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## OUT OF OZ **and off to BROADWAY**

**C**ody Davis and Jamie Garrard are more than comfortable on the stages in Richardson Auditorium and Messenger Recital Hall.

The list of credits for these two Southwestern College upperclassmen is long: *Peter Pan*. *Into the Woods*. *A Comedy of Errors*. *Eagerheart*. If the play involved singing and acting during the past three years, both most likely were on the cast list.

Over the Christmas break, though, they stepped out of their SC comfort zone and into a musical theatre actor's dream. Both were cast in *Out of Oz*, an Off-Broadway play about Kansas that was presented in the Producers Club Theatre in January.

Davis (a junior) and Garrard (a senior) were referred to producer Steve Rue by SC faculty member Martin Rude.

"We auditioned for the play in October and heard that night that we had made it, then we didn't see the rest of the cast again until after Christmas," Cody explains.

Starting Dec. 29, hundreds of hours of rehearsals were packed into two weeks. Then the show opened in Wichita, and the next day the cast and crew flew to New York.

Every day between Jan. 9 and 15 audiences saw the eight-member cast sing and dance its way through a tribute to their



home state. Audiences were modest but respectable during the evenings, and opening night had a couple of almost-star sightings ("Anne Hathaway's best friend was in the audience," Cody says with a star-struck mug, "and I love Anne Hathaway!").

But the group also saw a few of the less glamorous realities of show biz – two matinees were cancelled because no one showed up, and the reality that connections are the backbone of success was evident to Cody and Jamie even as they dipped their toes into the theatre life.

Still, they're delighted to have the new line on their resumes. Because Off-Broadway is a designation governed by size of theatre, use of union members, etc., most newly-minted actors don't have this experience. Now they've seen how many hundreds of actors and actresses also are looking for theatre work there, and know this gives them an edge.

"It's all about connections," Cody says. "It's who you know that can make or break you. But I loved it. I'll be there eventually."



# SC Spring Enrollment Largest Ever

Southwestern College's spring enrollment figures overturned usual patterns and showed the most students ever enrolled at the college.

Traditionally, spring enrollment drops from the fall semester, as some students graduate at the end of that period. SC's enrollment trended upwards, though, and official spring enrollment was 1,904. This was up from last fall's 1,823.

Enrollment includes undergraduate and graduate students on the main campus in Winfield, and undergraduate and

graduate learners in professional studies (on-ground locations and online).

The boost includes major professional studies increases in undergraduate enrollments, demonstrating SC's strength with military learners. The master of education program also made large gains.

"This strength of enrollment is an important signal for the college, and for our constituents, that private education remains strong and viable even in tough economic times," said President Dick Merriman.

## ACADEMIC SHORTS

Southwestern College is one of the top 20 institutions in the nation when it comes to providing educational services to Air Force personnel, according to figures released at the annual Council of College and Military Educators symposium in January.

During fiscal year 2008, Professional Studies' participation in the AU-ABC (Air University – Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative) program prompted 967 airmen to enroll in 3,956 courses.

This is the first year SC has broken into the top 20 providers, jumping to 14th among all institutions. Top three were American Military University, University of Maryland University College, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.



The first International Summer School for Belarusian Studies will be hosted by the Center for Belarusian Studies at Southwestern College. Set for July 6 to Aug. 9, the program will be held in the town of Hajnowka in Poland's Podlasia region. Coursework will include intensive Belarusian language instruction, lectures in English and Belarusian on Belarusian history, literature, contemporary politics, and society in the Republic of Belarus, as well as regional studies. At the end of the program, from Aug. 9 to 19, student will have the option of traveling to Belarus.

For more information, contact program director Curt Woolhiser, [cwoolhis@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:cwoolhis@fas.harvard.edu).



## SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE HALLS OF FAME

New inductees in five Southwestern College halls of fame will be honored on Founders Day weekend, April 17-18. All events will take place in the Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library on the Southwestern College main campus, except where otherwise noted.

### Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences

**April 17, 5:30 p.m.**

A.J. "Jack" Focht '57  
Loy W. Henderson '15 (deceased)  
Carl E. Martin '60  
M. Kim Moore '71

F. James "Jim" Robinson '80  
Edward H. Salm (deceased)  
David H. Swartz '64

### Fine Arts Hall of Fame | April 18, 10:30 a.m.

*Darbeth Fine Arts Center lobby*

E. Marie Burdette '29, '32 (deceased)  
Earl W. Dungan '40 (deceased)  
Mildred (Demaree) Erhart '41  
Helen Graham (deceased)

Lauren G. Kilmer (deceased)  
David C. McGuire '47  
Grace Sellers '27 (deceased)  
Ross O. Williams '35 (deceased)

### Business Hall of Fame | April 18, 1:30 p.m.

Sue (Lewis) Hale '66  
Jimmy L. Kline '67

*Business Builder Award recipient:*  
Todd Gentry

### Educators Hall of Fame | April 18, 3:30 p.m.

Sally (Mann) Cauble '72  
Gary L. Rhodes '72

D. Jean (Jones) Wilson '58

### Scholars Hall of Fame | April 18, 3:30 p.m.

Virginia Blanton '89  
Garry D. Hays '57

Michael C. Robinson '65 (deceased)

*For more information on any of these events, or to RSVP, please call (620) 229-6279.*

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# Whoa, Beetle!

## Science Day Prompts Kids to Think Scientifically

Suppose a beetle is wrangled into a dental floss harness and the floss is tied to a small plastic tray. If the beetle is fairly robust (say, an inch or so long), it will drag that tray as if it were weightless.

But then suppose aluminum washers are stacked on the tray, one by one. At what point will the beetle have had enough?

To the amazement of more than 20 area home-schooled students at the third annual Southwestern College Science Day, a single beetle can pull a tray stacked with more than 50 washers. And this, they extrapolated, would be the equivalent of a human being pulling more than 3,000 pounds of weight.

Prompting the youngsters to think this way, observing and drawing conclusions using scientific method, was the goal of hosting Beta Beta Beta members and faculty Michael Tessmer,

Ed Loeb, and Rick Cowlshaw. Karen Podschun was home-schooled contact for the December event.

The beetle experiment uses elements of physics and mathematics as well as biology, Cowlshaw points out, and another of the activities that measured how quickly various clay shapes fall through corn syrup was an introductory glimpse of hydrodynamics.

“The whole purpose was to get them doing things and thinking about things using models,” Cowlshaw explains.

“We have a really strong group of students, and it’s fun because they realize, ‘I can do this,’” he says. “Young kids are primed for thinking scientifically—they’re ready to be excited—and as we get older we lose that.”

Among SC students who organized the event were the Delta chapter (Beta Beta Beta) officers Diane Dixon, Kelli Bryant, Ann Weese, and Anna Macy.



## 1940s

**Dorothy (Higginbottom) Flottman '46** wrote "Service Above Self: A History of the Winfield Rotary Club," which was presented at the ninth annual Celebrate Winfield History conference.

**Bill Medley '49** is retiring from the Creative Community Living board of directors. Medley was one of the community members who helped to organize CCL in 1996 when the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center was closed. CCL provides support for men and women with developmental disabilities.

## 1950s

**Marion (Choi) Pai '50** has recently retired after 35 years of teaching.

## 1960s

**Teresa Covacevich Grana '61** wrote "Painting Winfield's History," which was presented at the ninth annual Celebrate Winfield History conference.

**Rod Strohl '66** just celebrated 42½ years with AT&T as the director of customer service in Dallas.

**Kim Black '69**, longtime president of Johnston Boiler Company in Ferrysburg, Mich., was recently selected by the governor of Michigan to represent fire tube boiler manufacturers nationwide.

## 1970s

**Pat Byrne '70** retired in May 2008 from his position with Mutual of America and in August 2008, he became a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor.

**Burt Helmer '70** has returned to coaching at Circle High School. As of Feb. 1, his men's basketball team was 10-2.

**Otis Morrow '70** was the recipient of the Arkansas City CornerBank Community Cornerstone Award in November. The Community Cornerstone Award recognizes the time and effort given by volunteers in Cowley County. Morrow has been actively involved in the Ark City community for 38 years. Otis and his wife **Terri (Lough) '76 '96** have been married for nearly 39 years

**Nancy (Haas) Halamar '71** recently ended her column of nearly 30 years with the Cary-Grove Countryside newspaper

from Cary, Ill. She is the longest-writing local columnist in the Northwest Group of Pioneer Press. In her final column, Nancy mentioned Southwestern College as the place where she began as a reporter and feature writer, winning many awards for the best feature story in the paper, and also receiving note as the "founding mother of KSWC-FM," the college radio station.

**Joe Coles '72**, student services coordinator for Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in Sublette, received an Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals at their annual statewide conference in November 2008. Joe has been with Southwest Plains since July 2000, and travels across Kansas and into surrounding states providing a variety of services to students, teachers, administrators and parents. He has developed several programs aimed at helping students meet their potential and stand strong against negative forces.

**Barbara (Coleman) Lindahl '75** is now teaching sixth grade English in Mannford, Okla. She also works part-time at Wal-Mart.

**Kent Seyfried '76** graduated in December 2008 from the KU Public Management Center, Certified Public Manager program. This is a year-long, nationally-recognized program for career certification of public managers who hold responsible positions in city, county, or state government throughout the U.S.

**Lyle '78** and **Sara (Severance) Weinert** were recipients of the Winfield CornerBank Community Cornerstone Award in November. The award recognizes the time and effort given by volunteers in Cowley County. In recognition of the Weinerts, CornerBank contributed \$100 to the Legacy Community Foundation to support additional community development projects.

**LaMar Burks '79**, a 2002 National Assistant Coach selection, recently coached the Hamilton Middle School eighth grade Falcons to the 2008 Tulsa city basketball championship. This was the Lady Falcons' first title in school history.

## 1980s

**Karla (McCollum) Farmer '84** is the new dean of finance at Fort Scott Community College. Farmer has worked in the business office at FSCC since the beginning of 2008.

**Deb (Storey) Hargrove '84** was named as 2008 winner of the Arch of Fame award from the Kansas Association of Career and Technical Education (K-ACTE). Deb has been teaching family and consumer science at Arkansas City High School for the past 15 years, chairing the department for the past six years. She has served as president of Kansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science, president of Arkansas City Teachers Association, president of Delta Kappa Gamma-Upsilon chapter and is the currently president of the Walnut Valley Uniserv-KNEA. She is married to **Larry '72**, who is currently working for USD 259.

## Groom Top Teacher in Diocese

**Kari Groom '05**, Winfield, was selected 2009 Outstanding Young Teacher Award by the Diocese of Wichita. Kari teaches pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten at Holy Name Catholic School, one of the smallest schools in the Diocese with only 61 students and four classrooms. Groom was considered with teachers of more than 500 classrooms throughout the diocese.

"Although Groom is not Catholic, she has an amazing sense of parish life and the mission of a Catholic school," organizers said. "She often spends her

own money to help families obtain basic necessities, even babysitting their children in time of need."

Using a variety of assessment tools, Groom has an individual notebook for each child, tracking progress in language arts, Saxon math, and Second Step (anti-bullying).

She is Holy Name's lead teacher and Professional Development Council representative.

Kari is currently working toward a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Southwestern.

Children are **Amy Llamas Pinion '97** who is teaching at ACMS; Matt Llamas; **Amber (Llamas) McPherson '09** who finished her student teaching in December; and Tim Hargrove. Larry and Deb have five grandchildren and are expecting more this summer.

**Paul Bean '85** has been named vice president of university advancement at Ottawa University. Bean had been vice president of institutional advancement at Southwestern College for nine years. Under his direction, SC completed a record-breaking four-year, \$26 million capital campaign.

**Kerie (Epperson) Gayle '85** and her husband, Kent, are currently living in London, where they serve in a business role with a mission organization. They continue to receive mail at their home address in Bedford, Texas.

**Monty Lewis '86**, head football coach at Friends University, achieved several milestones in 2008: won third straight KCAC title; third straight NAIA playoff; 100th win as head coach; third straight Coach of the Year award. Team records for 2008 were KCAC 10-0, overall 11-0.

## 1990s

**Terry Quiett '94** and his band, Terry Quiett Band, competed at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis during early February. They were one of only 100 bands who earned this opportunity. Terry credits his band's original sound for their win at a challenge put on by the Wichita Blues Society. By winning the challenge, the band earned the opportunity to represent the Wichita Blues Society in the Memphis challenge.

**Brian Pettey '96**, founder and chief executive of Robotzone in Winfield, was recently named to the newest class of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp.'s entrepreneurship grooming program. The yearlong Pipeline program provides four, three-day education sessions; access to venture capitalists and mentors who advise and counsel the innovators; and a \$20,000 stipend. Pettey started his company in the late 1990s as a student at Southwestern. The company designs and develops robots and robotic components and is growing very quickly. He hopes that his Pipeline experience will help him decide whether he is the person to take his business to the next

level, and he also has plans to launch some new products that represent new markets for his company.

**Maher Musleh '98 '06** presented "Islam: an Abrahamic Faith," at the annual Religious Heritage Lecture at McPherson College. Musleh is a mass properties engineer at Cessna. He also serves on the advisory board for KPTS Channel 8 in Wichita, the board of directors of Inter-Faith Ministries, the advisory board for the Kansas Institution for Peace and Conflict Resolution, and he is the coordinator of the Muslim Public Affairs Council in Wichita.

**Stacy Thomas '99** married Shauna Williams on Oct. 18, 2008. Stacy is a firefighter/EMT with the Houston Fire Department. Mrs. Thomas is a history teacher with New Caney School District.

## 2000s

**Heather (Dobbs) Aikman '00**, and her husband, Nathaniel, are involved with the youth and music ministries of their local church in Cleburne, Texas, and are awaiting the birth of their first child in April 2009.

**Patricia Anguiano '01** and John McCall were married Oct. 27, 2007. Patricia is a medical records director and John is a self-employed farmer. They reside Salina.

**Dustin Wilgers '01** was honored as the 11th recipient of the Suzanne L. and Joseph T. Collins Award for Excellence in Kansas Herpetology. His article, "Effects of Different Burn Regimes on the Tallgrass Prairie Herpetofaunal Species Diversity and Community Composition in the Flint Hills, Kansas," was selected as best published paper on native Kansas amphibians, turtles or reptiles. His work earned him a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

**Adam Catlin '03** has a new novel, *Synchronicity*, due for release in 2009. He appeared on Kansas CW to promote its release. This is his fourth published novel. He continues to work for the Augusta Department of Safety as a communications specialist.

**Holly Higbee '04** has accepted a position to teach art at Village Meadows Elementary School in Hereford, Ariz.

**Kelli Waggoner '06** recently received certification as a breastfeeding educator by attending a three-day workshop in Topeka.



## TRACK & FIELD REUNION

Track and cross-country athletes from all generations are invited to attend a reunion on campus April 24 and 25.

Set to coincide with the SC Relays, the reunion will begin at 2:30 Friday afternoon with social time in Pounds Lounge. Alumni are welcome to observe and/or participate in track practice at 3:30 p.m. before a dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Stewart Field House.

Following a morning brunch, Saturday's schedule includes the Relays – field events begin at noon, and running events begin at 2:30 p.m. The weekend concludes with a 9 p.m. mixer.

For more information, contact Todd Moore, institutional advancement, at (620) 229-6210, [todd.moore@sckans.edu](mailto:todd.moore@sckans.edu).

Waggoner works for the City-Cowley County Health Department.

**Katie Burrow '07** is in her second year of physical therapy school at the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center in Tulsa, Okla. She will graduate with her master's in physical therapy in 2010.

**Heidi Hill '07** was recently named the economic and community development director for Cowley First: Cowley County Economic Development Partnership.

**Eric Roth '07** and Tania Rudkin were married on June 21, 2008 in Belle Plaine, Kan. Eric is currently pursuing his doctorate from the University of Nevada at Reno in the area of cognition and brain science. They live in Sun Valley, Nev.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

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**Drew Logsdon '08** completed the fall semester at the Focus on The Family Institute located in Colorado Springs. During his internship with the audio and new media department, Drew got to work with their broadcasting department on coverage of election night. Del Tackett (originator of the Truth Project) was one of his professors.

Five SC students performed a composers' recital in Messenger Recital Hall in Darbeth Fine Arts Center. They performed 13 original pieces and ended with an improv performance. The composers were **Chance Alquest '08**, **Roger Klein '08**, **Tim Miller '10**, **Nathan Haefele '10**, and **Joanna Woon '10**.

**Adam Dees '08** was awarded the Evelyn, Richard and Blanche Thompson Scholarship in Law, the Bernard E. Nordling Scholarship, and the Law Fee Grant by the KU School of Law.

**Sherry Martell '08** was one of 73 individuals recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, an honor society for nurses who demonstrate academic excellence. Membership is by invitation only and inductees must have a 3.0 GPA. She was among only four others who were chosen to receive the Iota Chi award due to her outstanding 3.97 grade point average.

**Melanie Robins '08** was recognized as a "Teacher of Promise" at SC. She has a 4.0 grade-point average and is currently student teaching fourth through sixth grade students in Burden.

**Tammy Carrasco '09** was elected vice president for the 55th annual Kansas Association of Nursing Students Convention.

**Jamie Gerrard '09** and **Cody Davis '09** performed in an Off-Broadway show titled *Out of Oz*. Premiering in Wichita, the show is a musical tribute to the best and worst of Kansas. In addition, Gerrard was invited to audition for The Minnesota Opera's Young Artists' Program. For the audition, Gerrard prepared and memorized operatic arias in five different languages.

**Kyger Veatch '09** attended the inauguration of President Barack Obama. His invitation to attend the event stemmed from a leadership conference he attended at the Capitol at 2004.

**Jordan Jarnagin '10** was elected vice president of nominations and elections

at the 55th annual Kansas Association of Nursing Students Convention.

**Mandy Bostwick '12** volunteers at Heaven's Closet, a food and clothing bank located in Way of the Cross United Methodist Church at Ozawkie. She has developed a room in the church that houses formal wear for local girls to use during prom. Bostwick says the girls have the option to keep the dresses or return them for someone else to use.

## Athletes Inducted Into Hall of Fame

**S**ix outstanding SC alumni were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame Nov. 15, 2008.

**Steve Broadie '36**, who died in 2001. Broadie played both tennis and football for the Builders. He won both singles and doubles titles at the Senior Olympic Games in 1989 at the age of 75.

**Wade Cargile '82**. Cargile was a four-year starting quarterback for the Builders and was All-KCAC and NAIA All-District 10 in 1981, setting school records for touchdown passes (29), most touchdowns scored rushing and passing, and fewest interceptions in a single season (2).

**Kris Cummins '94** led the Builder golf team to four straight KCAC team championships, was named All-KCAC four consecutive years, and was selected NAIA All-District 10 in 1993 and 1994.

## NOTES ON FRIENDS

Former Southwestern College football coach **Jim Paramore** is still making a difference in the lives of young men who play the game. Since retiring from Hesston in the early 1990s, he coached for four years with his son Mike Paramore, while he was head coach at Canton-Galva, and now for the past eight years, Jim has assisted Mike in his role as head coach at Perry-Lecompton

**Mike Farrell '67** was a member of the KCAC championship football team in 1964, KCAC all-conference selection in 1966, and NAIA All-District 10 team in 1966.

**James Glenn '62** starred in track and football. In 1959 he led the NAIA in punt returns. In track he led the Builder team to KCAC championships in 1961 and 1962. Glenn remains tied for the all-time top 10 list at SC in the 100-yard dash.

**Mike McCarthy '76** was an all-KCAC linebacker and defensive MVP in 1974 and 1975.



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*Included are two new halls — Fine Arts, and Leaders in Service (Social Sciences).*

## BIRTHS

A son, Jaxson Kale, born Oct. 10, 2008 to McKenzie and **Ryan Wheeler '04**.

A daughter, Kelli Kristine, born May 7, 2008, to Matt and **Kristy (Moran) Rodriguez '94**. Kelli's siblings are Haylie (8), Rudy (7), Matthew (4), and Riley (14 months).

A son, Samuel Christopher, born Oct. 5, 2008, to **Troy and Heather (Schermerhorn) Jordan '96 '98**. Samuel has two older sisters, Bryn (8) and Chloe (4).

A son, Garrett Michael Seth, born in July 2008 to **Sarah (Cox) '00** and Michael **Brogdin**. They also are parents of Kristin McKayla (3).

A son, Stoney JackAnon, born Nov. 19, 2008 to **Adam '01** and Jackie (McChristian) **Hass**.

A son, Mason Thomas, born Dec. 18, 2008, to **Branden and Mandy (Mundinger) Banks '02 '00**. Grandparents include **Tom and Brenda (Farmer) Mundinger '72 '73**.

A boy, Jaxon Thomas, born June 19, 2008, to Jason and **Edeka (Velardes) Hauser '02**. He joins sister Jovi Marie (2).

A daughter, Norah Kate, born Feb. 27, 2008, to **Brent and Megan (Galliard) Wolf '03 '02**. Grandparents include **Dave and Carol (Tillotson) Galliard '69 '71**; great-grandparents include Dwight and **Nadine (Means) Tillotson '47**.

A boy, Braesyn Scott Williams, born Dec. 23, 2008, to **Brandon Williams '05** and **Sara Dauber '05**. They also are parents of Braelyn Marie Donte Williams (15 months).



**Lois May “Peggy” (Wright) Gillespie ’39** died on Nov. 20, 2008. A resident of Zenda, Kan., she was a school teacher and a librarian. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Victor ’40**.

**Donald L. Birchenough ’40** died Nov. 20, 2008. He was an accountant and business partner with Tobias Wright and Birchenough Sand and Gravel Redi-mix. He was serving as chair of the Lyons Federal Savings Board, was a former school board member, and was instrumental in developing Camp Wa-Ja-To in Lyons. He was preceded in death by his wife **Margaret (Tobias) ’40**. Survivors include his wife, Doris, and his sister **Betty Mae (Birchenough) Rayl ’43**.

**Bonnie (Markley) Drennan ’40** died on Dec. 22, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Harold ’40**. The couple had owned a car dealership in Winfield from 1958 to 1972, and operated a tire dealership until they retired in 1986.

**Juanita A. (Weaver) Kelleher ’40**, died on Nov. 16, 2008.

**Pearle (McFall) Nash ’40** died Nov. 29, 2008. After attending SC Pearle became a certified teacher in Pratt County. She and her late husband were on the island in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941. She moved more than 23 times during her marriage as her husband was in the Navy. Survivors include sons, **Richard Nash ’64** and **Stanley Nash ’67**.

**Norton Hildreth ’41** died on Oct. 20, 2008.

**Bruce Garfield Smith ’41** died on Dec. 15. Dr. Smith practiced internal medicine in Arkansas City from 1950 to 1986. He served on several boards, including the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, the Kansas Christian Home of Newton, Blue Cross, and Arkansas City Memorial Hospital. After retiring, he served as interim administrator of the hospital. He was preceded in death by his son **Aaron ’68**. Survivors include his wife **Dorothy (Dunbar) Smith ’43**, son **Dr. Stephen Smith ’67** and son **Dr. Stuart Smith ’77**.

**Margaret (Humburg) Brening ’42** died Oct. 2, 2008.

**Elinor Elizabeth (McIntosh) Aiken ’43** died Dec. 12, 2008. After their marriage, Elinor and Jim Aiken moved to Wichita

where she taught piano and was the choir director at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She completed her master of music degree at Wichita State University in 1969 and taught music at Newman University.

**Jack Gorsuch ’43**, Leoti, died on Dec. 7, 2008. While at SC he competed in football, basketball, track and sang in the A Cappella Choir. He was innovative in his concept of farming, irrigation, and farm equipment. He grew experimental grains which exhibited potential as good producers in Western Kansas. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, **Margery (Johnson) Gorsuch ’41**.

**Rosalie (Eastman) Spencer ’44** died Nov. 17, 2008. She was 85.

**Barbara (Mitchell) Matley ’46** died Oct. 3, 2008, in Walnut Creek, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Jay Matley, of Walnut Creek.

**Elaine (Templin) Nix ’46** died Nov. 13. She was an elementary school teacher, first in Winfield then for 19 years in Liberal. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Roy Lee Nix ’49**.

**Bob Blake ’50** died on Dec. 26, 2008. He spent 17 years as the special education director for USD 501 and more than 15 years as director of the Shawnee County Mental Health Agency.

**Frederick J. Fry ’52** died Nov. 22, 2008 at his home in Kingsland, Texas. After serving in the Air Force, Fred and his wife, Freda, moved to Clearwater and he was a purchaser for Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita. In 1970 they moved to Liberal, where they were managers/owners of Home Oil and Liberal Ice Companies. He enjoyed a very active lifestyle that included water skiing, scuba diving, hunting, fishing and raising AKC beagles.

**Dorothy (Hoops) Swett ’65** died Jan. 25, 2007. She was a victim of ovarian cancer.

**Virginia (Parsons) Buchanan ’67** died on Oct. 22, 2008. Survivors include her husband, John, and her sister, **Treva Andrea ’69**.

**Tim L. Webb ’75** of Sublette, Kan, died Jan. 1, 2009, at the age of 55. He is survived by his wife, Marla, and four sons, including **Eric Webb ’07**, his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Melvin Webb, and a brother, **Mark Webb ’72**.

**Angela Watson ’09** died on Jan. 25, 2009. She had been an aide for Arkansas City Head Start and was employed as an English as a Second Language instructor for USD 470.

## DEATHS OF FRIENDS

**Harriet Faye Berg**, wife of **Rev. Garner J. Berg ’58**, Hays, Kan., died on Nov. 25, 2008. In addition to her husband, her survivors include a son, **Barry Berg ’72**.

**Eldon Bergeson**, father of **Donelle (Bergeson) Sommer ’97**, died Jan. 8, 2009.

**Ray Bruce** died Jan. 7, 2009. Survivors include his wife, **Peggy Bruce ’93**, and his son, **Jason Bruce ’99**.

**Wallace Fauchier**, father of **Dan Fauchier ’68**, died Dec. 23, 2008.

**Darlene (Cullumber) Heacock** died on Jan. 15, 2009. She is survived by her husband, **Bob Heacock ’59**.

**Jerry Koeppen** died Jan. 19, 2009. He is survived by his wife, **Lois (Boone) Koeppen ’80**.

**Barbara Kraus** died Nov. 18, 2008. She was the mother of **Rex Kraus ’71**, **Sue (Kraus) Ferree ’73**, **Ray Kraus ’75**, **Ken Kraus ’78**, and **Jan Kraus ’79**.

**Berton Plain**, father of **L.K. Plain ’97** and **Leonard Plain ’91**, died on Dec. 20, 2008.

**Necia May Warren**, mother of **Carolyn Harrison ’65** and **Nelson Warren ’67**, died on Sept. 4, 2008, in Arkansas City, Kan.

**Gary K. Smith**, son of **Leonard and Grace Smith ’44, ’46**, died on Oct. 10, 2008. He had survived both liver and kidney failure and double transplants, only to develop cancer five years later which ended up taking his life. Throughout his health challenges, he maintained a great sense of humor and unfaltering optimism.

**Jay J. Williams** died Jan. 27, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Melva (Palmer) Williams ’67**. He is survived by his son, **Robert Williams ’67**.

**Verne Woner** passed away Jan. 11, 2009. He was preceded in death by his daughter, **Patrice (Woner) Dobbins ’74**.



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