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Thursday, August 21, 2014 / NEIGHBORS

OBITUARIES

Kenneth W. Lavendusky

Kenneth Wayne Lavendusky died Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, in Tulsa, at the age of 91.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at the Tulsa Moose Lodge.

He was born July 22, 1922, in Coalton, to Walter and Pansy (Platt) Lavendusky.

Kenneth moved to Owasso with his mother in 1924 when she married Jim Renfro.

He was reared and educated in Owasso and was a 1940 graduate of Owasso High School.

Through the years Kenneth worked for Douglas Aircraft, as a heavy equipment operator for Williams Pipeline, in Minnesota, and was self-employed for many years.

His personal business ventures during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s included an Automotive Sales and Repair Center located on Main Street of Owasso across from where the Owasso Historical Society Museum is now located.

Kenneth and lifelong friend Connie Sheldon operated the business for many years.

He also had a construction company digging many of the ponds around Owasso and did much of the dirt and foundation work in preparation of new home construction in the area.

Kenneth married Nov. 1, 1948, in Bentonville, Ark., to Phyllis Kelly.

He was a hard worker, a stern, but kind father and a loyal friend.

Kenneth, a.k.a. "The Pollock," as he was affectionately called by many and his wife Phyllis.



LAVENDUSKY

They both had a similar rare knack for instantly making friends wherever they went.

Between the two of them, they lured numerous friends they made during their travels from Alaska to Mexico back to Owasso for pleasurable visits.

He was the Zig and she was the Zag.

Phyllis preceded him in death August 2013.

Kenneth loved to hunt, fish, travel and play poker.

He was an active member of the Moose Lodge for many years and lifelong member of the American Legion.

He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy during World War II.

Kenneth's memorial service had been postponed until his son Bobby could attend after returning home from a Houston hospital.

Bobby died Saturday, July 19, 2014, in Houston.

Survivors include: his children, Randy Walker and wife Pam, Jimmy and Jill Lavendusky, and Lloyd Berry, all of Owasso; brother, John Lavendusky and wife Linda, of Kansas; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Walter Lavelle; sister, Pat Yates; son, Bobby Lavendusky; and wife, Phyllis.

BIRTHS

Palyn T. Dean

John and Tricia (Bradbury) Dean, of Owasso, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Palyn Teresa Dean.

She was born at 7:37 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at St. John Hospital of Tulsa.

She weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Her grandparents are Lonnie and Teresa Bradbury, of Owasso, John Dean, of Tulsa, Don Henderson, of Tulsa, and the late Eva Henderson.

Her great grandparents are Roxanna Ritchie, of Tahlequah, Omer Ritchie, of Owasso, and the late Hubert and Fayrena Bradbury.

Her siblings are Grace, 8, Levi, 6, Ryker, 4, and Cade, 2.



DEAN

Noah W. Cook

Taylor and Dylan Cook, of Owasso, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Noah Wayne Cook.

He was born at 10:33 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Bailey Medical Center in Owasso.

He weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Travis J. Matthews

Danielle and Travis Matthews are pleased to announce the birth of their son Travis John Matthews Jr.

He was born at 1:53 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Bailey Medical Center in Owasso.

He weighed 9 pounds and 11 ounces and measured 22.5 inches.

Library fundraiser to feature authors

By Jackie Hill
 Contributing Writer

TULSA — Spend an enjoyable evening after hours in the library with three favorite authors while helping raise money and awareness for Tulsa City-County Library's Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service.

In conjunction with National Literacy Awareness Month, Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa Library Trust are offering "Chapters: A Casual Evening of Books, Bards and Bites" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. The cost is \$50 per person.

Attendees will get to enjoy food and wine from some of the area's favorite restaurants while listening to authors David Berg, John Searles and Laurence J. Yadon.

This year's event will honor Charles Faudree. A philanthropist and renowned interior designer, Faudree also was a published writer, and a past presenter and ardent supporter of "Chapters."

Berg is author of more than 100 political, legal and personal essays and articles. He has written two books, including most recently "Run Brother Run: A Memoir of a Murder in My Family."

Searles is the author of the national best-sellers "Boy Still Missing" and





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Nash Z. Fry

Raquel Kernyansky and Zachary Fry, of Owasso, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Nash Zachary Fry.

He was born at 1:38 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Bailey Medical Center in Owasso.

He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

novel is the renowned, critically acclaimed "Help for the Haunted."

Yadon is the author of "One Murder Too Many," "Old West Swindlers" and other works about America's crime history. He also is an attorney, mediator and arbitrator.

Authors' books will be available for purchasing with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the literacy service.

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