

Family

Deaths

Milton Goldsworth

Milton Goldsworth of Colby died today at the Salina Regional Hospital in Salina.

Services are pending at Ker-senbrock Funeral Chapel.

Muriel Palmgren

Muriel Palmgren, 94, died today at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born Dec. 22, 1910 in Levant. Services are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby.

Thelma D. Griffith Johnson

Thelma D. Griffith Johnson, 77, of Colby, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004 at her home in Colby. Mrs. Johnson was born on July 24, 1926 to Addie and Gail Griffith in Larned. She was raised in the Larned area and attended Ash Valley School, graduating from Larned High School and then attending Kansas State University for a short time.

The family moved to Colby from Quinter in 1959 where she worked for KXXX Radio until 1965. She then began work as a secretary for Colby Grade School. After 25 years with the school, she retired in 1990. In addition to her secretarial career, Mrs. Johnson also spent 40 years of her life as a cake decorator. She made hundreds of wedding, anniversary and special occasion cakes for the community to include two generations of wedding cakes for many families.

In her retirement years, Mrs. Johnson volunteered as a Pink Lady at Citizens Medical Center and also with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, PEO, National Association of Educational Personnel, Wagon Wheels, Golden Girls and other clubs.

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

She is survived by one brother, Leslie Wayne Griffith of Wichita; her three sons, Neil of LaPlata, Md., Lyndon of Newburg, Md. and Dana of Phoenix, Ariz. and one grandson, Nickolas Johnson of Burke, Va., and two nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 6 at Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor James Mardock officiating. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Harrison Chapel was in charge of all funeral arrangements.

Happenings

Girl Scout cookie sale

Due to declining numbers in this year's sale, the Girl Scouts in Sunflower Council, which includes Thomas County, have re-opened the cookie sale for all troops in Northwest Kansas.

For those interested in purchasing cookies, but have not been contacted by a girl, call the council office in Hays at 888-811-8832 or in Colby, 462-6006 and the cookie order will be given to a Girl Scout in that particular area. The final deadline for cookie orders is now Friday, Feb. 27 with deliveries being made between Wednesday, March 10 and Friday, March 26.

Student News

Stacy Zerr

Stacy Zerr of Colby was named to the Sterling College Dean's List in Sterling for the fall 2003 semester. Zerr is a senior and the daughter of Steve and Lucy Zerr. She was one of 149 students named to the college dean's list for the fall semester.

Progress Center to host pancake feed in March

The Senior Progress Center will have a Sausage and Pancake Feed March 6 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 165 Fike Park.

Free-will donation will be taken at the door. The funds go for Senior Progress Center upkeep and activities.

There are plenty activities scheduled at the center for the week of Feb. 23-27, including Favorite

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Short Scripture at 11:45 a.m. Monday. Exercise class will be at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday. Line dancing with Deb Koon will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday and income tax filing assistance will be from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday exercise class will be at

9:30 a.m. and it's also Jewelry Day, wear something unique or special. Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday and it's also Denim Day, wear your denim duds.

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 - chicken patty sandwich, creamed corn, potato choice, bun, mandarin oranges. Tuesday - meat loaf, roast potatoes, carrots and onions, three bean salad, bread, ice cream with strawberries. Wednesday - tuna noodle casserole,

pea salad, peaches, bread, pudding cup.

Thursday - chili, baby carrots, strawberry mold salad, crackers, cinnamon roll. Friday - chicken fajita or chef salad (meat on the side), fruit mix, chips or crax, applesauce bar.

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

Controlling asthma program planned in Colby next week

"Breathing Easy: Controlling Asthma Triggers," will be the subject of a program starting at noon Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room, 350 S. Range in Colby.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Thomas County Extension's family and consumer sciences department and is open to everyone.

"Asthma is a chronic condition that occurs when the air passages of the lungs and bronchial tubes be-

come swollen, irritated and inflamed," said Melinda Daily, the extension agent from Wallace County and who is the presenter.

"The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute reports that about 17 million people in the U.S. have

asthma and of these, 5 million are children.

While little is known about the factors that influence asthma's development, we have a good understanding of the agents that contribute to the reoccurring attacks once

the person has the disease," Daily said.

Thomas County Extension Agent D'Ette Scholtz is encouraging those planning to attend to "bring a sack lunch and learn more about how to control asthma triggers and other information about asthma."

For questions or other information on this program or upcoming events, call Scholtz at 462-4582 or e-mail her at: dscholtz@oznet.ksu.edu

Three Colby High pianists to attend state event

Three Colby High School students are advancing to the state piano musical festival on Saturday after receiving "I" ratings at the regional competition held earlier this month in Hays.

The musicians are Shane Carter

and Andrew Toth, who are students of Shirley Malcolm in Colby and Amy Dickman, who is a student of Pat Ziegelmeier.

The regional piano festival was held the first weekend in February, at Malloy Hall on the campus of

Fort Hays State University, Malcolm said.

Sponsoring the regional event was John Huber, who served as manager of this Kansas State High School Activities Association event on the Hays University campus, she

said.

This weekend's state piano festival will be held at Wichita State University.

For those unfamiliar with the rating scale, students receiving a "I" rating is one of the highest scores given in competition.

Sorosis Club learns more about Colby College tours

The Sorosis Club of Colby held their Feb. 13 meeting at the home of Lucy Davis. The meeting opened with the members repeating the Club Collect, a reminder once again of the purpose of the club. Minutes of the January meeting were read with reminders of the items that needed to be discussed by the membership. These included plans for the coming year, budget items to be considered and a committee was appointed to select officers for 2004-2005.

Roll call was answered by the members exchanging Valentines and the meeting officially closed with a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Lucy Davis introduced Roger Hale who told of the Colby College tours which have been sponsored by the college for more than 10 years. The 2003 tour took participants to Washington, D.C. and points of interest on the way. He had two notebooks of pictures of the trip and places of interest. The tours were initially started on a smaller basis as a way to introduce international students at the college to the history of

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the High Plains area. It has grown through time and has provided a way for the students and tour participants to gain extra college credits.

Roger told of the planning that has been done for the May 21-27 tour which will take the travelers to the Lewis and Clark Expedition route in Montana. Helena and Great Falls, Mont. are included along with visits to museums, battle sites, river crossings, the Yellowstone area and the Great Tetons.

At each of the special places there will be guides who tell of the history of the area. They have found that these guides are well worth the extra planning it takes to make the

schedules coincide.

A question and answer period followed the presentation and Roger shared some of the interesting aspects of the trips which in-

clude college students and local individuals.

Next meeting is March 12 with Joanne Vaughn, hostess and Cleona Flipse, co-hostess.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.48
Corn	\$2.73
Milo	\$4.55
Soybeans	\$7.98

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, Feb. 21

Pancake & sausage feed, 7 to 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart basement and sponsored by Knights of Columbus

State Piano Musical Festival @ Wichita State (see related article on this page)

4-H Beef Weigh-In, 9 a.m., Thomas County Fairgrounds

Forensics Tournament @ Wheatland starting at 8:30 a.m.

Legislative Townhall Meeting in Rexford. Sen. Stan Clark and Rep. Jim Morrison at Shepherd's Staff Ranch House, noon-1 p.m.

Legislative Townhall Meeting in Colby with Sen. Clark and Rep. Morrison at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Thomas County Office Complex

Legislative Towhall Meeting, Brewster, Hunter Hall, 3 to 4 p.m.

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, Feb. 22

Bluegrass Comedy Show, Colby Community Building

Music workshops featuring Dr. Jan Kraybill — 2nd to 8th grade workshop from 9 to 11 a.m., Colby United Methodist Church; 9th grade through adult workshop from 1 to 5 p.m., also at the church. Everyone is welcome.

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, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.

New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.



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