

Family

Deaths

Vivian Wesley Cornelius

Vivian Wesley Cornelius, 82, of Topeka, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005 at his home.

Mr. Cornelius was a former Colby resident.

He was born Sept. 17, 1923 in Temple, Okla. to Francis W. and Tishie Varner Cornelius. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1947.

He married Ellen H. Trybom on Dec. 25, 1947 in Colby. He worked

as a brick mason in western Kansas for many years. He had lived in Joplin, Mo. for 20 years before moving to Topeka in 2003.

Mr. Cornelius is survived by three children, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren and one sister, Berniece Traylor of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Cornelius was cremated.

Eventful start to New Year

Welcome to the New Year. Hope everyone had a save and enjoyable one.

Vic Baird celebrated his 80th birthday on Jan. 4. Happy Birthday Vic!

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is at the Senior Center at 7 a.m. on Saturday, and every first Saturday of each month. You're welcome to come and join their get-together each month.

The Thomas County nurse will be at the Senior Center for blood pressure checks from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and every third Thursday after that.

Kathy Baird's mother is doing much better and is home now.

Girls basketball has lost two games and the boys are undefeated. Today, the boys and girls go to Tribune to play. The WKLL Tournament will be at Sharon Springs and Colby on Jan 9,10, 13 and 14.

The Prairie Gem 4-H is selling pizza until Jan. 9, so get your orders in. They came Tuesday to take down the Christmas decorations that we sure enjoyed during the holidays. Thanks again.

Carmelita Clark, Goodland, Rod, Susan and Branson Gilley, Brewster, enjoyed a Christmas trip to Phoenix, Ariz. While there they stayed with Carmelita's daughter, Marla Giarratano. Everyone attended a pro basketball game between the Phoenix Suns and Washington Wizards. Rod, Branson and Marla tried their flying skills by

going skydiving at Eloy, Ariz. Marla served Cornish hens for Christmas dinner, they were delicious!

My precious one, The world you live in is obsessed with staying young. Every day you see people around you spending enormous amounts of time and energy and money on any scheme that promises to keep them youthful. Some have mastered the art of looking young on the outside while their spirits within them are withered and old. They are tired of the uphill struggle of their existence and bored with its routines; they hunger for something more. Above the roar and rumble of their stressful lives I am calling them, saying "Surely you know. Surely you have heard. I am the Lord, the God who lives forever, the Creator of the ends of the earth. I give strength to the weary and power to the weak. Everyone who chases this world's vain pursuits will grow weary and old. But those who hope in me will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles. They will run and not need to rest. They will walk without growing tired." Come to me and be renewed, God. Isaiah 40:28-31.

Baptisms

Abram Joshua Jennings

Father Dana Clark baptized Abram Joshua Jennings, infant son of Joshua D. and Julia (Williams) Jennings, on Saturday, Dec. 17 at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Godparents are Lance Harter and Gina Jennings.

Tylan Joseph Harter

Father Dana Clark baptized Tylan Joseph Harter, infant son of Lance and LeAnn (Schielke) Harter, on Christmas Sunday, Dec.

25, at Sacred Heart Church in Colby.

Godparents are Gabe and Lori Stanley.

Student News

Area students honored at Manhattan

MANHATTAN — One student from Colby and another from Oakley were among the 125 new members initiated into the Kansas State University's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi recently.

Tiffany Hurtt of Colby and Anna Jurey of Oakley are now part of the

nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, school officials said. Those elected to membership include the upper 7.5 percent second-semester juniors and the upper 10 percent of seniors, along with outstanding graduate students.

Ross graduates from Sterling College

STERLING — Kari Ross of Colby was one of 17 Sterling College graduates who completed their undergraduate degrees following the completion of the fall 2005 semester.

Ross received the degree Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Kelsey Scholars are those students who have successfully com-

pleted their courses with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or above at the end of spring semester 2004. Ross is the daughter of Robb and Julie Ross.

Sterling College is a four-year, Christ-centered, liberal arts college located in Sterling with a mission "to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith."

Debate team ends season

The Colby High School Debate team finished its season in December at Hoisington with two of its members earning fourth place, said Nancy Rundel, head coach.

The students were junior Henry Lamm and sophomore Katie Strange having not only competed in Hoisington, but also at Garden City, Scott City, and Oakley.

"They (Colby's debate team) also hosted their own debate tournament in November," Rundel said.

"The team had an overall win record of 50 percent, which was very promising for first year debaters."

Rundel said the team is also look-

ing forward to next year's season when they hope to qualify debaters for the State Debate Tournament.

"The 2005-06 debate topic dealt with reducing the federal government's authority to either detain without charge or search without probable cause," she said.

The debate topic is chosen each year by coaches from across the United States who vote on various resolutions in order to determine the following year's topic. "This year, debaters studied and debated against such case areas as: racial profiling, detention of enemy combatants, federal flat tax, border control, ghost prisoners (dealing with terrorists), torture of detainees and the Patriot Act," she said.

In addition to Lamm and Strange, other team members were: senior Cole Garcia; Darci Brown, junior; sophomores Courtney Ress, Paige Pfeifer, Jasmine Brown and Kelly Gerstner and freshmen Kortney Khan, Tess Brown, Sinatra Brown and Sam Matzek.

Social Hour Club meets at Fairview

Social Hour Club was held on Wednesday at Fairview Estates with Eileen Dible as hostess. Bingo winners were Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, and Marjorie Leh.

The hostess prize went to Deborah Gamboa. Other members present were Hulda Wark, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett. Pat Williams was a guest.

Darrel and Margie Leh's daughter-in-law, Diane Hiatt, from Wann, Okla., has come to celebrate her birthday on Jan. 14 with them. Diane is the widow of Margie and

Darrel's son, Gerald, who passed away this past November. January 14 is also the anniversary date for Diane and Gerald. Diane's son, Cody Hiatt and wife, Becca,



Vicki Allison

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brought her to Rexford Saturday afternoon and they spent the night before heading back to Wann on Sunday. The family of Sondra Barnett celebrated a belated Christmas at the Community Building in Rexford over the weekend.

Those in attendance were Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; Todd and Mandy Barnett, Taylor and Melia, Alamosa, Colo.; Tatum and Alicia Barnett and Alex, Garden City;

Kerry Barnett, Amarillo, Texas; Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan, Holcomb; Cory and Tessy Barnett, Tabitha, Corban, and Obadiah, Liberal; Shalom Kruse, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity, Pretty Prairie; Velma Barnett, Gem; and Hulda Wark. Several of the families were there for the whole weekend.

Dennis and I went to Hoxie Sunday afternoon to listen to several musicians from around the surrounding area who performed at the Midwest Energy hospitality room. Debra Carter, Menlo, keyboard and vocals; Shirley Emigh, Selden, rhythm guitar and vocals; John Scott, Hoxie, stand up bass and vocals; Max Vaughn, Colby, lead guitar; Loren Schrock, Hoxie, harmonica and spoons; Red and Ruth Taylor, Hoxie, rhythm guitars and vocals; and Vic Mallory, Hoxie, fiddle and vocals, made up the eight piece band. John Scott and Max Vaughn are former residents of Rexford.

Bev Vaughn, Max's wife, brought refreshments as an early celebration for Max's birthday. The family members of Max's in atten-

dance ranged in ages from 9 months to 94-years-old. There were 22 fans attending.

Red Barn happenings: Grace Cheney brought homemade fudge to Coffee Klatch Friday morning and shared it with Liz Rall, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, Pat Williams, Sondra Barnett, and Eunice Sanford.

Golden Plains happenings: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Betz on the birth of their son, Zane Howard, who was born Dec. 29. Mr. Betz teaches high school English and psychology, coaches forensics, middle school basketball and is the assistant high school and middle school football coach. Zane has an older sister, Mya Rose who is two.

The Bulldogs defeated the Triplains Vikings on Tuesday and the Logan Trojans Friday. The boy's record is now 5-3 and the Lady Bulldogs have an undefeated record of 8-0. The Western Kansas Liberty League tournament begins Monday at Sharon Springs.

Can somebody tell me the significance of the huge halo surrounding the moon Sunday night?

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