

Obituaries

Neil Blaine Palmer

Neil Blaine Palmer, Sr., 75, died July 27, 2010, in Del City, Okla. He was born Jan. 22, 1935, in Keokuk, to Kenneth and Mary Palmer.

Neil is survived by his wife, Barbara of Del City, Okla.; two sons, Neil Blaine Palmer, Jr., of Twin Falls, Idaho, Kenneth Blaine Palmer of Phoenix, Ariz.; five daughters, Bonnie Sue Palmer of Edmond, Okla., Balinda Sue Callison of Yukon, Okla., Blaina Sue Nelson of Guthrie, Okla., Barbara Sue Christianson of Guthrie, Okla., Bobbie Sue Dalmar-Evan of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Marla Joyce Palmer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Tonda Denly of Montrose; 27 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth E. Palmer and Mary E. Palmer; one brother, Jack E. Palmer; and two grandsons, Scott Callison and Joey McIntyre.

Neil graduated from high school in Venice, Calif. in 1954, and attended El Camino College and Rose State College. He served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force retiring at the rank of M Sgt. He was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a Toyota Motor Sales Corp. Administrator, retiring after 20 years in 1997. He was a member of the American Legion and Sunnyside Church. Neil was a loving husband and father.

The family thanks all the health care providers in and out of the home and Cornerstone Home Health Care.

Memorial services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the Embury United Methodist Church in rural Donnellson with Herb Davison officiating.

Burial was in Embury Cemetery with full military rites by the Donnellson American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Diabetic, Heart, or Kidney Fund, or the Gideon or American Bible Societies.

Online condolences may be made for the family at www.schmitzlynkfuneralhome.com.



First South Park home goes up

Thursday morning's cool weather was enjoyed last week by many in the community after several days of sweltering temperatures. Over at the new South Park Subdivision just south of West Point's ball park, workers were putting the roof on the first house built at the new subdivision. The project is a spec home being built by Conrad Kruse. The subdivision currently consists of 18 lots, located on either side of the new Seventh Street. To learn more about the 17 available lots, call West Point City Hall at: 319-837-6313.

Sr. Lohman celebrates Diamond Jubilee

A Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration with ties to the area recently celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, marking 75 years of vowed religious life.

Born in West Point, Sister Jeanice Lohman became an educator. She served for three years as an elementary teacher and 11 years as a secondary teacher in parochial schools in Iowa, Utah and Wisconsin. From 1950-1964 she was school supervisor for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis. Sister Jeanice was elected as FSPA assistant to the Mother General, a position she held for six years, while continuing to serve as director of education. For the next 10 years Sister Jeanice was coordinator of FSPA's St. Rose Convent in La Crosse. After a sabbatical year she was hired by Viterbo College (now Viterbo University, also in La Crosse) as manager of housekeeping. She moved back to St. Rose where she served as tour guide, heritage curator, gift shop manager and part-time receptionist until her retirement in 1995. In 2006, she made FSPA's retirement community in La Crosse, Villa St. Joseph, her home.

A jubilee celebration was held at Villa St. Joseph on May 25.



Former Donnellson resident participates in TV program

Marlene Meyer, a former resident of Donnellson, was selected by CBS Channel 5 (her local Phoenix, Ariz. TV station) to participate in a program called Pay It Forward. The program required that she tell about someone who had helped her. She was paid \$500 and had one hour to give that money to that person.

She selected Polly Smith, her Dayspring United Methodist Church nurse, who had helped her with many healthcare and insurance issues that she was dealing with. Polly now is no longer able to work, because of her own life threatening health issues. Not only was Polly thrilled to receive the money, but she decided to share some of it with a few people that she knew also needed it.

The story was televised. To view the TV segment online, visit: kpho.com, click on the "Community" bar, then "Pay It Forward" and select the entry for July 16, 2010.

Fundraiser planned for Westview ballpark

The Donnellson Ball Association will host a fundraiser with proceeds going towards providing lights for the large baseball diamond at Donnellson's Westview Park.

The event is scheduled for Sept. 17 at the ballpark.

A supper consisting of BBQ chicken, potato

salad, baked beans and drinks will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The benefit auction, with items donated by area businesses, begins at 8:00 p.m.

CLARIFICATION: An incorrect location was given for the event in a previous article. The auction will be held at the ballpark.

Green Acres "FUN"draiser week successful

Green Acres Golf Course in Donnellson hosted a fundraising event starting Wednesday, July 21 and ending with a big 4-person tournament on Saturday. This is an annual event to raise funds for the operating expenses of the golf course facility.

Doug Hammer, a former Donnellson resident, Central Lee graduate, and golf pro from Phoenix, Ariz., was there to offer private lessons, golf clinics, a junior golf camp and a junior tournament which brought in over \$1,800.

The tournament on Saturday started with a pancake breakfast, barbecue lunch and spaghetti dinner donated by John and Barb Nelson and Advanced Home & Health Care, LTD.

22 teams showed up at \$100 each to add to the bottom line. The Grand Raffle of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 was donated by Pilot Grove Savings Bank in Donnellson. Winners were Jeanne Doyle at \$250, LaVerne Cox at \$500 and Bob Davison at \$1,000. Bob donated the \$1,000 grand prize back to Green Acres President,

Butch Welch with \$500 going to the Golf Course Fundraiser and \$500 to the Pool Fundraiser.

A 50/50 raffle was held in the morning and brought in \$226, the afternoon raffle total was \$77. Two hawkeye football framed pictures and a golf purse were in silent auction. Many other door prizes were donated including a Nike golf bag, Callaway golf hats and golf balls, two Odyssey putters, and a BBQ basket from Pampered Chef.

Each golfer in the 4-person tournament received an Iowa Telecom coozie with a deck of playing cards from Pilot Grove Savings Bank. Colorful outdoor posters advertising the event were furnished by Golden Eagle Distributing in Burlington.

A total of over \$12,000 was raised. Another fun tournament will be scheduled in September. All ages and levels of golfers are welcome to attend. Green Acres Golf Course is open to the public everyday, 7:00 a.m. to dark. The pool is open 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.