

Family

Deaths

Howard E. Curry

Howard E. Curry, 87, of Atwood, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. Services will be held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Harrison Chapel in Colby. Pastor Francis Harwerth will officiate and burial will follow at Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Harrison Chapel. He is survived by his sons Gene Curry of Colby and Larry Curry of Bloomington, Minn.; a sister Myrtle Carson of Colby; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Phyllis Ginn in 1998.

Mr. Curry was born Aug. 25, 1915, in Wauneta, Neb. and worked as a farmer.

Claude G. Kisling

Claude G. Kisling, 87, of Atwood, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Federated Church in McDonald. Pastor Gregor Moyer will officiate and burial will follow in the Atwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be today until 9 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home in Atwood and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to service time at the church.

He is survived by his wife Irene of Atwood; a daughter Diane Geurin of Metamora, Ill.; two grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lydia (Gatlin) Kisling and a sister, Dorothy Foster.

Mr. Kisling was born Oct. 11, 1915, in Rawlins County and was a retired farmer and stockman. He was a member of the Federated Church of McDonald and served on the church board for a number of years. As well he served on the school board, hospital board and worked on the ASCS committee.

After retirement, he moved to Atwood and became the Rawlins County ambulance director and continued his training to be an instructor/coordinator, teaching EMT classes and working on the state level giving tests to EMTs.

Memorials are suggested to the Federated Church or the Atwood Second Century Fund.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.74
Corn	\$2.50
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Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Thursday, December 19, 2002

Admissions

Cindy Hutfles and infant male, Colby

Dismissals

William Bremenkamp, Colby
Roger Baskerville, Rexford

Woman not in giving mood for office gift exchange

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company with 25 employees. Four of us are in the office all day — all women. To put it mildly, I have never felt accepted by these "ladies." During this past year, they've been especially hateful to me. Other employees tell me it's pure jealousy.

My problem: The holidays are now here. What should I do about participating in the traditional gift exchange at the office? Should I buy each gal a gift out of the spirit of giving, even though I have no desire to do so? Or should I make it clear that I do not wish to exchange presents, which could make matters worse? I feel stuck, Abby. Please help me out.

—To give or not to give in Washington State

DEAR TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE:

Buy a lovely pastry or some other treat that everyone in the office can enjoy. Include a card with it that reads: "My budget this year does not allow me to give individual gifts to each of you. —Enjoy! Merry Christmas." That way, you'll have participated "in the spirit of giving" without feeling hypocritical.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old single mother of five. I have been married and divorced three times. Right now that's the least of my problems. I've been dating "Gordy" for two years, and the idea of marriage has



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

crossed my mind more than once.

Gordy loves my kids and they love him, but he says he's not ready to make the kind of commitment that comes with marriage. The kids are not the problem; I don't have custody. I get them only every other weekend and holidays, so it's not the responsibility of taking care of a big family that's holding Gordy back. He says he'd be OK with all that. I'm afraid my past three failed marriages bother him. All he's willing to admit is that he's "not ready."

Abby, I feel that I am ready. Should

I sit back and give Gordy more time, or confront him and give an ultimatum? Please help.

— Confused and tired of waiting

DEAR CONFUSED: Let me get this straight. You've had three failed marriages and five children by age 26 — and now, at 28, you're tired of waiting for yet another man to propose? I should think you'd be grateful for the respite. Please take more time to get to know yourself better and get counseling to understand why your last three marriages failed before you embark on a fourth trip to the altar.

A final thought: Never issue an ultimatum unless you're prepared to lose.

DEAR ABBY: I am not an astronomer or a religious person. I just like to

have a heart-to-heart talk with God whenever I am outdoors under the stars and moonlight sky. I think they make a great pair.

Is there a religion that encourages this? Thank you for your input.

— J.B. in Waterloo N.Y.

DEAR J.B.: All religions encourage meditation — which is what you are describing.

You don't even have to do it under the moon and the stars.

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Arnold and Pleviak unite in August wedding

Anne Marie Arnold of Colby and Andrew John Pleviak of Topeka were married Aug. 23, 2002, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Topeka, with Father Frank Krische officiating the service. Pastor Hank Nelson from the Topeka Bible Church delivered a message to the couple during the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Adeline Arnold of Colby. The groom is the son of Dr. Anthony and Judy Pleviak of Topeka. Grandparents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roslansky of Lakefield, Minn. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Arnold of Colby. Grandparents of the groom are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Codd of New Canton, Ill. and Mrs. Sally Pleviak and the late Tony Pleviak of Webster, Wisc.

Jayne Pfeifer of Colby, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Misty Arnold of Hutchinson, sister-in-law of the bride, Amy Gilstrap of New Castle, Okla., Alyson Pleviak of Kansas City and Anne Pleviak of Winston-Salem, N.C., sisters of the groom, served as bridesmaids.

Dr. Anthony Pleviak, father of the groom, served as best man. Dustin Hawks of Topeka, friend of the groom, Chad Gilstrap of New Castle, Okla., brother-in-law of the groom, Scott Otto of Lawrence, friend of the groom, and Evan Rosell of Waco, Texas, cousin of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Tom Arnold of Hays and Bill Arnold of Hutchinson, broth-

ers of the bride, Alex and Scott Rosell of Wichita, cousins of the groom and Geral Lewis of Topeka, friend of the groom. Ragan Arnold of Hays, niece of the bride, and Creighton Gilstrap of New Castle, Okla., nephew of the groom were the flower girl and ring bearer.

Personal attendant of the bride was Andrea Fabrizius of Colby, cousin of the bride. Emma Hamel of Colby, great-aunt of the bride, was an honorary guest.

Samantha Schmidt of Colby, cousin of the bride and Alex Rosell were candle lighters. Erin Jones of Lawrence, friend of the bride, served as lector for the wedding.

After a honeymoon to the islands of Oahu and Maui, Hawaii, the couple returned to their home in Topeka.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Colby High School, Colby Community College in 1999, and received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Mass Communications from Kansas State University. She is currently operating Valley Springs Assisted Living and Senior Housing in Auburn.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Washburn Rural High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Kansas State University. He is currently pursuing his Masters of Criminal Justice degree at Washburn University in Topeka. He is also a lance corporal in the United States Marines, specializing in infantry training.

Babies

Lydia Yvette Rinehart

Landon Alec Rinehart

Robert and Carrie Rinehart of Colby announce the birth of their twins, Lydia Yvette and Landon Alec on Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

Lydia was born at 2:47 p.m. and weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces. She

was 18.5 inches in length.

Landon was born at 2:48 p.m. and weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces. He was 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents of the babies are Byron and Linda Sowers of Colby and Linda Noah of Mesquite, Nev.

Older brother Leighton, 3, welcomes the new babies home.

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