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Ben Keller, a volunteer at His Helping Hands, helps unload household items for victims of the Oaklawn tornado that were collected by Raven Caldwell, a 14-year-old from Minnesota. Raven hopes to next help people near Duluth, Minn., affected by flooding. "I want to help the little towns around Duluth," Raven said.

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Raven and her family left Minnesota about 6 p.m. Friday night and arrived in Newton about 5:30 a.m. They got to His Helping Hands on 37th Street North near I-135 about 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

There, volunteers with the ministry helped unload furniture and boxes of clothing and the stuff that makes a house a home.

Raven had labeled each box and kept track of what was donated. Some of the donations came from her grandmother and a cousin.

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adding that residents of Oaklawn displaced by the EF-3 tornado certainly qualify. "Our goal is to meet the needs of the neediest."

Artmann and her daughters — Raven's sister Chiara Caldwell — came along for the trip — planned to attend a service with Dohm later Saturday.

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Anyone interested in Raven's projects may e-mail Artmann at tanyaartmann@gmail.com.

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ELECTIONS

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and the winner of the Democratic primary between incumbent Oletha Faust-Goudeau and KC Ohaebosim.

■ Gordon Bakken, Wichita,

state House District 84, will face Republican Dan Heflin and the winner of the Democratic primary between incumbent Gail Finney and Matthew Collins.

■ James Pruden, Wichita, state House District 86, will face Republican John Stevens and the winner of the Democratic primary between Ju-

dith Loganbill and Jim Ward, both incumbents.

■ Santana Marie Talbert, Wichita, state House District 87, will face Democrat Chris Florquist and Republican Mark Kahrs.

■ Randall Batson, Wichita, state House District 105, will face Democrat Liz Hicks and Republican Mark Hutton.

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MR. MCCLINTON

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"very focused and committed person" with great commitment to education.

"If he said something, he meant it — whether it was an order or a direction," he said. "... My father always wanted his kids to get a good education. We've just always kind of matriculated toward that."

Friends and peers of Mr. McClinton respected him and described him as modest but persistent.

Former state Sen. U.L. "Rip" Gooch was friends with Mr. McClinton, and they once opposed each other in a state Senate race. Gooch called Mr. McClinton honest, straightforward and a fighter.

"He did a lot for the city," Gooch said. "(He was) not one to give up."

State Rep. Melody McCray-Miller remembers the deep respect her late father, former state legislator Billy McCray, had for Mr. McClinton. She views Mr. McClinton as the forerunner for African-American officials elected after him. "His long, committed life he lived speaks volumes to the person Sen. McClinton was and the legacy he left behind," McCray-Miller said.

"He was important." Mr. McClinton is survived by his son, Curtis McClinton Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Devonne McClinton; granddaughters Tobe McCay and Marguerite Mary McClinton; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Ella McGee McClinton; one brother and five sisters.

A service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Jackson Mortuary Chapel, 1125 E. 13th St.; the funeral will be at 10 a.m. July 7 at Calvary Baptist Church, 2653 N. Hillside.

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Town unites to reopen store

BY AMY BICKEL
Hutchinson News

MINNEOLA — When the owner of the local grocery decided to close, residents feared the worst.

The empty storefront — one of the cornerstones of Minneola's Main Street — could be the first step in the plodding death of another rural community.

Yet people in this Clark County town of 745 have a way of pulling together in times of need. The closing created a new era of community cooperation, with residents determined that Minneola's only grocery wouldn't shutter for long.

They sold \$50 shares — raising more than \$200,000 — and reopened the little market that has served Minneola for decades.

Three months after the March grand opening, Lonnie Patrick stood behind the deli counter at Home Town Market, watching as shoppers meandered through the aisles and a high school student rang up customers. He couldn't help but grin as he

talked about the new coolers that would soon line one of the aisles.

Moreover, he says, the little grocery already has doubled the trade of the previous owner. In fact, he expects the store to exceed \$1 million in sales when the first year is completed.

"The support has been great," said Patrick, whom community investors hired as the store's manager. "It has doubled our expectations."

After learning about the success of a community-owned store in Walsh, Colo., town leaders in Minneola formed a committee and began the process of trying to bring a store back to the town. Their campaign drew contributions from more than 100 residents.

"Even kids were investing," said local farmer Luke Jaeger, president of the grocery committee. "We really saw the need for a store, and it really was a community effort to bring it back."

The effort was more than monetary, said Mayor Carol Sibley. Residents spent countless hours performing renova-

tions to the more than 100-year-old building. In addition, a few times a week, volunteers gather to unload a truck of inventory and then stock the store's shelves.

Sibley does her own shopping there, she said, adding that residents have been good about patronizing the store.

It also serves as a place of employment, including for high school students. Patrick, a former Schwan's deliveryman, is employed full time to run the community business. It's also the community's gathering place, with the store providing several tables by the front window where locals socialize.

Sibley said she couldn't be more proud of the community effort, noting that residents are already talking about what project they should tackle next.

"You see so many small towns dying out, and the grocery store seems to be a real hub in keeping things going — the heartbeat of the community, so to speak," Sibley said.

"We're thankful to have our heartbeat back."

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Smith, Eddie C Jr., 69, passed away Friday, June 22, 2012. Visitation with family: 3-4 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2012 with service following at 4 p.m., both at Westside Church of the Nazarene, 2300 S. Seneca. Graveside will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 in Alton, KS. He is survived by his wife: Diane Elaine; two daughters: Allison (Dallas) Thompson of Monument, CO, Laurie (Daniel) Potter of Wichita; son: Eddie C (Tammy) Smith III; ten grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents: Eddie & Alice Smith; a brother & a sister. A memorial has been established with Hospice Care of Kansas, 750 N. Socora St. Wichita, 67212. To sign a guest book or leave a condolence for the family, go to www.cochranmortality.com



COCHRAN

ARKANSAS CITY - Kellogg, Jeffrey, Ray, 51, Westar Energy foreman/lineman, died June 29. Jeff was born July 8, 1960, in Washington, KS to Gene and Joy Kellogg. He graduated from Andover High and married Ginger Blake on Oct. 16, 1982, in Wichita. Jeff loved fishing and hunting. Survivors: wife Ginger; children Justin and Kaycee Kellogg all of Arkansas City; parents Gene and Joy Kellogg, Andover; brothers Richard (Teresa) Kasper, Garden City, Kansas; Brian Kellogg, Augusta; sister Brenda Haylor, Wichita; sister-in-law Christa Kellogg, Augusta; granddaughter Breann Kellogg. Preceded by his brother Douglas Kellogg. Memorial service Thurs. July 5, at 10 a.m., Central Baptist, 7421 SW Church Rd, Augusta. Graveside Benton Cemetery, Benton, KS. Memorial: Cowley County Humane Society.



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DERBY - Dean, Colette L., 79, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2012. Visitation 2-8 Sunday, family present 6-8, at Smith Family Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Rd., Derby. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. Monday, July 2, at St. Mary Faith Center, 2300 E. Meadowlark. Colette was preceded in death by sons John and Craig Dean and brother Gerald Theis. Survived by children Carol (John) Parsons, Christopher (Denise) Dean, and Jennifer Dean; siblings Vera Warwick, Lee Harbert, Marjorie Purn, Miriam Smith, Joseph Theis, Jr.; twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with St. Mary Building Fund, 2300 E. Meadowlark, Derby, KS 67037. View tributes at smithfamilymortuaries.com.

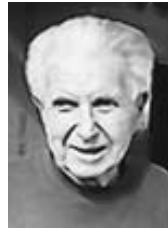


Smith

OST - Paddock, Elizabeth "Elsie" (Friess), 85, died June 14, 2012. Elsie was born in Ost, Kan., and lived in Denver, Colo. for the last 51 years. She was a very loving mother and grandmother. She worked in the Denver school system as a cook and at King Soopers in the deli department. Preceded in death by her parents, Fred Friess and Anna Friess (Bergkamp); brothers, Cleo Friess and David Friess. Survivors include children, Mike Paddock of Wichita, Kan., Rick Paddock and Kathy Heinz of Denver, Colo.; 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Nathaline Zogman of Cheney, Kan., Dolores Behrens of Denver, Joan Irisk of Shell Knob, Mo., Jim Friess of Cheney, Kan., Rosie Orth of Wichita, Kan., Bernie Hines of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jerry Friess of Wichita. Memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, at St. Joe Catholic Church, Ost, Kan.



Veazey, Robert William, 91, passed away June 13, 2012 in Salida, Colo. He was a member of The First Presbyterian Church. Graveside service was held June 16, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery, Salida. Mr. Veazey was born Aug. 6, 1920, in New Wilmington, Pa., to James and Alma Veazey. He grew up in Newton, Kan. and attended Oklahoma A&M (now OSU) in 1938, on a track scholarship and pursued a degree in engineering. He founded Lustercraft Plastics, in Wichita, Kan. in 1945. Loving father, active inventor, and his hobbies included traveling, Mardi Gras, Disney World, boat building and woodworking. His motto - "If it isn't fun, I'm not doing it." He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim; loving wife, Lainada of 51 years, and his son, Bob. Survived by wife, Patricia (Ten Eyck) of 18 years; children, Ruth Ann, Mark, Linda; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.



Wayne, Jerrie "Jean," 65, died Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Service, 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 2, Downing & Lahey West. Preceded in death by father, Arthur Shellhammer. Survivors: husband, Larry Wayne; mother, Harriet Shellhammer; son, Jake Wayne of San Francisco, CA, and many close extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial established with Spastic Paraplegic Foundation, P.O. Box 1208, Fortson, GA, 31808-1208. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com



OVERLAND PARK - Thompson, Michael, of Overland Park, KS passed away June 22, 2012. He graduated from East in 1960. Michael had a long career in the financial services industry. He was dedicated to his family and friends and will be missed by many. Survivors include his wife Sharon, brother Dennis Thompson, sister Virginia Withers, son Shawn Thompson, daughter Shannon Richards, step-son CT Duckworth and five grandchildren.



VALLEY CENTER - Brown, James R., 58, Spirit Aircraft machinist and Cattle Rancher, passed away on Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Survived by his wife, Betty Brown; son, Joshua Vineyard and his wife, Angela of Wichita; grandchildren, Haley, Bryce and Desiree. Visitation 4-6 pm, Sunday, July 1, at Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center. Services 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 2, will be held at Sunnysdale Park Cemetery, 10357 N. Hydraulic, Valley Center. Memorials to American Cancer Association and American Diabetes. www.bakerfhvc.com

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