

Family

Deaths

Jillian Jo Epard

Jillian Jo Epard, the infant daughter of Cameron and Jennifer Epard, was stillborn on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Besides her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Richard and Neva Epard of Colby. A family graveside service is scheduled for Saturday morning at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701 is in charge of arrangements.

Louise M. Harper

Louise M. (Bedore) Harper, 74, of Colby, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004 at Lantern Park Manor in Colby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Pastor Fran Harwerth officiating. There was cremation.

Mrs. Harper is survived by her husband, Buck Harper of Colby; three sons, Bob Harper of Colby, Keith Harper of Hays and Rod Harper of El Reno, Okla., one daughter, Karen Harper-Halling of Dodge City; a brother, Paul Bedore of Colby; three sisters, Cordelia Jespersen of Gem, Christina Vassilakos of Aurora, Col. and Phyllis Kris of Colby; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was born Oct. 7, 1929 in Zurich and was a homemaker.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or Lantern Park Manor and may be left at any Colby bank or Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Babies

Cade Thomas Swanson

Cade Thomas Swanson was born Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003. He is the son of Mark and Dette Swanson of Kansas City. He was welcomed home by a brother, Teegan, who is 2 and a half-years-old. Caden weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Cole Daweson Piltz

Cole Daweson Piltz was born Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003. He is the first child of Steve and Dara Piltz of Denver. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Don and Phyllis Dawes of Goodland are the grandparents of both boys.

Nutrition program planned at Senior Progress Center

Senior News

A Kansas State University nutrition program at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Senior Progress Center in Colby.

There are plenty activities scheduled at the center, 165 Fike Park, for the week of Jan. 19-23, including a paint class with Fritz Ostmeier at 9 a.m. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Tuesday, exercise will be at

Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. and it's denim day.

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 reservation is needed by noon the

previous day. The menu for the next week includes: Monday - baked spaghetti, tossed salad, pineapple, garlic bread, ice cream with strawberries. Tuesday - oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cook's choice fruit, bread, peach upside down cake with topping. Wednesday - Swedish meatballs, California blend veggies,

applesauce gelatin, noodles, bread, cook's choice complement. Thursday - turkey, yamboree, mixed fruit with bananas, bread, birthday cake. Friday - Philly steak sandwich, corn casserole, orange half, bun, brownie.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

Warm weather nice break, but lack of moisture worrisome

The outside temperature is about as changeable as it can possibly be in a given period. This is the kind of weather you leave home in a warm parka and the next time you want it, it's where you left it on a day like today. In the teens at seven and in the 50s by four o'clock—that makes one lose track of their jackets. But it is nice to have these warm days to break up winter. Now, wouldn't it be even nicer to have some moisture to break up the drought?

I keep thinking we will be getting out of this dry period but now it is getting really worrisome. There isn't any color to the landscape, it all looks a dusty gray. I know to change it, we probably would have to have some snow and you all surely know how I feel about snow. But, frankly, I do believe a good



Sally Michael

Brewster Correspondent

level foot of snow would put smiles on all our faces.

Speaking about smiles, Judy and Larry Dunlap had them at Christmas when they were visited by family. Judy's sister, Sonja and Terry Brigman of Hutchinson, along with Sonja's girls, Brenda and Steve Albright, Erika and Morgan of Lawrence; and Gayla Fritts of Topeka all joined Mark and Sonia Dunlap and Sarah Brooks of Portales, N.M. and Mike and Kim Dunlap and Hailee, Brett and Garrett Dunlap of Highland and

Derek Thomas of Try. Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to doing the same next year.

Mary Ruth and Marvin Garrett also enjoyed a house-full. On Christmas Eve, Ron and Gloria Ribordy, Mike Dawn, Avery and Whitney Schultz of Brewster; Bruce, Wendy, Kylie and Ashton Schultz of Hutchinson all enjoyed the festivities of the evening and then lo and behold, Santa made a special appearance.

Christmas Day the family enjoyed more togetherness at the home of John and Betty Schroeder of Levant.

On Jan. 4, grandsons Brad and Andy Schultz of Oklahoma City and their friends were joined by Mike and Dawn and girls, and Ron and Gloria for breakfast. So Mary Ruth has that special family glow

that comes from these visits.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Lureta Johnson of Colby who was a good friend of Roger's folks. She taught many in the area the art of knitting and shared her garden expertise with any that wanted some of her seeds and plants. I remember hearing Inace Parker talk about how Lureta taught her how to knit and what a patient lady she was.

Jonathan and Angela Moore of Lakin were in Brewster to visit Jonathan's grandparents, Marion and Colleen Crumrine, and to let their two sons have, Seth and Keaton, have some "grandpa, grandma time." Their grandparents, Joe and Carlene Moore, were in Germany for the marriage of Jonathan's brother, Matthew, to a young lady from Germany. Following a short honeymoon, Matthew will be reassigned to the Middle East so we have this young man and his new wife on our prayer list.

The Senior Center has been the site of a few birthday parties lately. On Jan. 8, several gathered for Lisa

Juenemann's birthday and enjoyed a cake and some cookies that were furnished by Bonnie Reid. On Tuesday, it was Anita Horinek's belated birthday gathering, which offered chocolate angel food (from scratch, yet) cake baked by her mother, Ceci Allen. So birthdays are well covered by the aerobic ladies.

That seems to be it for this week, but we do hope your year is getting off to a good start.

One local lady was discussing all the things that have happened to her and she was a little dubious when I told her the Lord doesn't give us any more than we can handle with His help. So far, her daughter and son-in-law have had to move in with them while their home is repaired from smoke damage caused by a minor fire.

Then her basement was flooded due to the excessive laundry washing from smoky clothes. And when her son was leaving to go back to college, he backed into her van. But she's still smiling so surely we can do the same. See you next week.

Auxiliary announces contest winners

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 6882 met Friday, Jan. 9 at the post home with Pres. Doris Voisin presiding.

Youth Chairman reported Patriotic Pen winners for 9th District VFW were: first place, Jessica Campbell, Grinnell; second place, Josh Doke, Goodland; and third place, Jessica Brener, Herndon. Two-hundred sixty-two entries were received.

Winners from Post 6882 who entered the district contest were Caitlin Moss, Rexford, first; Leanna Larmer, Heartland School, Colby, second; third, Brandy Ginter, Rexford.

Roll call of officers was read and meeting opened with prayer. POW-MIA candle was lit and prayer offered.

Patriotic instructions were read

Clubs

and followed by flag salute.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report for November and December was given.

Bills were presented and allowed for payment.

Correspondence read included General Orders, President's message, *Thank you* from Colby school, *Thank you* from Ben Driden family and *Thank you* from Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

Also read was an excerpt from VFW monthly mailing pertaining to cancer information and National Home activities.

Hospital chairman reported 52 felt mice money holders were made and given to Veterans Administration hospitals and Veterans of For-

eign War members in local nursing homes. Cookies taken to Meadow Lark Manor.

Thirty dozen cookies made for kids Christmas party and 92 kids in attendance for Christmas party.

Monetary sum was allowed for child's name from angel tree for gift at Christmas time.

National home prayer was offered and VFW Auxiliary meeting closed per ritual with prayer, officials said.

Markets

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Community Calendar

- FRIDAY, Jan. 16**
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY, Jan. 17**
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, Jan. 18**
Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.
Higher Ground, Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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