

Deaths & Funerals

Dolores J. Adkins

Dolores J. Adkins, age 72, died Feb. 25, 2009, at Windsor Estates Nursing Center, Salina.

Mrs. Adkins was born Dolores Jean (Purmalis) Barushok on June 2, 1936, in Blanford, Ind. She was a retired clerk and cashier for Kmart in Salina.

She is survived by her husband, Joshua, of the home; a son, Rick Swain, of Henderson, Nev.; two daughters, Pat Hollowell, of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Theresa Martin, of Henderson; three granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

Cremation has been chosen. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the American Leukemia Fund or the American Diabetes Association. Ryan Mortuary, 137 North Eighth, Salina, is handling arrangements. To leave condolences, visit www.ryanmortuary.com.



Mrs. Adkins

Today's obituaries

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The Journal publishes a 25-line obituary for free. Other information and photos can be included for a fee. For information, see your funeral home or call the Journal at (785) 823-6363.

Funeral Home, 500 S. Ohio, Salina 67401, where the family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m.

Eugene "Gene" Davis

ARCADIA, Calif. — Eugene "Gene" Davis, 78, of Arcadia, died Feb. 20, 2009. He was born Aug. 3, 1930. He was a teacher. Survivors include a brother, Glenn Davis and wife Dorothy, of Oakley, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Aetna (Higgins) Davis; and wife Marcia Madden.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at United Methodist Church, Oakley. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. Saturday until the service at the church. Interment will be in Oakley Cemetery, with military honors by the U.S. Navy. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association and Oakley United Methodist Church, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley.

Dale Gourley

SUPERIOR, Neb. — Dale Gourley, 82, of Superior, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. He was born Oct. 12, 1926, in Guide Rock to Arthur MacDowell and Cora Louise Cray Gourley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; parents; two brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include a brother, Lon Gourley and wife Carolyn, of Colorado; sister, Patty Yetter, of Nampa, Idaho; sister-in-law, Dora Gourley, of Nampa, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

Services, with military rites, will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Church of Christ, Superior. Friends may stop by from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Megrue-Price Funeral Home, 750 N. Commercial, Superior.

JoAnn Jackson

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. — JoAnn Jackson, 65, of Elizabethtown, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009.

Survivors include a son, Anthony Dewayne Jackson, of Omaha, Neb.; four brothers, Herbert (Gisela) Jackson, of Elizabethtown, Frankie (Pat) Jackson, of Springfield, Mass., Dennis (Melissa) Jackson, of Baltimore, Md., and Joseph (Kathy) Travis Jackson, of Salina, Kan.; sisters, Shiarlene Jackson and Barbara Arlene (Joe) Bass, all of Springfield, and Nellie Burton, of Greensboro, N.C.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. today at Percell and Sons Funeral Home, Elizabethtown. Burial will be Monday, March 2, in Resethaven Cemetery, in Wilson, N.C.

William Eugene "Bill" Kussman

HARDY, Neb. — William Eugene "Bill" Kussman, 65, of Hardy, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009. He was born Oct. 21, 1943, in Superior, Neb., to William Warren and Melva Edith Howe Kussman. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanne, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, of the home; his mother, Melva Kussman, of Hardy; son, William (Jeneffer), of Courtland, Kan.; daughters, Kaytlin Miller, of Concordia, Kan., Tierra Morris Smith and husband Ismael Huerta, of Thornton, Colo., and Kirstein Smith, of Aurora, Colo.; six grandchildren; brothers, David, Dennis, Don, Jack and Steve; and sisters, Connie Wilhelms and Ellen Larsen.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Church of Christ, Superior. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Megrue-Price Funeral Home, Superior.

Gordon L. Olson

McPHERSON — Gordon L. Olson, 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009. He was born April 11, 1928, in Rice Lake, Wis., to Morris and Mabel Thorgerson Olson. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Peter; three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, of the home; son, Douglas (Susan), of Newton; daughters, Shirlee (Darrell) Harper, of McPherson, Joan (Ricky) Schulz, of Middleton, Wis., and Lori (Dwight) Crown,

of McPherson; brother, Arlie (JoAnne), of Chetek, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Countryside Covenant Church. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson, with family present from 5 to 7 p.m.

George Orner Jr.

BENNINGTON — George Orner Jr., 81, Bennington, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009. Mr. Orner was born Feb. 11, 1928, in Bennington, the son of George and Julia (Smith) Orner Sr. He was a lifelong farmer, farming his land just east of Bennington. He also built homes and worked as a finish carpenter in the Salina and McPherson areas.

He is survived by four daughters, Cindy Miller, of Wichita, Catherine Ernott, of Jensen Beach, Fla., Cheryl Hamilton, of Arlington, Texas, and Christina Krager, of Marathon Shores, Fla.; a sister, Julie Orner Wilson, of Salina; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a niece; and a nephew. A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in Bennington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ottawa County Fire District 4 or Bennington Ambulance Service, in care of Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. Eighth, Salina 67401.

Vernon Dale Shaffer

BALTIMORE — Vernon Dale Shaffer, 54, of Baltimore, formerly of Waldo, Kan., died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009. He was born June 11, 1954, in Russell, Kan., to Charles H. and Carol R. (Zweifel) Shaffer.

Survivors include his mother, Carol Shaffer, of Waldo; two brothers, Brent (Kathy), of McCook, Neb., and Bruce, of Waldo; two sisters, Teresa Shaffer, of Russell, and Lori (Ken) Lyle, of Natoma, Kan.;

A celebration of Vernon's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Luray United Methodist Church. Cremation preceded the service. There will be no visitation. For more information, contact Pohlman-Varner-Peelers Mortuary, 610 N. Maple, Russell 67665.

Gail Ann Simon

SYLVAN GROVE — Gail Ann Simon, 68, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009. She was born July 30, 1940, in Rochester, N.Y. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Alton, of the home; a son, Daniel Vallo, of Texas; daughters, Vickie Perry, of Texas, and Christine Vallot, of Sylvan Grove; a sister, Nancy Slacker, of Hutchinson; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in Sylvan Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Rodrick and Minear Sylvan Chapel, Sylvan Grove.

Today's Scripture

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

— 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (NIV)

LOTTERY Numbers

WEDNESDAY'S DRAWINGS	
DAILY PICK 3	0-1-5
2 BY 2	Red: 9-21
White:	11-12
SUPER CASH	2-10-22-24-29
Super Cashball	16
Estimated jackpot: 180,000	
POWERBALL	17-32-42-49-56
Powerball	16
Estimated jackpot: \$150.2 million	
HOT LOTTO	4-5-10-15-26
Hot Ball	1
Estimated jackpot: \$3.3 million	

County sets out poison again

Prairie dogs target, despite landowners, judge, rare ferrets

By The Associated Press

OAKLEY — Logan County couldn't get a judge's permission to place poison on 1,500 acres of western Kansas farmland to get rid of prairie dogs, so instead it is poisoning a 90-foot border surrounding the property despite objections of the land's owners.

It's the second time in less than four months the county has spread poison along the barrier around land where the endangered black-footed ferret was reintroduced in December 2007.

Larry Haverfield and Gordon Barnhardt, who own most of the Logan County land where the ferrets were placed, have been fighting for nearly two years to keep the county from applying poison to their land.

Haverfield has said the prairie dogs are an important part of keeping the prairie healthy.

He and Barnhardt won a restraining order against the county after arguing that poisoning prairie dogs could be dangerous to the ferret population, which

preys on the animals. But on Monday, the county began poisoning the barriers, which are areas that are fenced off to keep cattle from grazing.

Kansas law allows county governments to poison land where prairie dogs live and then bill the landowners for the extermination. But the two owners say they don't plan to pay for something being done on their land against their will.

Mike LeValley with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the threat to the ferrets is minimal because there probably aren't many prairie dogs left in the area being poisoned. The chemical being spread by the county, Rozol, can be harmful to the ferrets if they feed on something, such as a prairie dog, that died from the poison.

"Given that it was poisoned earlier, we don't have a lot of prairie dogs in there," said LeValley, who had urged the county not to use Rozol.

The federal ferret reintroduction plan was threatened in September 2007 when exterminators under contract with Logan County started using aluminum phosphide gas to poison nearly 100 acres of prairie dog burrows on the land.

Airport authority set to issue bonds

By The Salina Journal

The Salina Airport Authority board Wednesday authorized borrowing \$4.22 million for a number of projects this year and refinancing long-term debt incurred in 2007.

The result will be issuance of \$9.12 million in general obligation bonds. A bond sale is set for noon March 18. The board will act on bids at its regular monthly meeting, which was rescheduled for 1 p.m. that day.

The new debt will pay for a long list of projects, including installing security fencing, remodeling leased office space, repairing roofs, purchasing new

equipment and building demolition.

The authority used temporary notes to finance \$10.9 million in projects during 2007. Of that amount, \$4.9 million will be refinanced through the bond issue.

The remainder of the temporary notes, \$6.1 million, was spent to build a new hangar. If a permanent tenant leases the hangar, lease payments would include servicing the construction debt, said Shelli Swanson, the airport authority's manager of administration and finance.

"Our hope and goal is to have a tenant in place prior to the expiration of those temporary notes" in September 2010, she said.

Lion mauls Kansas man at animal refuge

By The Associated Press

OAKLEY — Authorities are investigating a weekend incident in which a man was mauled by a lion at an animal refuge in western Kansas, but no charges are expected to be filed.

The lion's owner, Jeffrey Harsh, told authorities that a man staying at the Free Breakfast Inn motel next to the refuge near Oakley apparently made his way Saturday into an outer perimeter lion cage.

When Harsh showed up to feed the animals that evening, he found the man with his arm over the top of a gate on the inner cage. A Barbary lion had grabbed the man's right arm, said Thomas County Sheriff Rod Taylor.

Harsh reportedly beat the lion with a steel pipe so it

would release the man. He then drove him to a Colby hospital. The victim, Bradley Buchanan, has since been transferred to a Denver hospital for more surgery. Buchanan, of Oakley, is expected to recover.

Taylor said photos of Buchanan's deep wounds appear to show that the lion reached the bone.

Harsh previously has faced legal problems for his ownership of exotic animals.

On Tuesday, the Thomas County prosecutor agreed to dismiss a misdemeanor case against Harsh, provided he transfers three Barbary lions to the Detroit Zoo.

Taylor said no charges are expected to be filed in Saturday's incident, providing Harsh follows through on his promise to move the lions.

Moran creates panel to give him military advice

By The Associated Press

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran has created a panel to advise him on military issues, with a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff among its members.

Retired Air Force Gen. Richard Myers is among 10 people chosen by the Republican congressman, whose sprawling 1st District includes western Kansas.

Moran serves on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. But spokeswoman Brecke Latham noted that Kansas has no members serving on the House Armed Services Committee.

Moran said Kansas veterans and the state's military installations need a strong voice in Washington because of pressing issues. He said those issues

include the potential transfer of suspected terrorists to Fort Leavenworth from the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. President Barack Obama has issued an order to close the Guantanamo Bay prison by January 2010.

"Our military and veterans have always been a top priority for me and military installations are important to the Kansas economy," Moran said in a statement.

On the Record

Police blotter

CRIMINAL DAMAGE — A window on a 1994 Ford Explorer belonging to Michael Prickett, of Hutchinson, was reported broken Wednesday while parked in the 400 block of North 12th; damage, \$500.

Cecil Kenneth Christensen

BELLEVILLE — Cecil Kenneth Christensen, 94,

died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. He was born Dec. 14, 1914, southwest of Norway to W. Homer and Mabel (Stensaas) Christensen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie; parents; and two siblings.

Survivors include a son, Harold (Marilyn), of Wichita; grandson, Derek (Denise), of Manhattan; granddaughter, Kelly (Warren) Classen, of Wichita; four great-grandchildren; four sisters; a brother-in-law; and 16 nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Nutter Mortuary, Concordia. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m., at the mortuary.

Harold Clayton Cromwell

Harold Clayton Cromwell, 93, Salina, departed this life to meet his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009. He resided at Salina Presbyterian Manor for the past four years.

Mr. Cromwell was born on Dec. 12, 1915, in Lincoln, the son of Harry and Ethyl Elta (Walizer) Cromwell, of Vesper. He was a graduate of Vesper High School. He was married to Anna Josephine (Tucker) Cromwell, of Salina, on Oct. 3, 1936, in Omaha, Neb. They were happily married for 69 years.

Mr. Cromwell was a prominent farmer in Saline County most of his life, before retiring in 1999. He farmed with his father-in-law, O.C. Tucker, and two brothers-in-law, Tom and Bill Tucker, of Salina. He also worked as a carpenter in Salina during the winter months. During WWII, he served on guard duty and as a firefighter at Smoky Hill Army Air Force Base (Schilling) in Salina.

He was a lifetime member of Salina Bible Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendent for many years and was an elder and member of the church board. He also served on the board of directors of Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna; a son, David; a grandson, Steven Cromwell; a sister, Bernita Mong and husband Earl; and a brother-in-law, Tom Tucker and wife Val.

Survivors include a son, Gary and wife Karen, of Lexington, Ky.; two daughters, Karen Groot and husband John, of Roeland Park, and Becky Cromer, of Plainfield, Ind.; his deceased son's wife, Pauline Wickens and husband Ron, of Charlotte, N.C.; brother-in-law, William Tucker and wife Caryl, of Hutchinson; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Salina Bible Church, 2100 Quincy, with the Rev. Ronald E. David Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Salina Bible Church or Calvary Bible College, 15800 Calvary Rd., Kansas City, MO 64147. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Carlson-Geisendorf



Mr. Cromwell