well as a few of the failures. For the second straight year, my most notable failure was my beets. Just like last year, the beets came up quickly, but after they began to set their first true leaves, something came along and ate them back all the way to the ground. Like last year, I assume it was the bunnies, but I can't verify that, and nothing else was touched, including the young carrots, lettuce, spinach or radishes, all growing nearby. Next spring, I might put up a scarecrow or perhaps more logically, just not plant beets. This was not a great onion year for me, for the first time in many years. There were plenty, certainly, but most of them just didn't attain the size they usually do. The Candy variety, usually my best, got off to a slow start and just didn't thrive. Some of them even put up a seed stalk early in the season. I had never seen that happen. Here are my top five most pleasant harvests this year: • Tomatoes! What a crop, my best ever. I have 32 of the healthiest, most productive plants I've ever had. As I've written before, I've been doing a little tomato experiment this summer, and I'll have the results for you in a couple of weeks. • Sweet corn. This new variety called Marai sweet corn is simply wonderful, and I urge you to try it next year. It is absolutely the sweetest, most full flavored sweet corn I've ever grown. • Green beans. Again this year, a bumper crop of Derby variety. Lots of fresh eating, canning and sales at the farmer's market. • Potatoes. I found a new variety of white potato this year called Dakota Crisp, the largest, smoothest white potato I have grown. The Yukon Gold and Red Pontiac varieties were also very productive. • Broccoli. I had 22 premium crop broccoli plants this year and I thought they were never going to start setting heads. But when they finally did, they were sensational. We froze about 25 bags for winter use, plus eating several heads fresh during the summer. The beets notwithstanding, most everything did well this summer, thanks to superior seed varieties, a good rich soil, fall plowing and an excellent growing season. I think I'll try it again next summer!



Kay Melia • The Gardener

New publication helps control bed bug trouble

They're tiny. They're secretive. And they've garnered media attention in recent weeks that would make a celebrity envious. Bed bugs – or Cimex lectularis – are small, oval, wingless flattened insects that are about one-fifth inch long and they've been appearing in homes, hotels, dormitories and other locations throughout the country. Kansas State University Research and Extension has developed a new publication to help homeowners, business owners and others identify and learn how to prevent or manage infestations. The publication can be found online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/entml2/mf2926.pdf. It also is available through county and district K-State Research and Extension offices. The four-page publication includes information about this pesky insect's life cycle, the damage its bites can cause, detection, prevention and management in the event of an infestation. Further information about insects in Kansas is available on K-State's Department of Entomology website, www.entomology.ksu.edu/ and click on "diagnostician" and/or "Entomology Extension."

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Thanks to folks representing Rexford

"May the Spirit of the Prairie Live On" was the title of the 125th Birthday Celebration of Thomas County on Saturday at the Colby Community Building.



Vicki Allison • Rexford Correspondent

The committee planned an excellent program for all Thomas County residents. Rexford Mayor Dennis Allison and Postmaster Mary Withers were recognized during the assembly, along with other elected officials and county workers. Linda Garrett was part of the revue of past and present, portraying the historical figure Mary Hay. A special thank you to Rexford Lions Club members DeLores, Darrel, Darla and DeAnn Dible, and Mary Luna for preparing the tasty barbecue meal to feed everyone.

Rexford is a giving and forgiving community as we all work toward fostering the same prairie spirit as our ancestors did 125 years ago. The community was saddened on hearing news of the passing of Darrel Leh Oct. 8 at Hays Medical Center. Heartfelt condolences to Marjorie and the family.

I enjoyed playing bingo with the other 10 attending at the Red Barn on Saturday evening. Thank you, Vesta Roth, for being the caller. If you're interested in joining the Book Club held at the Red Barn the first Tuesday of the month, contact Gail Williams. Happy Birthday to Ron Dible, who celebrates today, Oct. 11. Golden Plains Middle School and High School activities this week: 4 p.m. Tuesday, volleyball with Logan/Norton at Logan; 4 and 5:30 Thursday, Middle School volleyball and football with Triplains/Brewster at Rexford; 7 p.m. Friday, football with Wallace County at Rexford. Golden Plains Class of 2011 will be recognized along with parents during a Senior Night activity during half time of the football game. Until next time, make your week memorable.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.18
Corn (bushel)	\$4.65
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.91
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.15

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GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

The Thomas County Health Department will be hosting a Mass Flu Clinic on October 13, 2010 at the Thomas County Health Department from 8:30a.m. - 6:00p.m. No appointments are necessary, you may pick up paperwork prior to the clinic at the health department. The cost will be \$25 payable by cash, check or insurance (be sure to bring a copy of your card). For further information please dial our Flu Information line at 785-460-4599, or our main line at 785-460-4596.

Donald Wayne Ziegelmeier

Donald Wayne Ziegelmeier, 74, died Thursday, September 16, 2010 at the Swedish Hospital in Englewood, Colorado. Don was born July 27, 1936 in Colby, Kansas to Bernard and Wilma Chandler Ziegelmeier. He attended Colby Public Schools graduating high school in 1955. He married Patsy Evans on May 10, 1958. Don's primary vocation was farmer and rancher in Thomas County. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Colby, Scottish Rite of Salina, Isis Shrine of Salina, St. Thomas Masonic Lodge of Colby, High Plains Shrine Club of Colby, a past board member of the Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association and participated in a cavalry reenactment group. He is survived by wife, Patsy; daughter, Patricia Stephens and husband, Mike, of Oakley; son, Lance, of Bethany, Oklahoma; sister, Helen Toburen (Nelson) of Pittsburg, Kansas; six grandchildren, Trenton, Matthew, Maggie and Kyle Stephens and Jordan and Alexis Ziegelmeier; brothers-in-law Ron Evans (Sue) of Colby and Boyd Evans of Wichita, Kansas. Don was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a good friend to many and will be greatly missed. Visitation was held at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel on Sunday evening. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, September 20, 2010 at the Colby United Methodist Church with Reverend James Mardock officiating. Erik Graefe was a speaker. Pallbearers were Trenton Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Kyle Stephens, Doug Evans, Matt Ziegelmeier, Donnie Barnett, Dominic Stephens and Alan Jones. Pat Ziegelmeier was the organist and soloist Jeff Wagoner provided special music. A Masonic service was held prior to burial in Beulah Cemetery. Memorials were to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, Genesis and Charities of choice.

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