

# Family

## Death

**Phillip Reid Jackson**  
Phillip Reid Jackson, 84, of Atwood, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.  
Funeral services are pending with William's Funeral Home in Atwood.  
Mr. Reid is the father of Phyllis Jarousek and Doug Jackson of Brewster is a son.  
He was born March 20, 1919 in Vona, Colo. to Pryor Reid Jackson and Paulina Dorthia Sophia Rather Jackson.  
He was a life-long resident of Atwood.

**Verna L. Krueger**  
Verna L. Krueger, 79, of Halstead, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003 at Newton Medical Center in Newton.  
Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 at First United Methodist Church in Halstead with Rev. Nancy Lambing officiating.  
Burial will be at Halstead Cemetery in Halstead.  
Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 at Kaufman Funeral Home in Halstead with the family receiving friends from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Mrs. Krueger is survived by her husband, Harry Krueger of Halstead, a son, Larry Krueger of Overland Park; a daughter, Shari Pottberg of Junction City; and a brother, Merlin Nichols of Culbertson, Neb. She is also survived by three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Vernon Nichols and her brother Virgil.  
She was born June 6, 1924 in Menlo to Lewis E. and Edith Anderson Nichols.  
Mrs. Krueger was a registered nurse and former school nurse for Halstead schools.  
She married Harry E. Krueger Feb. 28, 1946 at Newton.  
Mrs. Krueger was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, Halstead Hospital Nurses Alumni Association.  
She was a 1945 graduate of Halstead Hospital school of nursing.  
Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Halstead Hospital Nurses Alumni Association, both in care of Kaufman Funeral Home in Halstead.

# Colby's Senior Progress Center gets back to normal

The Senior Progress Center hopes all had a very happy holiday season and will be ready to return to the regular activities and be looking forward to a good year together.  
The Senior Progress Center, at 165 Fike Park, Colby, has many activities scheduled for the week of Jan. 5-9.  
On Monday at 9 a.m., there will

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be a paint class with Fritz Ostmeyer. Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday. Line dancing with Deb Koon will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and there will also be blood pressure check at 10 a.m.

Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday and cinnamon rolls will be served at 10:30 a.m.  
Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center.  
Donna Schielke, director of the center, says no special invitation is needed to join in the lunchtime fellowship and all are welcome. She did remind everyone that a reserva-

tion is needed by noon the previous day.  
The menu for the next week includes: Monday - hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, bread or biscuits, plums. Tuesday - tuna salad sandwich, vegetable soup, Dole tropical fruit, crackers, cookie. Wednesday - Salisbury steak, broccoli with cheese, pears, bread,

strawberry shortcake with topping. Thursday - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread, Jello with fruit. Friday - chicken fajitas, tomato parsley rice, peaches, tortilla, fruit crisp.  
The building is also available for rental for events.  
For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

# Brewster residents end the year 2003 on a sad note

It is hard to end the year on a sad note, and when it seems that things are happening too fast it really is hard to anticipate the beginning of a New Year. But we must hang on to the hope that the year ahead will have some happy times just as the year we have just past had. We get caught up in the world events and the weather and the lack of moisture, and then all at once there is a tragedy that takes our breath away. That is what I felt when I read the



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• Brewster Correspondent

sad news of the death of a young woman that I watched grow up from almost her first day. Kerrie Aschenbrenner Bevington used to live next door to us and I would see

her playing in the yard, pretending to be a ballet dancer or cheerleader or whatever else she had dreams of becoming. Recently, I have watched her daughter and son play with their cousins and observed how much like their mother they are. Words are empty sometimes when the sadness is so near. But to Tom and Juanita and Kerrie's sisters and brother, our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of this daughter, sister and most of all, young mother.

Another sadness is the loss of a long time resident, a friend and veteran. Bill Medford passed away at his home on Christmas Eve after an extended illness. He was an avid supporter of the local sports events and all of the kids for many years know that he was watching them as they played in the games and events whether it was football, volleyball, basketball or baseball. He knew all the players and was proud of the teams when they did well, but un-

derstanding of them when things didn't seem to go just right. To Helen, Pam and all those that knew Bill the best, we send our condolences.

It is almost like two bright lights have been dimmed in this town and I know there will be a darkness for a while. While that happens, we will just have to believe that their light will be shining in the hearts of those that knew them. If you have ever written any articles or such, you know it isn't easy to go from such sad stories into lighthearted news and I believe that I will just sign off now for this week except we do wish each of you a blessed New Year and a safe one!

# 'Seem-to-Be-Players' to perform in Oakley

The Western Plains Arts Association will present the "Seem-To-Be-Players," a professional troupe of actors, playwrights, directors, teachers and musicians. The troupe will appear at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, in the Oakley High School auditorium.

The Seem-To-Be Players seek to expand the imagination, encourage creative thinking and promote an appreciation of human values through innovative productions and

drama education for children, educators and families, association officials said.  
"Since 1973 the Players have shared a vision of a world where girls and boys have great adventures, where the unexpected is necessary and where fantasy and reality meld in an absurd potpourri of theatrical images stirred and mixed with original music," sources said.  
At the Oakley performance, the players will be presenting *Tales of*

*Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain, as adapted by Artistic Director Ric Averill. Designed to be most effective for the family audience, this production will introduce audience members of all ages to the delightful and fascinating world of Mark Twain's beloved Tom Sawyer of Hannibal, Mo. The play features original period music with a contemporary bluegrass feel designed to enhance the colorful settings and costumes. This production brings

to life one of the most important books in American Literature.  
Admission at the door will be adults: \$10 and students: \$5, or WPAA season passes.  
This program is presented in part by the Kansas Touring Program of the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

# House pushes for property tax relief proposal

TOPEKA (AP) — Two Kansas House members are pursuing a proposal designed to cap property taxes for elderly Kansans.  
Reps. Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing, and Lee Tafarielli, R-Ozawie, want to address one of the most persistent criticisms of property taxes — that they are unfair to seniors who have paid off their mortgages and live on fixed incomes.  
Wilk and Tafarielli plan to sponsor a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution to freeze property taxes at 2004 levels for Kan-

sans who are 65 or older. The amendment would apply to owners of single-family homes worth less than \$250,000. They expect to introduce it after the 2004 Legislature convenes Jan. 12.  
"We're clearly trying to target people on fixed incomes," Wilk said Wednesday. A simple majority of voters would have to approve the proposed amendment, either in the Aug. 3 primary or Nov. 2 general election. To get on the ballot, the proposal would have to win adoption by two-thirds majorities in both

legislative chambers, 27 of 40 votes in the Senate and 84 of 125 in the House. A change in the constitution is necessary because Article 11 requires that property be valued on a "uniform and equal basis," with appraisals designed to set the fair market value for each home, business or parcel of land.  
Wilk said he has heard concerns about property taxes from seniors for years. Even if local governments do not increase their tax levies, home owners still can pay more in taxes if property values rise.

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