

# Family

## Deaths

**Phillip Reid Jackson**  
Phillip Reid Jackson, 84, Atwood, a retired house painter, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born March 20, 1919, at Vona, Colo., the first child of Pryor Reid and Pauline Dorthia Sophia (Rather) Jackson. He grew up in Phillipsburg, lived for a brief time in Florida and finally settled in Atwood.

On June 17, 1937, he married Irene Agnes Rummel in a ceremony performed by Judge Bird at his parents' home in Atwood. The couple made their first home in Cope, Colo. Jackson was in the Navy from December 1943 to December 1945. He served aboard the USS Natrona and was able to attend ship reunions in recent years.

Enlisting as a Seaman apprentice, he was promoted to Hospital Apprentice 2nd Class, Hospital Apprentice 1st Class and Pharmacists Mate 3rd Class. His citations and awards includes the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star, the Victory Medal and the Domain of the Golden Dragon, Jan. 22, 1945.

Jackson was proud to be a descendant of a long line of military men, including his fourth great-grandfather Thomas Burk, who was raised by President James Madison's family and was commissioned a captain of the Fincastle Militia in Virginia in 1775 and served in the Revolutionary War.

His second great-grandfather Joseph Rollin Prentice served in the Civil War in 1862, and for volunteering to ride back into enemy fire and rescue his commanding officer, he received the Medal of Honor, now on display at the National War

**Etta Marie Sulzman**  
Etta Marie Sulzman, 75, of Selden, died Jan. 2, 2004 at her home in Selden.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden with Revs. George Kochuvelikkakam, Ken Lohmeyer and Roger Meit officiating. Burial will follow at Selden Cemetery.

There will be a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

Monument at Stones River, Tenn. Mr. Jackson made a trip to Stones River to view the monument and be recognized as a descendant.

He was a member of the Atwood American Legion, the Atwood Odd Fellows, the Rebekah Lodge and the Colby Canton.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife; a brother, Walter; a sister, Wilma; a son, Phillip Eugene Jackson; a son-in-law, Andrew Schmid; two grandchildren, Brian Andrew Schmid and Monica Sue Russell; and two great-grandchildren, Toby and Tanner Racette.

Survivors include three sons, Douglas (Kathy) Jackson of Brewster, David Jackson of Kansas and James (Alice) Jackson of Downs; four daughters, Mary Ellen Schmid of Hays, Phyllis (Richard) Janousek of Colby, Joan Wells of Burlington and Doris (Eugene) Schoenberger of Brewster; a daughter-in-law, Donna (Roy) Eckstrom of Palmer, Neb.; two sisters, Mildred (Jack) Siglinger of Phillipsburg and Lucille (Lloyd) White of Colby; a sister-in-law, Yoko Hatton of Cypress, Calif.; his sister Wilma Rockenbach's family of Ellis County; 26 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Central Time, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Atwood with Pastor James Larson officiating. Burial will follow in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in care of Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan. 67730.

Visitation is from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today at the funeral home and Tuesday morning before the service. A flower service is scheduled for 9 a.m. at the church on Tuesday.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the funeral home in Selden.

She was a retired postmaster in Selden and she and her husband owned a propane business in Selden. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and Altar Society and the Christmas Club, all of Selden.

A memorial fund has been established to benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic Church furnace fund.

# High Plains Club learns about da Vinci

By **MARJ BROWN**  
*High Plains Art Club*

The members of the High Plains Art Club held their annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Colby Country Club with Marj Brown as hostess and program chairman for the day.

After a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey with all of the trimmings, the ladies retired to the club's television room to view a video from the television Biography series entitled, Leonardo da Vinci, Renaissance Master, concerning the life of artist Leonardo da Vinci.

Leonardo was born in the small village of Vinci near Florence on April 15, 1454. He was the illegitimate son of a 16-year-old peasant girl named Caterina and a lawyer named Piero da Vinci. To prevent their son from marrying the low-born Caterina, Piero's parents quickly wed him to a girl from a good family. According to the custom of that day, Piero bought his love child from its mother, acknowledged that Leonardo was his son, and took him to Florence to live with him there on the family estate.

Even though Leonardo was quite intelligent, he could not work in a respected field such as that of his

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father's because he was illegitimate. However, when his father saw Leonardo's first drawings, he apprenticed him to Angrea del Verraccio in Florence at the age of 15.

Leonardo was also an avid inventor and his sketch books displayed drawings of his ideas for flying machines that included a helicopter type contraption, many war machines and weapons, architectural ideas and the anatomical sketches he hid in his studio while dissecting dead bodies several years later.

In 1473 Leonardo was asked to paint an angel in Verricchio's painting of the Baptism of Christ. Leonardo's mastery in the rendering of the angel stunned everyone including his teacher. Leonardo later wrote, "It is a poor student who does not surpass his teacher." According to the video, after seeing Leonardo's angel, Verricchio never painted again.

In 1495, da Vinci did his magnificent rendering of The Last Supper. However, in order to paint slowly, he abandoned the usual fresco technique and painted with oils directly on the plastered wall in the damp building. The painting mildewed,

and, 20 years later, the paint began to flake off. During an invasion, a door was cut through the painting and Napoleon's soldiers entertained themselves by shooting at the figures of Christ and the Apostles.

Leonardo's most famous painting was done around 1505. It is a portrait of the wife of Messer Giocondo of Florence, better known as The Mona Lisa, or La Gioconda. It is thought that Lisa was in mourning at the time because of the recent death of a child, and that is why, even though she was quite wealthy, she wore only black and no jewelry. However, it is her mysterious smile that causes the excitement about the painting.

This painting is thought to be the most famous painting ever made. Now Leonardo was highly sought after by the women of that area as a portrait painter, and, in fact, did several portraits.

In 1513 Leonardo traveled to Rome where he hoped to acquire a commission to paint in St. Peter's Basilica. However, he simply retired to one of the outbuildings at the Vatican and worked on more of his ideas and experiments. He also became more and more interested in the study of anatomy and often took dead bodies into his studio to dissect

and study. He made exact drawing of the anatomy of humans and among these drawing were the first recordings of hardening of the arteries. Soon he was accused by church officials of necrophilia (a morbid liking for being with dead bodies) and a public trial was held. This halted his studies and he was publicly shunned.

After this episode in his life, in 1518 he was invited to go to France to live in the home of King Francis I. He and the King were great companions and some thought they were probably homosexual lovers. It has been rumored that Leonardo passed away in the King's arms on May 2, 1519.

In conclusion, the video reported that Leonardo left everything to his young assistants.

## Card Shower

**Deckman celebrates 103**  
Eva Deckman is 103 today, Jan. 5, 2004.

She would like to hear from all her friends and family with a card shower.

Cards can be sent to Eva Deckman, 105 E. College Drive, Colby, Kan. 67701.

# Rotarians to meet at Colby Country Club

The Colby Rotary Club held its last meeting of the 2003 year on Dec. 30. Club members gathered at Bourquin's Restaurant. The club was served a soup and sandwiches, with a cinnamon roll for dessert.

Visitors in attendance was Deanna Carmen. The meeting was conducted by Jerry Arensdorf, president. He reminded everyone that next week's meeting would be held during regular lunch hour at the Colby Country Club. This will be the club assembly meeting. Members will be asked to tell about club achievements. He then asked one of the members to do some "truth and lies" on club members. Everyone enjoyed trying to figure out which line was false in the quest.

Rotarian Scott Gawith's program was on insurance adjusting and claims. Gawith told the club of past claims and court experiences he has had to deal with. He told of an at-

tempted arson case, some hunting accidents, and about parents insuring their children. He also pointed out some of the mistakes people

have made when purchasing insurance. One of the most difficult jobs that Scott says he has is putting a value on human life — particularly

when it is a young person. Accidents are bound to happen and he suggested members make sure they are covered sufficiently.

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