

OBITUARIES

Eldon R. Reynolds

March 20, 1951 - Sept. 25, 2013

Eldon R. Reynolds, 62, Munjor, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born March 20, 1951 in Imperial, Neb., the son of Ralph and Maxine (Bernard) Reynolds. On June 5, 1970 he married Charlene Kinderknecht "Charlie Eastin" at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis. They were later divorced and she died Nov. 24, 2012. He was a field supervisor for Haliburton, working for them since 1974. He worked in the Middle East

for Haliburton International until his retirement in 2005. He was a graduate of Imperial, Neb., High School in 1969 and was a graduate of NWKAVT in Goodland. He was a member of the Lions Club in Oberlin, was a private pilot, loved cars, hunting and fishing, loved cooking, and loved family and his grandson.

Survivors include one son, Chris Reynolds and his son Christopher A. Reynolds, both of Norton, a daughter, Tracy Simon and her husband Kevin of Topeka, two brothers, Jerry

Reynolds of North Platte, Neb., and Duane Reynolds of Bethune, Colo., one sister, Shirley Riley and husband Bob of Ogalallah, Neb. He is also survived by his granddogs, Max, Twink, Hudson, and Howie.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A family celebration is planned for a later date and inurnment will be at a later date in the St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor, Kansas. Condolences may be left for the family at www.haysmemorial.com.

It's story time



Terry Hillman is seen here at the Norton Public Library reading to the pre-schoolers during story hour. Every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m., the library staff has a story time and usually ends it with an activity in relation to the topic of the day. All pre-schoolers are invited to attend.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Meeting to inform on ObamaCare

Changes continue to be implemented from the Affordable Care Act and, despite political views, those changes may affect you, your family, your farm, or your small business.

Many changes are occurring day to day, but there are still big changes that may not go away and it is important to know how you could be affected. The Health Care Law will have effects on everyone; from the individual consumer to the farm family, from the insured to the uninsured.

When will I be required to have health insurance? What

are the tax penalties? Does my small business have to provide insurance to employees? What is the online marketplace? Will I still be turned down for pre-existing conditions?

These questions and more will be answered at the informational public meeting being hosted by Twin Creeks Extension on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Norton County 4-H Building at 7 p.m. The informational public meetings will give you the facts as they are understood now, to help you make informed decisions about your health insurance and make the best deci-

sions for you and your family.

Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP if possible to the Twin Creeks Extension Office at 785-675-3268.

An information public meeting will also be held on Oct. 10 and 14 in Hoxie at the 4-H Building at 7 p.m.

For more information go to insureks.org, healthcare.gov or contact your local Twin Creeks District Extension Office and ask for Julianne Shoup, Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent.

Grant to develop safety curriculum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced funding to provide safety training for the more than two million youth working in agricultural production.

"Working on the farm or ranch is hard work, and it can also be dangerous," said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By working together, we can be sure that young people in rural America have the opportunity to reap the many benefits of helping out on the farm, while also staying safe. Today's grant announcement expands our ongoing farm safety partnership and will help further educate and protect young workers who represent the future of American agriculture."

USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics Ann Bartuska made the announcement at the North American Agricultural Safety Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Bartuska noted "Agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in the nation, as such, thousands of youth are injured and hundreds are killed every year by hazards found on the farm." She con-

tinued, "As these youth play a vital role in the productivity of American agriculture, USDA has a responsibility to the education and resources needed to train youth in safe farming practices."

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) awarded \$600,000 to Pennsylvania State University to develop a national training curriculum that lessens agricultural hazards to young workers. The training will align with Career Cluster Standards (CCS) of the National Council for Agricultural Education for a unified approach to a national farm safety education and curricula-certification program for youth. The project will establish a national steering committee to engage the Department of Education, Department of Labor, FFA, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Ag Safety and Health Council of America, National Council for Ag Education and other relevant partners. The committee will work to identify curriculum and testing gaps, certification needs and industry-recognized credentials.

Curriculum materials will be

placed on the eXtension website in the new links.govdelivery.com/track? Ag Safety and Health Community of Practice to be used in both formal and non-formal settings. A national outreach strategy will promote use of the curriculum from youth and farm safety instructors to parents and 4-H youth programs. Additionally, the project will determine the resources required to sustain a clearinghouse for national youth farm safety and education curriculum, state certification requirements and testing.

NIFA made the award through the Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification (YFSEC) Program, which was established in 2001. Agricultural education is an important part of an individual's career and technical education. As such, it needs to provide instruction that leads to industry-recognized credentials. In addition, vocational agricultural program curricula need to be aligned with current career standards and curricula that integrate agricultural safety and health.

Correctional facility excels in medical services

An audit performed Sept. 24 and 25 of the medical and mental health services at Norton Correctional Facility (NCF) found the facility to be in total compliance with mandatory standards.

The American Correctional Association (ACA) studied the facility's adherence to new healthcare standards and, aside from three standards which were deemed "not-applicable," it found the facility 100 percent compliant on the remaining 132 standards.

Kansas employs the private contractor Correct Care Solutions to provide medical and

mental healthcare services at all its prison facilities. NCF is staffed by 21 Correct Care Solutions employees, including doctors, nurses, physical therapists and mental health professionals.

"We were the first facility in Kansas to be held to the new healthcare standards, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results," said NCF Warden Jay Shelton. "It reflects the great service we provide at our facility, which is a reflection on our entire staff."

The audit, in fact, went beyond the work of Correct Care Solutions, commending the entire NCF staff, citing exem-

plary food and laundry service, uniformed and non-uniformed staff. The auditors indicated the staff/inmate interaction was found to be very positive, and the inmates seemed very satisfied with medical services at the facility. Also, they stated the physical plant and grounds were exceptionally clean and well-maintained, and that the staff obviously cares a great deal about its work. In particular, the auditors said the medical and mental health team was very professional and quite organized in the NCF clinic.

Alzheimer's is a difficult battle to confront

By U.S. Senator Jerry Moran
Every 68 seconds someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease — a devastating and irreversible brain disease that slowly destroys an individual's cognitive functioning, including memory and thought. Kansas City physician Dr. Richard Padula and his wife, Marta, had been married for 51 years when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2006. It is difficult to imagine the anguish Dick, Marta and their family and friends experienced as he deteriorated from a leading heart surgeon into someone unable to comprehend a newspaper article. Unfortunately, these heart-wrenching stories have become all too common.

Alzheimer's currently affects 5.2 million people in the United States and more than 35.6 million worldwide. As the population ages, the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's after age 65 will double every five years, while the number of individuals 85 years and older with this disease will triple by 2050. Already, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and there is currently no cure, no diagnostic test, and no treatment for this terrible disease.

As a nation, we must commit to defeating one of the greatest threats to the health of Americans and the financial well-being of our country. In 1962, President Kennedy called our nation to action to reach the moon by the end of that decade. We need to commit ourselves to a goal no more ambitious, and just as imperative. We must strive to achieve not only an effective treatment, but a cure for Alzheimer's over the next decade.

President Kennedy's words still ring true today — we should

choose this endeavor, "because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win..."

As the baby boomer generation ages and Alzheimer's disease becomes more prevalent, the need to confront the pending health care crisis has become ever more urgent. The financial costs alone can no longer be ignored. Caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is expected to cost \$203 billion this year, with \$142 billion covered by the federal government through Medicare and Medicaid. A recent study by the RAND Corporation stated that the cost of dementia care is projected to double over the next 30 years, surpassing health care expenses for both heart disease and cancer. Without a way to prevent, cure or effectively treat Alzheimer's, it will be difficult — if not impossible — to rein in our nation's health care costs. Alzheimer's has become a disease to define a generation, but if we focus and prioritize our research capacity, it does not need to continue as an inevitable part of aging.

It is time to truly commit to defeating this disease in the next decade — a goal no more ambitious than the goal set forth for the Apollo space program. For every \$27 Medicare and Medicaid spends caring for individuals with Alzheimer's, the federal government spends only \$1 on Alzheimer's research. Yet, research suggests that more progress could be made if given more support. One study found that a breakthrough against Alzheimer's that delays the onset of the disease by five years would mean an annual savings

of \$362 billion by 2050. A sustained federal commitment to research for Alzheimer's will lower costs and improve health outcomes for people living with the disease today and in the future.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the focal point for our nation's medical research infrastructure, I am committed to prioritizing funding for Alzheimer's research. This year, the Senate Subcommittee increased funding for the National Institute on Aging — the lead institute for Alzheimer's research at the NIH — by \$84 million, and supported the initial year of funding for the new presidential initiative to map the human brain. Both projects will increase our understanding of the underlying causes of Alzheimer's, unlock the mysteries of the brain, and bring us closer to effective treatments and one day, hopefully, a cure.

Alzheimer's is a defining challenge of our generation. We must commit to a national goal to defeat this devastating disease over the next decade by supporting the critical research carried out by the scientists and researchers across our nation supported by the NIH.

The health and financial future of our nation are at stake and the United States cannot afford to ignore such a threat. Together, we can make a sustained commitment to Alzheimer's research that will benefit our nation and bring hope to families like the Padulas, as well as future generations of Americans. The challenge is ours and the moment to act is now.



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