## **Family**

#### Deaths

#### William Thomas Gilliland

William Thomas Gilliland, 76, of in the finishing department for Na-Chanute, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005 in Colby.

Mr. Gilliland was born on Feb. 27, 1929 in Humboldt to James George and Martha Ida Susan (Manly) Gilleland..

was a small boy and attended grade and high school there.

He served in the U.S. Army for five years, including the Korean War in 1951.

In 1952 he married Donna Jean Lambert. They had two sons, William Thomas, Jr. and Jimmy Wayne. They divorced after 28 years of

In 1982 he married Donna McClain. She died in a car wreck in

On Dec. 27, 1986 he married

Maxine (Fields) Arendt. Mr. Gilliland was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Chanute and Cecil J. Meeker Post #1654 of Veterans of Foreign Wars in

He was a body repairman and painter for 35 years, was sit-up man rangements.

#### **Doneta Gates**

died Wednesday, March 9, 2005 in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Gates was born Jan. 10, 1934 in Winona. She was a home-

She is survived by two daughters, Shauna L. Garner of Lawrence and Shelly Casady of England; one Chapel in Colby.

tional Garment Company for five vears and maintenance man at Martin Tractor and Arolyn Heights He enjoyed working with wood

and had his own shop at his home He moved to Chanute when he in Chanute, where he and his wife

Mr. Gilliland is survived by his wife, Maxine; sons William, Jr. and Jim of Newark, Ohio; step-son Marlin Arendt of Colby; stepdaughter Vicki Sears of Augusta; brother Richard of Pea Ridge, Ark.; sister Virginia Cahoj of Bolivar, Mo.; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna, two sisters and

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 3, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church in Chanute with Pastor Scott Lemmermann officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Penwell-Gabel Johnson Chapel in Chanute handled ar-

Doneta Gates, 71, of Winona, brother, Dean Ludlow of Colby; three grandchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Winona Cemetery in Winona.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral

## Abilene Hustlers get ready for 4-H 'Discovery Days'

president, John Tole, called Days, these scholarships are being February's monthly meeting to order on Feb 7 at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Twenty-nine members answered roll call by stating a constellation or planet name followed by the song, "This is the Music Concert," led by Tucker

In the business portion of the meeting many items of business were discussed including the motions to purchase daffodils for cancer survivors who have ties to the club and contributions to the Jordan Harris memorial fund. Lynette Koon also announced the availability of scholarships to 4-Hers attend-

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club ing the upcoming 4-H Discovery offered by the Thomas County Conservation District.

Following the adjournment of the meeting club members participated in a mini-club days presentation. Here, the members had each prepared either a demonstration talk or a project talk to give to the rest of the club members. The club's mini club days is another opportunity for club members to practice their public speaking skills as well as help prepare them for the Thomas County Club Days presentation scheduled for March 18 at the Sacred Heart School. The public is invited to attend.

## March day about tuberculosis awareness

**Healthy Haps** 

mean they will get the disease. Most

people who become infected do not

develop the disease because their

people of all races and nationalities,

the rich, the poor, and at any age.

But for many reasons, some groups

of people are at higher risk to get

active tuberculosis. The groups that

are at high risk include people with

HIV infections, people in close con-

tact with those known to be infected

Anyone can get tuberculosis,

body's defenses protect them.

March has World Tuberculosis Day on the 24th of the month. This is a good time to discuss tuberculosis and its implications. Tuberculosis (often called TB) is an infectious disease that usually attacks the lungs but it can attack almost any part of the body.

Tuberculosis is spread from person to person through the air. When people with tuberculosis in their lungs or throat cough, laugh, sneeze, sing or even talk, the germs that cause tuberculosis may be spread in the air. If another person breathes in these germs there is a chance that they will become infected with tuberculosis.

It is important to understand that there is a difference between being infected with tuberculosis and having tuberculosis disease. Someone who is infected with tuberculosis has the germs in their body. The body's defenses are protecting them from the germs and they are not sick. Someone with tuberculosis disease is sick and can spread the disease to other people. A person with the disease is sick and can spread the disease to other people. A person with the disease needs to see a doctor as soon as possible.

It is not easy to become infected with tuberculosis. Usually a person has to be in close contact with someone with tuberculosis disease for a long period of time. Tuberculosis is usually spread between family members, close friends and people who work or live together.

It is spread most easily in closed spaces over a long period of time. Even if someone becomes infected with tuberculosis, that does not

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with tuberculosis, people with medical conditions that make the body less able to protect itself from disease (for example diabetes, the dust disease silicosis, or people undergoing treatment with drugs that can suppress the immune system such as long-term use of corticosteroids), foreign-born people from countries with high tuberculosis rates, some racial or ethnic minorities, people who work in or are residents of long-term care facilities (nursing homes, prisons, some hospitals), people who are malnourished, alcoholics and IV drug users. The tuberculosis skin test is a way

> losis infection. The preferred method of testing is to use the Mantoux test. For this test a small amount of testing material is placed just below the top layers of the skin

to find out if a person has tubercu-



three days later a healthcare professite has reacted to the test material.

They will be checking for any swelling of the test site and they will measure the swelling if there is any. If there is swelling and it measures a certain size, the test is positive and the person has a positive tuberculosis skin test.

that your healthcare provider will then order a chest x-ray to see if the chest x-ray is negative, then it means that the person has evidence of infection, not disease. Not all people with the infection will have a positive skin test. Should you get a skin test each

year to check for tuberculosis? Only if you are at high risk for tuberculosis. Otherwise, if you have symptoms or if you are living in close contact or have otherwise been in close contact with someone who recently came down with tuberculosis disease should you get tested. (Some people get skin tests because of their jobs, in a school or hospital, for example, to make sure they will not infect others if they have tuberculosis.) It can be prevented even if you are at high risk.

Is there treatment for the disease?



— usually on the forearm. Two to A person who has become infected with tuberculosis but doesn't have sional checks the arm to see if the the disease may be given prevention therapy. Preventive therapy aims to kill germs that are not doing any damage right now, but could break out later. If a healthcare provider decides a person should have therapy, the usual prescription is a daily dose of isoniazid, an inexpensive tuberculosis medicine. The What does this mean? It means medicine is taken for six months (up to a year in some cases) with periodic checkups to make sure the disease is active in the lungs. If the medicine is being taken as pre-

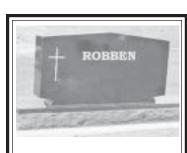
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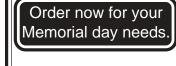
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### **Babies**

#### Trayson Evan Ryburn

Travis and Jodi Ryburn announced the birth of their son

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming him home are Shane,

#### Corrections

The state-wide tornado drill mention in the county commissioners story in the Wednesday, March 9 edition of the Colby Free Press will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

### ~ NOTICE ~ QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, **COMPLAINTS**

about child care in **Thomas County.** 

**Contact Rhea** @ Sherman Co. Health **Department** 785-899-4888

Allie, Tristan and Kellin.

Grandparents are Bob and Elaine Trayson Evan Ryburn. He was born Koerperich of Selden, John and Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Janice Russell of Muskogee, Okla., at Gove County Medical Center in Dale and Samantha Smith of Oakley and the late Carl Ryburn.

Great-grandparents are Tillie Smith of Garden City, Norma Seibel of Oakley and Bob Pope of

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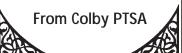
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