

Family

Death

Rachel R. Goossen

Rachel R. Goossen, 88, of Colby, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004 at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Mrs. Goossen was born on Jan. 23, 1916 in Hillsboro. She lived her adult life in Colby as a homemaker. Preceding her in death were her husband, Edward D. Goossen and two sons, Alden Goossen and Marcus Goossen.

Survivors include a son, Maurice Goossen, Flat Rock, Mich.; two daughters: Esther Goossen of Brazil and Bonnie Berg of Colby; two brothers: Arthur Schmidt of Walton and Eldo Schmidt of Topeka; a sister, Evelyn Lehrman, Goessel; 11

grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Mingo Bible Church in Mingo with Rev. Joe Goossen, Heston, and Pastor Christopher Shubert, Mingo, officiating. Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery, Colby.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m., Sunday, at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Donations may be made to Gideons International or Heartland Christian School and left at any Colby bank or at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

Gordon Minney

Gordon Minney, 93, of Atwood, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004. He was born in rural Rawlins County on July 21, 1911 to Wilbert B. and Hallie (Gordon) Minney.

He married Maxine Myers in April of 1950 in Talos, N.M.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife; two children, Dede Minney and Jeff Minney; and a sister, Doris L. Minney.

Survivors include three children: Mike Minney and Brad Minney, both of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Patrice of Pretty Prairie.

He attended Atwood High

School and Wentworth Military Academy and was a farmer and rancher in Rawlins County.

Mr. Minney was a member of the Methodist Church.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, with Rev. Terry McGuire officiating at the Brantley Funeral Home, 215 S. 4th St., Atwood. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home and until service time Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Rawlins County Historical Society in Atwood.

Be wary of any gift card pitfalls, state treasurer says

By Lynn Jenkins, CPA

Kansas State Treasurer

Gift cards are the perfect gift for the person who has everything, the friend who lives five states away, or the shopper who is running out of time and patience! They can typically be purchased at any price range, for any gift need. In fact, consumers spent an estimated \$45 billion on gift cards just last year. But, before you purchase one, be aware of hidden fees and restrictions that could affect the amount available on the cards.

There are two types of cards available to consumers. One is issued by individual retailers such as a department, discount or local stores. These cards can be used only in the establishment or affiliated member stores where the card was purchased. More often than not, there are no upfront fees paid by the purchaser or hidden fees paid by you, the recipient or buyer.

The other type of card is issued by banks and normally carries the logo of a major credit card company such

as Visa, MasterCard or American Express. These cards are extremely popular and may be used at any retailer who accepts the credit card. However, many have hidden fees and restrictions such as dormancy fees, balance inquiry fees, and transfer fees. Even though many of the cards come with brochures and disclaimers, many people are not aware of the fees that will reduce the amount of the gift card.

Be sure to read the fine print when you buy any type of gift card, especially those issued or backed by banks. You may pay \$50 for the card and believe that the recipient will

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Markets

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Librarian thanks everyone for support

Jeff Friesen

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The Spy Who came in from the Cold by John leCarre. (which is still available for check-out, by the way)

Even for me it is difficult to imagine what the library will become 40 years from now. Libraries and librarians have overwhelmingly embraced the age of digitization.

There are some who say that paper books will eventually give way to "e-books" or electronic books. In fact, today many libraries are already beginning to check-out e-books. I can certainly see a number of benefits to e-books such as expanding the collection of the library

(with space no longer being a factor) or buying e-books at a lower price than hard copies (no printing costs). Yet, I still have a hard time believing that books will someday fade into oblivion. Where does form meet function, anyway?

We are already beginning to see the effects of "screen time" on children: less community, shorter attention spans, and more instant gratification. As the world grows more virtual and less physical, anything without graphics immediately loses its appeal. Remember when you were told not to judge a book by its cover? Have you noticed how much more graphic the covers of the newest books are? Hmmm.

On the other hand, libraries have an obligation to meet the needs of

the rapidly changing world. If you were to visit some of the bigger libraries you might notice a pattern towards more modern and trendy library practices. Coffeehouses are being integrated into libraries, more public computer access is being offered at higher speeds, librarians are renaming themselves information and/or media specialists, wireless access is almost expected, what is next?

Don't get me wrong, I will never stand in the way of progress. In fact, I love and look forward to change. My regret will be when I have to e-mail you a book and type "have a good day" rather than check you out a book and say "have a good day."

Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 West 4th and open 7 days a week. The winter hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For information contact the Library at 462-4470. As always, we are here to serve you.

Square dancing and other events planned

Ron Snyder of Colby will be calling for the Golden Buckle Square dance at 8 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Bldg. Visitors are welcome.

Deadline Sunday for After 5

The High Plains Kansas After 5 Club is sponsoring a holiday program, "Christmas Past," Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley. Reservations and cancellations must be made no later than Sunday, Dec. 12 by calling Carol Bohme at (785) 462-2791 or by e-mailing Adams at: biohw@stel.net.

James H. Childers Sr.
July 2, 1930 -
October 9, 2004

The family of James H. Childers, Sr. would like to thank our friends for you thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Clara, James Jr., Patty, Jon, Ben, Alex and Sara

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