

Family

Deaths

Delta Pottratz

Delta Pottratz, 22 months, of Colby, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006 in Colby. She was the daughter of

Kendra Manis of Colby.

Services are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby.

Raymond "Jack" Luker

Raymond "Jack" Luker, 70, of Colby, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2005 at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

He was born Sept. 24, 1935 in Kiowa, Okla. to Joseph A. and Mary Ola (Keller) Luker.

Mr. Luker attended school in Oklahoma and graduated from Cleburne, Texas, and later moved with his parents to Holtville, Calif. He served in the U.S. military, and was stationed in Germany.

He returned to California and worked ad a heavy equipment operator and leadman field service technician with Imperial Irrigation District in Imperial, Calif. He retired in 1996.

On Oct. 17, 1969 he married Berniece (Stupka) Metzler in Imperial, Calif., where they lived for 26 years.

Mr. Luker was a member of the 20-30 Club. He was a 20-year member of the Imperial County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, active in search and rescue, and also provided security for the Imperial County Fair, the aerial shows by the Blue Angels at Seeley Air Base, El Centro, Calif. He also rode in parades in surrounding valley cities. During this time he

also served as secretary for seven years and president in 1994-1995.

He served as a 4-H leader for five years and coached Pop Warner and Little League.

He enjoyed mountain and desert camping, horseback riding, watching sports and singing with local western bands.

Mr. Luker is survived by his wife, Berniece E. Luker of Colby; three stepsons, Ron Metzler of Grover Beach, Calif., Dennis Metzler of Slidell, La. and Bruce Metzler of Rancho Murieta, Calif.; two brothers, Bill Luker of Wayne, Okla. and Jim Luker of Imperial, Calif.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several siblings.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel with Father Dana Clark of Colby officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby was in charge of arrangements..

Memorials are suggested in his name, to be designated a later date. Donations can be sent in care of the funeral home.

Babies

Hagen Walters Breese

Ashley Walters and Shane Breese of Colby announce the birth of their son, Hagen Walters Breese, on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Hagen weighed 7 pounds and is 19

1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Amy Lamb of Oberlin and Mashell James of Wichita.

Aunts are Nichole and Kirtsin Lamb of Oberlin.

Baptism

Colten Wyatt Schurr

Father Dana Clark baptized Colten Wyatt Schurr, infant son of Shannon W. Schurr and Nicole M.

Flax, on Sunday, Jan. 8 at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. Godparents are Chad Kalsen and Holly Flax.

High Plains Art Club holds Janurary meeting

Mary McNutt told about her experience of illustrating a children's book at the Tuesday, Jan. 10 meeting of the High Plains Art Club when they met in the wine room above the Kansas Store at South Wind Plaza.

McNutt said that her sister, Janet Holbook, contacted her about illustrating her children's story, Little Red Hiding Wolf, some time ago. McNutt wasn't sure she could take on such a project at first, but her sister kept after her until she finally agreed to do it.

McNutt said she was so nervous about the thought of illustrating the book that she took an adult ed. class on illustrating children's books in order to gain some self-confidence. She chose to do the illustrations in watercolor; however, she and Holbook decided to print the pictures in black and white because they self-edited the book and printing in color was much too expensive.

Janet Holbook and her husband, Bill, bred, raised and showed collie dogs for several years at their home in Squim, Wash., and Bill was, and still is, a judge for the American Kennel Club. Janet, a writer, has done quite a bit of writing for the Kennel Club.

When Janet developed an allergy to dog hair, they had to stop raising collies. That is when Janet took up writing children's stories.

The story is about a little wolf that wanted to take his grandmother a mouse for her birthday. The little wolf's mother had to teach the little wolf to catch mice before he could go to his grandmother's. After he learned, and was able to go, he

found that his grandmother was caught in a hunter's trap. In the end, two children freed grandmother wolf from the trap and all was well.

The entire group of art club ladies agreed that McNutt did a beautiful job on the illustrations; however, McNutt said, "That was the hardest thing I have ever done and really don't care to ever do it again."

Holbook has written another children's book entitled *The Legend of Doggie Souls*. Since McNutt would not agree to illustrate this story, Holbook contacted the University of Washington about publishing the story and they agreed to both publish and supply the illustrations for the book.

At the business portion of the meeting conducted by club president Marlene Carpenter, Marj Brown reported on her conversation with Danielle at the Thomas County Community Foundation. Brown said that Danielle agreed to notify the club of any changes.

Moneymaking projects were discussed.

A garage sale will be discussed further at the next meeting.

High Plains Art Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at South Wind Plaza.

All area artists are invited to join. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. for members to work on their various projects.

After going to lunch together, the members return for an afternoon program and business meeting.

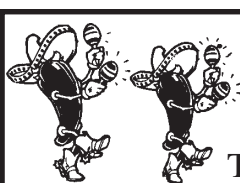
Program chairman for the next meeting on Feb. 14 is Margaret Denner. Hostess will be Marlene Carpenter.

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Shepherd's Staff hosts youth gathering

The Shepherd Staff Conference Center was busy over the weekend hosting a Lutheran Youth retreat. Grace Lutheran Church of Liberal, Peace Lutheran of McCook, Trinity Lutheran of Garden City and Trinity Lutheran of Colby brought 60 youth together for a confirmation retreat.

The snowfall received Friday morning reminded me of a Charlie Brown snowfall. It fell straight down, giving Rexford an eight-inch ground cover. If we could keep that much snow from melting quickly



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

the town residents could have a snowman contest.

Margie Leh took her daughter-in-law, Dianne Hiatt, back home to Wann, Okla. Margie will return home on Monday.

Glendora Bastin continues che-

motherapy. Our prayers are with you Glendora.

Vicki Allison spent the weekend in Hays with her daughter Rebecca and family.

Hulda Wark will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Friday, Feb. 3. Her children, Sondra Barnett, Gloria Dible, Roger Wark and Tamera Searls will be hosting a surprise open house reception in her honor on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the Red Barn in Rexford. They are requesting a card shower for friends who cannot attend. The

cards can be sent to P.O. Box 116, Rexford, Kan. 67753.

Golden Plains happenings: School dismissed early Wednesday in order to host the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar's Bowl Tournament. The students representing Golden Plains were Valerie Broeckelman, senior; Jessica Shaw, senior; Brett Spreser, junior; Andrew Broeckelman, sophomore. Scott Johnston is also a varsity team member but was unable to attend due to sickness. The team placed fourth. Mr. Kenneth Kinkade is the scholar's coach.

The middle school Bulldogs traveled to Tribune to play basketball against the Jackrabbits on Thursday.

The high school teams traveled to Sharon Springs to play the Wildcats on Saturday. The boys teams lost and the girls won.

Five Kansas towns receive tourism grants

Five Kansas towns will receive a combined total of \$106,700 in grant funding for projects they are currently involved with.

However, for those towns who were not selected last time, a second 2006 grant round has just been opened.

The deadline for submitting grant applications for this second round is Friday, April 14 at 5 p.m. with grants awarded by June 15, 2006. The grant application is available

from the Commerce Web site www.kansascommerce.com.

For those unfamiliar with the program, the grants are being paid for by the Travel and Tourism Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce and the total investment these projects are generating is \$1,113,339 toward the finished projects.

"We are pleased to be able to support these new initiatives in Kansas," said Becky Blake, director.

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