

Family

Club News

HIGH PLAINS LIONS

High Plains Lions met for their last April meeting. Lion Darrel Follis called the meeting to order, in the absence of Lion President Tom Rundel. He reminded the club that April 28 is the day the club will be cleaning the ditch on East Highway 24. He also said there will be only one meeting in May as May 28 is Memorial Day.

Lion Bob Urbom presented Lion Secretary Elmer Lawver with a \$1,000 check from the Colby Noon Club. Two get-well cards were passed for signing for Lion Stan Davis and Lion Mary Hurtt. Lion Melinda Moore reported that she and Lion Elmer Lawver were present for the Rexford Lions club's 50th celebration. St. Francis Lions Club will celebrate their 50th anniversary Saturday the 28th.

District Governor, Lion William Paul, was introduced. He was making his annual Governor's meeting. Governor Paul spoke on the quality of a club is known by its quality participation in the community. He also talked about Lions. When a person becomes a Lion member, they are affiliated with four foundations. The first is LCIF, Lions Club International Foundation. This foundation can be the mode in which people around the world can be helped. He said last year the foundation had provided grant money to towns in Kansas for rebuilding help after a tornado. He said Hoisington will be contacted to see if they could use help in rebuilding. The second foundation is the Kansas Lions Band. The Kansas band won 7th last year at the international convention in Hawaii. The third foundation is the sight foundation. This foundation provides money for KU medical center. There is also the Leader

Dog program as well as the assist dog in Washington Kan. The Governor concluded by presenting his governor's pin to Lion Follis.

The next meeting will be May 14. This meeting will be the transfer banquet for the Colby Noon Club. This honor banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the Student Union.

ROTARY

Tuesday, April 24, meeting was presided by Nancy LePell. Guests were Les Loker from McDonald, Rotarians Jay Engel, and Bob Phares from North Platte, Neb.

Cindy Shaffer is the program director for the Smart Start Program here in northwest Kansas. She voiced concerns for the Smart Start Program. In January 2000, the legislative gave \$270,000 to northwest Kansas to implement this program called Smart Start. The money for this program came from the tobacco tax. The Senate is short for their budgets, so they are going to cut back moneys for this program in order to not raise taxes.

The Smart Start program is to help kid's enter school healthy, ready to learn and to succeed. There are 11 counties in northwest Kansas that are supported by this program. It also helps daycare providers in promoting profession development. It also helps to get high quality and affordable care for children.

This action taken by the legislation will drastically reduce these programs. The tobacco tax was originally allocated for this program. Now that legislation needs more money for the budget they want to change this bill. So please contact your representative to voice concerns.

The Rotary Club will make a contribution to the Red Cross to help directly with the Hoisington tornado disaster. They will also be sponsoring one of the Great Race Cars.



Rick Dickman

Nancy then introduced Rick Dickman with fire prevention program. He has been with the fire department for 16 years. His main job is fire prevention, inspection, and education.

Fires are preventable by the use of smoke alarms, and being educated on safety issues. Rick said his best students are grade school children, because not only do they learn, they also teach or remind parents to be safe. There are only three major causes of fire - men, women and children.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Friday, April 27, 2001

Admissions

Janeth Borges, Colby
Corinne Mills, Colby
Terry Clark, Lakewood, Colo.
Louise Swank, Colby

Dismissals

Frances Shanks, Colby
Eldine Neill, Colby
Janeth Borges, Colby

Saturday, April 28, 2001

Admissions

Jill Tucker and infant male, Scott City

Gene Whittaker, Brewster

Dismissals

Terry W. Clark, Lakewood, Colo.

Several folks are on the 'get-well' list

Several local folks have ended up with some injuries and hospital stays. Anyone that has been ill that hasn't been mentioned in our column, please let us know so we can correct our oversight.

Lore Depe is still battling the effects of her broken leg, and we hope every-

thing is going good for her now. She is in the Colby hospital, and will be there for some time. Her room is 111, and she appreciated the cards, flowers, visits and calls she has received so far. Lore also wants to thank the Brewster Ambulance Service for their help when she was hurt. She appreciates their care and



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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

A Day in the Life of Thomas County

Blood pressures, Meadowlark Manor, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Senior Progress Center, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

Booked for Lunch, Pioneer Memorial Library, noon; *A Painted House* by John Grisham

Bike rodeo, Thomas County Office Complex, 3:30-5 p.m.

TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

Jerry Johnston Crusade, Community Building, 7 p.m.

Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

The Herd, Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.

Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Tobacco Quitters Support Group, CMC Cafeteria, 7-8 p.m.

Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Deaths

J. "Steve" Stephens

OAKLEY - Bernard J. "Steve" Stephens, 82, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Logan County Hospital, Oakley. He was born July 7, 1918, at Helena, Mont., the son of John Ferdinand and Rose Catherine (Gosmeyer) Stephens. He was an Oakley resident for over 50 years. He was a farmer, and had been a grain elevator manager for Garvey and Co-op Elevators in Oakley and Campus.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church of Oakley, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Oakley Council, Wheatland VFW Post of Grinnell, and Eagles Club, Oakley. He married Connie Hawkins on April 22, 1944, at Jackson, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, three brothers, and five sisters.

Survivors include sons Mark Stephens of Sterling and John Stephens of Oakley; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Oakley, Fr. Roger K. Meitl officiating. Burial was in the Oakley Cemetery, Oakley. Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley was in charge of arrangements.

Frieda Depe

Frieda Anna Berta Depe, 93, died April 22, 2001, in Colby. Frieda was born in Bremen, Germany on May 29, 1907, to Karl August Friedrich and Antonie Auguste Bertha (Herwig) Muhsman.

In 1909 Frieda came to America with her parents, her older brother Karl, and her infant sister Louise, traveling on a ship named Norddentscher-Lloyd. The family settled on a farm at Athol, in Smith County. Frieda grew up with a large surrounding of brothers and sisters.

Frieda was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Athol, on May 20, 1923. She attended Black Hawk school in Athol. As a young adult she left home to work for others. She came to Thomas County in 1928, where she met and married John Frederick Depe on Nov. 29, 1928, at Goodland. John and Frieda owned Bellview Farms, located 12 miles north of Brewster. Along with farming they owned a trucking business.

They had two children, Erma Jean, and John Richard. Her husband John was involved in an accident at Kansas City, Mo., and died June 5, 1940. Frieda then worked at various jobs in the Colby area for the next 18 years. In 1958 she moved to Denver, where she worked as a care giver for the elderly. She also worked for the Adolf Coors family.

She retired in 1978 and moved back to Colby. Frieda had been a resident of Prairie Senior Living Center since 1995.

Survivors are her children Erma Jean (Griggs) Hamill and husband Matt of Colby, John Richard and wife Freida of Lawton, Okla.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday with the Rev. Francis Harwerth officiating. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery. Services were by Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Diana L. Heiniger

Diana Louise Heiniger died on April 23, 2001, at Topeka Healthcare Center, Topeka. She was born on May 11, 1927, the daughter of Guido Elwin and Irma Pearl (Bever) Smith, at Colby.

As a child growing up in Colby, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and graduated from Colby High School in 1945. She later attended the University of Kansas Business School where she was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. Diana later became a member of the First Methodist Church of Topeka.

In November of 1947, she married Richard Heiniger. They had two children. They later divorced. Diana worked for many years in the office manager/accounting field for various businesses, one of which was H&R Block. She had memberships with the Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include: her son, Richard Heiniger and wife Debbie of Hiawatha; her daughter Becky Clark and husband Bernie of Holton; four granddaughters; sister-in-law, Fran Smith of Colby; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Friday from Harrison Chapel, Colby, the Rev. Frank Lynn Schroeder, Colby, officiating.

Pallbearers were Randy Smith, Loyde Davis, Nathan DeCaro, Chris Davis, Wayne Lauritsen and Chad Haines.

Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier was organist, with Mr. Shad Sander, soloist. Special music was by Mrs. Sheree Stoppel.

Burial was in Beulah Cemetery, Colby.

Robert L. "Bob" Bartell

WINONA - Robert L. "Bob" Bartell, 69, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at the Logan County Hospital, Oakley.

He was born Nov. 24, 1931, at Scott City, the son of Roy Leonard and Lena (Hinton) Bartell. He was a lifetime area resident, and a self-employed water well contractor. He owned and operated Bartell Drilling and Machine Works in Winona.

He served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and was a member of American Truck Historical Association, Kansas Water Well Association, American Rifle Association, Logan County Fire Department at Winona, and lifetime member of the Oakley VFW Post.

He married Joyce Freeman on Nov. 24, 1959, at Leoti. She survives.

Other survivors include son Kyle Bartell of Winona; daughter Daylene Bartell of Winona; brothers Delbert of Blackwell, Okla., Virgil of Salina, and Raymond of Lakewood, Colo.; sisters Delmonta Tholen, Baker, Ore., Isabel Finch, Garden City, and Margaret Morse, Joshua Tree, Calif.; and one grandchild.

His father, mother and brother Donald Eugene preceded him in death.

Funeral services were Saturday at the Winona High School gym, the Rev. Manny Diaz officiating. Burial was in the Russell Springs Cemetery with military graveside rites by Oakley VFW and American Legion. Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley, was in charge of arrangements.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$2.94
Corn	\$1.80
Milo	\$2.85
Soybeans	\$3.70

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a salute to the class of

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Parents...Businesses...Friends...

we are in the process of putting together the annual Graduation Tab for our area seniors!! If you would like to sponsor a graduating senior from Colby High School, Brewster High School or Golden Plains High School, please call Jeff or Crystal at 462-3963.

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A Loving Tribute to the Life of David L. Keller

Following the untimely loss of our family member, we wish to remember and honor a life greatly enjoyed by each of us.

David was born in Colby, Kan., December 27, 1960. He lived at the Keller home place near Mingo before the family moved to Page City in 1962. In 1994, he and his family moved back to the home place in Mingo.

Along with his father, David stood to look through tractor steering wheels and under the bellies of cattle as a youngster. As a man he looked with knowledge over each as a young adult, he enjoyed the challenging life of farming.

He farmed many acres of wheat, corn and alfalfa hay in Thomas, Logan and Wallace counties as well as Eastern Colorado and Southwest Kan. along with his brother-in-law and partner Mike Johnson of Colby. They built a 20 plus fleet truck line in 1988 known as Keller & Johnson Transport, Inc. After 1999, David and Mike pursued their own interests.

Amidst a busy professional life, civic involvement included serving the Kansas Livestock Association, most recently on the Co-Ag Board and President of the Thomas County Fair Board.

David could turn seemingly complex challenges into enjoyable experiences. From building go-carts to restoring old pickups, his enjoyments of accomplishments were evident.

The inquisitiveness and drive to become a licensed pilot in high school was the same that took him sky diving and deep sea diving in later years.

His love for outdoor life led him to hunt many animals including: coyotes, quail, pheasants, geese, ducks, deer, antelope and elk. David truly enjoyed fishing with his family at his "Twin Buttes" Ranch at McAllister. He loved going on the Butterfield Trail Ride each year from the time he was a young boy. From the time he began attending, he only missed one year. In his later years, he gave his children that same experience.

Within the circle of diverse activity his most cherished assets were family and friends. David and Jane have two beautiful children, Chase and Audrey. They were David's greatest treasure.

Growing up in a family with four sisters he was challenged. He never lacked for love or advice. With two older sisters, Brenda and Lana, both were very protective of him and he had a duty to protect his two younger sisters, Leanne and Amy. Each is endeared beyond measure by their parents Ben and Elsie.

As we honor the life of our caring, gentle and adventurous loved one, we want to thank each of you who have shared your lives with David and his family who have endured a great, unexpected loss. Your kindness and support has been incredibly overwhelming. It has been, and will continue to be, greatly appreciated.