

Family

Deaths

Cleo L. Hamel

Cleo L. Hamel, 67, of Colby, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004 at Lantern Park Manor in Colby. Mr. Hamel was born June 10, 1936 at Palco and was a resident of Colby since 1997, working in maintenance.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He married Betty Ann Steppelman in June of 1973. Mr. Hamel was a 1956 graduate of Levant High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961. Preceding him in death was his father, Tobie Hamel in January of 1980; a brother, Leo Hamel in January of 1997; and his wife, Betty Ann Steppelman in July of 1997.

Survivors include his mother, Emma Hamel, Colby, and two sisters, Elizabeth Schmidtberger, Victoria, and Norma Bieker, Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Dana Clark of Colby officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Damar.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Tuesday, at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby with Rosary scheduled also at the chapel at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Memorials can be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Colby.

Nellie L. (McKinley) Flynt

Nellie L. (McKinley) Flynt, 86, of Fort Collins, Colo., died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins.

Memorial services will be held at the Winona Cemetery in Winona during Memorial Day weekend. Date and time will be announced later.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna Eichman and Sharen Jones of Fort Collins, Colo.; three sons, David Michael of Independence, Mo. and Frank Flynt of Lancaster, Calif. and John Flynt of Boulder, Colo., two sisters, Viola Nicolet, Tuscon, Ariz., and Bonnie Plummer, Colby, and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Thelma D. Johnson

Thelma D. Griffith Johnson, 77, of Colby, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 at her home in Colby.

She is survived by one brother, Leslie Griffith of Wichita; her three sons, Neil Johnson of LaPlata, Md., Lyndon Johnson of Newburg, Md. and Dana Griffith of Phoenix, Ariz. and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. W.L. Johnson, her parents and brother, Kenneth Griffith.

Mrs. Johnson was born July 24, 1926 to Addie and Gail Griffith in Larned. She attended Ash Valley

School, graduated from Larned High School and then attended Kansas State University for a short time. She married Willis L. Johnson on April 26, 1947 in Donna, Texas.

The family moved to Colby from Quinter in 1959. She worked for radio station KXXX until 1965. She then began working as the secretary for Colby Grade School and worked there for 25 years, retiring in 1990. During the 40 years of her cake decorating career "Mrs. J" made hundreds of wedding, anniversary and special occasion cakes for many families.

In the years since retirement, she volunteered many hours of work with various organizations such as Pink Ladies and RSVP. She was an avid gardener and shared her love of flowers with all. She was a member of the United Methodist Church Women, PEO, National Association of Educational Personnel, Wagon Wheels, Golden Girls and many other clubs.

Col. Rodger K. Kuder

Col. Rodger K. Kuder, 65, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home in Greeley County. He was born on May 30, 1938 at Tribune, the son of Clarence David and Lena Marqueretta Christina Ruhs Kuder.

He was a lifetime resident of Greeley County as a farmer, stockman, custom wheat cutter and owner and operator of Kuder Auction Service.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Gidion's International, Tribune, and the Kansas Auctioneers Association, Topeka.

Mr. Kuder married Ethel Sons in Tribune in August of 1956. Survivors include his wife; a son, Monte

Keith Kuder, Scranton; three daughters, Brenda Delores Hill, Sand Springs, Okla., Lisa Fay Larkin, Tribune, and Tracy Jo Langdon, Colby; three brothers, La Verne Kuder, Weskan, Glenn Kuder, Tribune, and Larry Kuder, Salina; two sisters, Rose Graham, Tribune and Le Anna Kennedy, Wichita, and 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Tribune with Rev. Michael Underwood officiating. Burial will be in the Greeley County Cemetery, Tribune.

Memorials can be made to Gidion's International.

Funeral arrangements were provided by Price and Sons Funeral Home, Tribune.

Lucille Denny

Lucille Denny, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004 in Colby. Mrs. Denny was born on May 4, 1914 in Rawlins County and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Denny in 1986 and is survived by a son, Charles Denny, Colby; a daughter, Carolyn Call, Colby; and 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby. Visitation is Tuesday from 1 to 9 p.m. at the chapel and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to service.

Burial will be at Stevens Chapel Cemetery in Rawlins County.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Senior Living Complex, Colby, with donations left at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

National Weather Service raises awareness about flash flooding

WICHITA (AP) — In response to a flash flood that killed six people on the Kansas Turnpike last Labor Day weekend, the National Weather Service in Wichita has sought to increase dispatchers' and weather spotters' awareness of high water.

The Wichita branch sent three-ring binders with information about flooding to dispatchers in the 26 counties in its warning area. The books explain to dispatchers what they should tell motorists who have become stranded in high water, when to call the bureau and what to report.

Besides sending out the binders, the weather service is giving much greater emphasis to flood safety in this year's spotter classes. The train-

ing sessions in south-central Kansas begin later this week and will continue into April.

The Aug. 30 flood occurred as heavy rain fell along the turnpike, sending as much as 4 feet of water over the four-lane road. The raging water claimed the lives of a mother and four children from Glenaire, Mo., and a Fort Worth, Texas, man who was trying to save them.

Markets

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

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| Wheat | \$3.54 |
| Corn | \$2.75 |
| Milo | \$4.59 |
| Soybeans | \$7.72 |

Wellness Fair sees large crowd

This year's Thomas County Wellness Fair held in January was considered a success by organizers with some 326 attending the Saturday event.

In addition to the large numbers attending the day of the fair, there were 482 taking part in the various lab work prior to the event.

Tracey King, Wellness Fair publicity spokesperson, said there were many educational booths available to include the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, BRITE Start, Colby Community College Resource and Referral, Colby Fire Department, Heartland Rural Counseling, High Plains Mental Health, La Leche League, LINK Inc., Midwest Energy, Parents as Teachers, Regional Preven-

tion Center, S and T Communications, Sacred Heart School, Smart Start, Thomas County EMS, and Wings Upon the Prairie.

Screenings, she said, included fitness testing (body fat analysis/flexibility/cardiovascular endurance/strength), Lions Mobile Unit (glaucoma/visual acuity/visual fields/non-fasting blood sugar/hearing/blood pressure), visual ear examination, photo screener (children's vision screening), lifestyle analysis, posture screening, urinalysis, osteoporosis screen/bone density test, tetanus immunization, and several cancer screenings (oral, skin and prostate).

"Many were present for the presentation from Brad Rea from Hays Orthopedic Clinic for his talk en-

tioned "Living with Osteoarthritis."

The Children's Area was quite busy this year with health and safety activities, including the Photo-screener that can detect potential problems in children's vision even before there are any symptoms.

Child abuse and neglect awareness activities were also done at the various booths.

One of these activities was the "Making of a Brain" and what happens to the brain when a baby is shaken.

"The Wellness Committee would like to thank the providers, participants and sponsors in helping to make this event successful," King said.

Next year's Wellness Fair will be held on Jan. 15, 2005.

Taxpayers can give to 'Meals' program

With Kansans now in the process of preparing their income tax returns, Secretary of Aging Pamela Johnson-Betts reminds them that filing their state returns also gives them the opportunity to help Meals on Wheels programs across the state.

The Senior Citizen Meals on Wheels Contribution Program was created in 2002 by the Kansas Legislature to allow taxpayers to make voluntary donations to support home-delivered meals, said Karen Sipes, communications director at department of aging.

"Last year, \$169,000 was contributed through the check-off," Johnson-Betts said.

"That money supplements nutrition services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities and makes it possible for them to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible."

Individuals receiving a state income tax refund can indicate in the designated space on the tax form what amount of that refund they would like to contribute to the Meals on Wheels program, from a dollar to a portion of their refund or all of their refund.

Individuals who owe state taxes also can contribute by indicating the amount they want to donate in the designated space and writing a check for the balance due plus the amount contributed to the Senior

Citizen Meals on Wheels Contribution Program.

Last year, more than 1.75 million meals were provided to eligible participants in their homes, and another 1.6 million meals were served at congregate meal sites throughout the state, Sipes said.

The federally funded Nutrition Program for the Elderly, which provides meals to older adults in senior centers, nutrition sites and in their own homes, began more than 30

years ago.

The check-off funds help supplement client donations and local, state and private funds that are leveraged by the federal Older Americans Act funds to support Meals on Wheels, not to mention the voluntary support for these programs, Johnson-Betts said.

For information on the Senior Citizen Meals on Wheels Contribution Program, call Sipes at (785) 296-6154.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, Feb. 17

Rebekahs, Betty Carney, 10 a.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
Storytime, preschoolers, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
Rotary Soup Supper, 5-7:30 p.m., Colby Community Building
Rotary, Student Union, noon
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon (non-smoking)
Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
Sweet Adelines, Colby United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18

Genesis Thomas County, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.
Storytime, toddlers, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)
Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.
Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

STRIKE ZONE League Bowling Results

February 9 - First Nighters League

| Team | Won | Lost | Pins |
|----------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Colby Implement | 20 | 8 | 71068 |
| Schlick Construction | 19 | 9 | 71347 |
| OutCasts of Oakley | 17 | 11 | 71576 |
| Frontier Equity | 14 | 14 | 70275 |
| Coors | 14 | 14 | 64134 |
| Code Red | 11 | 17 | 70690 |
| Colby Bowl | 10 | 18 | 66649 |
| Woofter Well & Pump | 7 | 21 | 70217 |

First high individual game: Jim Gaede, 256

First high individual series: Terry Overton, 662

February 6 - Ten Pin League

| Team | Won | Lost | Pins |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Western Times | 15 | 5 | 49290 |
| Comfort Inn | 15 | 5 | 49234 |
| Sunflower Kitchen Bakery | 12.5 | 7.5 | 48440 |
| Colby Bowl | 11 | 9 | 49195 |
| Cal Williams | 10.5 | 9.5 | 48803 |
| Hurt Enterprises | 10 | 10 | 49213 |
| Don's Electric | 8.5 | 11.5 | 48607 |
| Colby Community College | 8 | 12 | 48528 |
| Passion Party | 8 | 12 | 48516 |
| Oasis Travel Center | 8 | 12 | 45992 |
| L & R Promotions | 7.5 | 12.5 | 46160 |

First high individual game: Virginia Umberger, 205

First high individual series: Mary Hurtt, 505

February 1 - King & Queen

| Team | Won | Lost | Pins |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Wark - Ryan | 31 | 13 | 26338 |
| Brewer - Schwanke | 29 | 15 | 25862 |
| Bachman - McGuire | 26.5 | 17.5 | 25676 |
| Norman - Moore | 26 | 18 | 23410 |
| White - Gaede | 24 | 20 | 25410 |
| Moeder - Lee | 23 | 21 | 25731 |
| Lippert - Odell - Stults | 22.5 | 21.5 | 22899 |
| Kern - Dale | 21.5 | 22.5 | 25692 |
| Andrews - Boell | 20 | 24 | 25565 |
| Barton - Niblock | 17.5 | 26.5 | 25210 |
| Benson - Sabatka | 16 | 28 | 25933 |

First high male game: Ken Brewer, 258

First high male series: Ken Brewer, 704

First high female game: Rhonda White, 175

First high female series: Rhonda White, 476

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