

OBITUARIES

Grace Eileen Kats Dec. 24, 1926 - March 22, 2013

Grace Eileen Kats was born to Harry and Nelie (Kats) Pionstein on Dec. 24, 1926 near Long Island, and she passed away March 22, 2013 at the Phillips County Retirement Center in Phillipsburg, at the age of 86.

Eileen lived nearly her entire life on farms in the Long Island area. She was united in marriage to Edward I. Kats on April 10, 1947. To this union four children were born: Norma, Harvey, Melvin and Daryl.

Eileen was a lifetime member of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church and served for many years as the secretary for the Golden Hour Circle of the church.

She was a loving wife and mother who was known for her bread-baking abilities. Her rolls and homemade buns were always sought after at family meals and church events.

One of Eileen's favorite pastimes was quilting. Over the years each of her children and grandchildren has been given a quilt that was made especially for them by her loving hands.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of nearly 60 years, Edward; her son, Harvey; a daughter-in-law, LaVon Kats; and one grandson, Eric Harvey Kats.

Survivors include her daughter, Norma Meuzelaar and husband, David, of Pella, Iowa; sons, Melvin Kats of rural Long Island, and Daryl Kats and wife, Lorraine, also of Long Island; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 26 at Luctor Christian Church, with Pastor Ian Van Leeuwen officiating. Burial followed at Luctor Cemetery.

Ilene F. Coomes-Lebeda Dec. 1, 1939 - March 25, 2013

Phillipsburg resident Ilene F. Coomes-Lebeda, age 73, died Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Colonial Villa in Alma, Neb.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1939 in Norton, the daughter of Merle and Elsie (Douk) Shearer. She worked at Coomes Trucking in Phillipsburg.

She married Lyman O. Coomes on Sept. 4, 1960 in Phillipsburg. He preceded her in death in 1988. She then married Donald Lebeda on Dec. 31, 1994 in Las Vegas, Nev.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; son Rodney; daughter, Shayla and three grandchildren, Lindsay and Lucas Matal and Kelsey Alten-

bern.

Survivors include her husband, Don of the home; four sons, Rick of Kensington, Jeff of Phillipsburg, Steve of Mobile, Ala., and Kevin of Phillipsburg; daughter, Sharon Spesser of Phillipsburg; a brother, Ron Shearer of Alma; sister, Wanda Jackson of Hill City; step-children, Philip Lebeda of Thornton, Colo., and Whitney Altenbern of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 32 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013 in the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, with Pastor Joel Hiesterman of-

ficiating. Burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

Ilene will lie in state from noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, with the family receiving friends on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Phillipsburg Little Kids Wrestling.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 563, Phillipsburg, KS 67661 is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.olliffboeve.com.

Fantastic fun!



Students from Rosalie McMullen's Good Beginnings Preschool visited the residents at the Andbe Home on Tuesday. (Pictured from left to right) Jaxon Kachel, Courtney Boutwell and Lizzy Kindall flatten pizza dough before putting on the toppings and baking the pizzas. The children also shared picture books on their visit with the residents.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Food safety reminders

Deciding what food is safe to eat and what food should be tossed can be confusing, given the various terms used with dates printed on food containers. The USDA Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) defines each of the terms as follows:

A "Sell-By" date tells the store how long to display the product for sale. You should buy the product before the date expires.

A "Best if Used By (or Before)" date is recommended for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

A "Use-By" date is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. The date has been determined by the manufacturer of the product.

"Closed or coded dates" are packing numbers for use by the manufacturer.

For safety concerns, these dates are more important for perishable foods like meat, poultry, dairy, and eggs. It is recommended to use food by the "use-by date." Smelling food to determine if it is safe is not always effective. Many bacteria

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that cause food-borne illnesses cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Even if you think the food—such as lunch—meat-smells and looks fine, it is best not to consume after the "use-by" or expiration date. If you want to keep the food longer than that date, freeze it. Milk that has been properly refrigerated (40 degrees F) is safe to consume for one week past the "sell by" date.

For concerns about canned foods, high-acid foods (such as tomatoes or pineapple) will have the best quality if used within 12 to 18 months. Low-acid foods (such as meat, fish, or vegetables) will retain the best quality if used within 2 to 5 years. These rules apply only

if the can remains in good condition and is stored in a cool, clean, dry place. Use the first in, first out (FIFO) method to be sure the oldest cans are used first. When putting away groceries, place the recently purchased items behind the existing food. It is recommended that home-canned foods be used within one year for best quality.

If you have food safety questions, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may contact Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist - Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety at twatts@ksu.edu.

KanCare deadline is April 4

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Secretary Shawn Sullivan recently reminded KanCare participants that the April 4, 2013, deadline for changing their Managed Care Organization health plan is rapidly approaching.

KanCare participants who wish to stay with their current Managed Care Organization do not need to take any action.

Those wishing to change to a different Managed Care Organization health plan before the deadline may call 866-305-5147 for assistance. This opportunity is open for participants who were enrolled in the program as of Jan. 1, 2013.

The next opportunity for these participants to change their Managed Care Organization health plan will be at the end of this year, when the next open enrollment period begins.

Those who become eligible for KanCare later in the year will have a 90-day period in which they can change their Managed Care Organization health plan, and their next opportunity will be during the annual open enrollment period. Visit www.kancare.ks.gov/choosing_a_plan.htm for more information on the three KanCare Managed Care Organization health plans. Or, if you need face-to-face assistance, a new entity called the Aging and Disability Resource Center, is a resource that is part of KanCare. This companion to KanCare offers a statewide network of Aging and Disability Resource Center counselors who provide options counseling, information and guidance to Kansans of all ages and abilities and income levels, not just KanCare participants through a single point of entry.

The 11 Area Agencies on Aging in Kansas provide Aging and Disability Resource Center services in 105 counties across Kansas. These include: Information, Referral and Assistance, Options Assistance Counseling and Functional Assessments (including CARE assessments).

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers function as a visible and trusted resource throughout the state, providing simplified access to long-term services and supports as well as publicly administered programs such as Medicaid.

Kansans interested in accessing information or connecting with their local Aging and Disability Resource Center may contact the statewide call center at 1-855-200-Aging and Disability Resource Center (2372).

Cold weather rule ends March 31

The Kansas Cold Weather Rule ends on March 31, and Kansans who are delinquent on electric and natural gas utility bills will be subject to disconnection of service. The rule, in effect November 1 through March 31 each year, provides protection to residential customers who cannot fully pay winter utility bills from companies under the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) jurisdiction. That protection ends Sunday.

The KCC would like to remind Kansas customers there is still time to contact your utility company to set up a payment plan, but cautions that failure to make arrangements or failure to adhere to an already established payment plan could result in service disconnection. Reconnection may require payment in full.

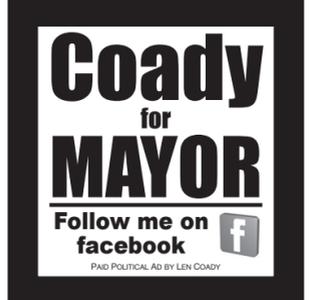
The Cold Weather Rule requires utilities to set up 12-month payment plans for customers who cannot afford to pay their full bill. As part of this arrangement, the customer must make an initial payment of 1/12 of the overdue amount, 1/12 of the bill for current service, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fees, plus any applicable deposit owed to the utility. The balance will be billed in equal payments over the next 11 months in addition to the regular monthly bill.

The KCC adopted the Cold Weather Rule to protect customers during cold winter weather by providing a reasonable and organized method of paying past due and current bills. The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the KCC's jurisdiction. For a complete list of utilities regulated by the KCC visit: [/kcc.ks.gov/pi/jurisdictional_utilities.htm](http://kcc.ks.gov/pi/jurisdictional_utilities.htm)

More information about the

Cold Weather Rule is available at: http://kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_english.htm kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_english.htm. Kansans may also contact their local utility company or the KCC's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at (800) 662-0027.

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- Granny's Goodies
- Kristin Minkler's Signs
- Premier Designs
- Scentsy •Silpada Jewelry
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