

Family

Deaths

Howard Eugene (Gene) Curry

Howard Eugene (Gene) Curry, 58, of Colby, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005 at Hays Medical Center.

He was born April 25, 1947 in Colby to Howard and Goldie (Tubbs) Curry in Colby.

Mr. Curry graduated from McDonald High School in 1964 and attended diesel mechanic school in Denver, Colo. He married Marsha Leitner in 1967 and they had four children, Tina, Gene Jr., Dustin and Cheri. In 1989, he married Donna Wente and they had two children, McKayla and Aaron.

He was skilled in many areas as he was a farmer, welder, auto mechanic and truck driver. He served six years as a member of the Kansas National Guard.

He enjoyed wrestling and coached kids wrestling when his sons were young. He also enjoyed

woodworking, shopping on ebay and spending time with his family.

Mr. Curry is survived by his wife, Donna and children McKayla and Aaron of the home; daughter Tina Carroll of Atwood; son Gene, Jr. of Atwood; son Dustin Curry of Guymon, Okla. and daughter Cheri St. Aubyn of Hays; one brother, Larry Curry of Bennett, Iowa and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Phyllis Ann Curry Ginn; grandparents Charlie and Bessie (Carpenter) Tubbs; Hawley Curry and Flora (Hanna) Wallace.

Services were held at 2 p.m. today at Harrison Chapel in Colby. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

A memorial has been established for his two young children, McKayla and Aaron.

Melodrama scheduled at Senior Center next week

A "Western Melodrama" is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. Come early for lunch and participated in the hissing, booing and cheering as the actors read their parts and the narrator keeps you informed of the scenes. Find out if Harry Handsome gets the girl or if Dick Dastardly and Sneaky Sam win her!

There are plenty of other activities scheduled at the center for the week of Aug. 15-19, including Best Friends Day on Monday. Tell them you appreciate them. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:30 is the Western Melodrama. At 10 a.m. Wednesday, come watch a good movie and enjoy popcorn. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and it's also Bad Poetry Day, make up something and share it. Friday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and it's also Penny Ante Day as well as Denim Day. Wear those denim duds.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday.

Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before.

Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working who would like to pick up a meal.

Those meals are available at noon

to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those under 60 years of age to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday - tater tot casserole, Mexicali corn, bread, apricots. Tuesday - ham and beans, seasoned carrots, cornbread, ambrosia fruit salad. Wednesday - turkey and rice casserole, Italian blend veggies, strawberries, biscuit, cook's choice complement. Thursday - roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, Waldorf salad, bread, birthday cake. Friday - chef salad, watermelon or citrus slices, bread sticks, brownies.

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

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

High Plains Lions meet

The High Plains Lions board meeting preceded their monthly meeting. Lion President Sheryl Brenn called the meeting to order with the Flag Salute. The group sang one verse of "America" and Lion Larry Koon gave the prayer. The group adjourned for a fried chicken dinner followed by the regular meeting.

Lion Harold Sulzman introduced this guest and program, Danielle Freeman, director of the Thomas County Community Foundation. Danielle reported that the foundation was started in 2001 with the goal of raising \$300,000 with an equal amount of matching grant money. It has given out \$68,000 to 32 projects, \$17,000 in the last seven months.

The foundation is divided into various funds. Danielle named some of the funds as youth fund, alcohol and drug education fund, the Bill Draper 4-H fund and the Secrest Fund for the Arts, to name a few. She hopes to start a fund for senior citizens and Colby alumni scholarships. The foundation can accept cash, land, stocks and memorials. She said the foundation had a breakfast for the Thomas County Fair participants. The breakfast was served next to the weigh-in and was so successful that it will be done again next year.

Reports were given by various members. Lion Mary Hurtt reported that Lion Rick Terrell had moved to Colorado. She was in need of a replacement for the Relay for Life on Aug. 19. Lion Mary will also walk three miles this weekend in the Relay for Life in Kansas City. Lion Melinda Morton reported that almost all the Lions had helped with the amusement park concession

stand at the fair. She reported that funnel cakes, bottled water and cotton candy had been big sale items. Lion Hazel had helped on Sunday to clean up the grounds. President Sheryl reported that our LCIF chairman stated that many of our international fellow Lions were building thousands of houses for tsunami victims. Some Lions clubs had already spent over a million dollars helping countries rebuild. President Sheryl reported on correspondence from International President Ashok Mehta, Bill Sullivan, president of the Highway 25 Association and Dr. David Mruzek, Scout Jamoboree band director.

Lion Brenn reminded the club that Sept. 12 is guest night. She appointed Lions Larry Koon, Mary Hurtt and Roger Hale for the Guest Night Committee. The next meeting will be Aug. 22.

Winona family has brunch with visitors

Dan Starns and his family of Wichita spent three days with his parents, Warren and Lois Starns. Jon Starns and family joined them for Sunday brunch.

Marshall and Tammy Fulton are enjoying having their grandson, Trenton, visit them this week.

Anyone seeking the beauty of nature need not venture far from home. I was enraptured by the beauty of the fields of sunflowers just west of McAllaster and another mass of yellow at the Logan/Wallace County line.

Mid-morning they are shining in all their glory. I viewed them as I was traveling to the Melvin Glad funeral in Weskan. Mary (Kowalke) Harper of Goodland and I, Jean Lowe, represented the class of '43 in paying respect to classmate Mary (Bretz) Glad. Condolences are extended to the families of Tauscher Bretz and Lindy Bretz, members of the Triplains communities.

Roger and Marge Ausmus visited



Jean Lowe
• Winona Correspondent

Lawrence and Louise Denning in Sharon Springs.

The Ausmus' grandsons, Wyatt and Layton Werth, have been keeping Roger and Marge Ausmus on the go. They have been working on many projects in preparation for the Thomas County Fair.

Marge called in a proud grandmother's report. "Wyatt received grand champion on the dog agility entry. Layton received grand champion on his oil painting and reserve champion on his John Deere apron. They both received purple ribbons on other entries. The boys' versatility was displayed in entries including crafts, photography, market steers and bucket calves." They belong to the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club.

Happenings

Square dance scheduled this Saturday

The Golden Buckle Square Dance club will host the first square dance in August on Saturday. The second dance is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27.

Betty Falk from Aurora, Colo. will be calling at 8 p.m. this Saturday in the Colby Middle School cafeteria.

Visitors are welcome.

"The club has been privileged to have callers from different areas

and states as well as local Kansas callers," organizers said.

At the dance on Saturday, Aug. 27, Jeff Nelson plans to be here from Bartlesville, Okla.

In May, June and July there was only one dance each month. At a recent dance, Susan Elaine Packer from Florida called and Marlin and Jackie Spellmeyer from Ogallala, Neb. called in March. Another caller from Colorado, Mike Olivieri, of Northglenn, called at the July event.

ST. THOMAS LODGE #306

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