

Family

Deaths

Richard P. Koerperich

Richard P. Koerperich, 65, of Selden, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at his home in Selden. He was the owner of Koerperich Bookbinders.

Mr. Koerperich was born May 19, 1940 in Hays to Bernard and Helen Jaster Koerperich.

He was raised on a farm near Selden and graduated from Selden Rural High School in 1958.

He married Sandy Brantley on April 19, 1960 in Selden, and lived in Selden most of his life. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Selden.

Mr. Koerperich is survived by his fiancée, Renee Ochsner of Selden; five sons, Bernard Koerperich and wife Bobbie of Selden, Dallas Koerperich of Selden, Chris Koerperich and wife Dana of Oberlin, John Koerperich and wife Jennifer of Lenora and Don Koerperich and wife Katie of Selden; three brothers, Eddie

Koerperich of Denver, Colo., Jim Koerperich and wife Maurita of Garden City and Ron Koerperich and wife Cheryl of Topeka; sisters Agnes Swank of Garden City, Leona Rogers and husband Gerald of Newton, Bernadette Austin and husband Neil of Garden City and Judy Sloan of Pawhuska, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Bryon Lee Koerperich, and two brothers-in-law, Don Sloan and Dale Swank.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden with Rev. George Kochuvelikkam officiating. Burial followed at Selden Cemetery. Visitation was on Sunday and Monday, and a vigil service was held Sunday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

Memorials are suggested to the Richard Koerperich Memorial Fund.

Jones-Moser to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jones of Colby announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Marie Jones, to Austen Dan Moser.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Moser of Colby.

Austen works at Colby Fertilizer and part-time at the family-owned business, 4 Mile Feeders.

Ashley is the assistant manager at Village Inn.

She also works at Golden Plains Garden Center.

They are planning a Feb. 17, 2006 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.



Austen Moser, Ashley Jones

Eagle forensics does well at first tourney of season

If the Colby High School Forensics team played basketball they would have shot 72 percent from the field on Saturday. The Eagles placed 13 of their 18 entries into the finals round, missing 1st place by 3 points at their first tournament of the season. First place went to Quinter with 266 points, the Eagles were in second with 263 points and Norton was third with 191 points.

Head coach Nancy Rundel said she was "pleasantly surprised" by the competitiveness of the students' selections.

"I was really feeling nervous about our readiness, but the kids certainly stepped up and performed well," she said.

The Eagles have been chasing the elusive first place spot in a tournament since the Hill City tournament in 2002. But if the opening tournament is an indicator of the talent and competitiveness of the Eagles' selections, this may be the season that all changes.

This year's team has 30 members and is coached by Rundel, Linda Jones and Regina Heier. Heier joined the coaching staff this year as an assistant. She was a five-time

state medalist and a two-time state champion during her high school forensics career.

Those students placing at the Oberlin tournament were: Robyn Schmid, senior - second in Serious Solo Acting. Paul Schrick, senior - fifth place in Humorous Solo Acting. Teressa Rocha, senior - fifth in Prose and sixth in Improvised Duet Acting. Curtis Fulwider, Sophomore - first place in Poetry and fifth place in Duet Acting. Paige Pfeifer, sophomore - fourth place in Poetry, fourth place in Duet Acting. Kelly Gerstner, sophomore - fourth place in Duet Acting. Katie Strange, sophomore - fourth place in prose, fourth place in Duet Acting. Courtney Ress, sophomore - third place in Prose. Henry Lamm, junior - second place in Original Oration, second place in Extemporaneous Speaking. David Kinderknecht, junior - third place in Original Oration. Cyndi Rothfuss, junior - sixth place in Improvised Duet Acting.

The Eagles will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to the Hill City Invitational Tournament. The Eagles will also be hosting their home tournament on March 16.

Bridge Results

Tuesday night bridge results from Jan. 31 at Colby Country Club are: first, Charles Davis; second, Bob Jones; third, Marge Roulier and Thelma Low Shalz.

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Family attends graduation

Marshall and Tammy Fulton attended the police academy graduation ceremony in Kansas City, Kan. Thursday evening. Their son, Darrin Fulton, was one of the graduates. Alicia Fulton and Trenton of Olathe also attended the ceremony. The family enjoyed the week together with various activities, one of them being the grandparents getting to see Trenton play basketball. Marshall and Tammy returned to Winona Sunday.

Some much-needed moisture in the form of snow covered the ground Friday morning. ON a porch



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Winona Correspondent

railing in Clarks addition a three-inch layer of snow sat, but like Humpty Dumpty on the wall, it soon had a great fall.

Several from the area attended the Soil Conservation banquet and annual meeting. All reported a tasty meal and entertaining program

Play necessary for healthy development

Plain Sense

Play is an essential part of child development, helping to build communication and social skills, aesthetic appreciation, creativity and problem solving.

Board games help children and youth learn the basic skills of getting along with others, following rules and sportsmanship, including learning how to be a gracious loser.

Outdoor play adds the elements of fresh air and exercise.

There is some concern now days that too much TV watching, video games and computer time is reducing children's time for the kind of play that is needed for good cognitive development and social skills.

There are studies that indicate that play is a significant factor, particularly from birth to age eight, in brain in muscle fiber development, in the creation and development of consciousness, and the ability to think reflectively.

Such studies also contend that children who are deprived of play are more likely to exhibit aggressive and antisocial behaviors, and tend to be prone to obesity. An inability to engage in play can result in behavioral instability, unhappiness and a lack of mental well-being in children.

The impact and experience of play is long-term; following rules, getting along with others and learning to deal with disappointment are necessary components of healthy

adulthood. So what can parents do to insure needed playtime for children? Play needs to begin in infancy with simple toys and interactions.

Toddlers can be taught to stack blocks and pull toy cars, while at the same time learning to share with others and how to try, try again when things don't go as expected.

As children get older, parents need to encourage participation in play activities in addition to computer and video games, such as card and board games, backyard/neighborhood sports as well as supervised recreational sports.

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Monday evening in Oakley. Congratulations to Kelly Lamb for receiving a plaque for her entry in the coloring contest. Her parents, John and Tonya Lamb, her brother, Gus, and her grandmother, Beth Lamb, were there for the presentation. Some others who enjoyed the evening were Mary Wright, Donnie Wright, Kenneth and Maxine Kirk, Carl and Gloria Hanson, and Jerry and Marietta Wright. Also in attendance were Steve and Dianne Schertz and Scott and Christi Schertz, Fred and Jess. Congratulations are in order for being recipients of plaques and a sign from the Kansas Bankers Association. Page City couple, Doug and Karen Peterson, are also to be congratulated for receiving a plaque and sign from the Kansas Bankers Association for their windbreak.

Leaving you with a thought for the day. Our job is not to see through each other, but to see each other through.

Bryan Eugene Highland

Bryan Eugene Highland, 41, of Milan, MO, and formerly of Colby, KS died Sunday morning, January 29, 2006 at his home.

The son of Floyd and Barbara (Prokop) Highland, he was born October 21, 1964 in Colby. On January 3, 1998, he married Karen Rene' Bennett Batson, who survives.

Also surviving are his parents, of Colby; one son, Kacey Highland, of Oakley, KS; one daughter, Kalie Highland, of Oakley; two stepsons: Christopher Batson and Oran Batson, both of the home; one stepdaughter, Amanda Batson, of the home; and one sister, Michele and her husband, Warren Baum, of Denver, CO; and one niece, Kelly Baum of Denver, CO.

Mr. Highland attended Colby elementary schools and graduated from Colby High School. In 1992 he received an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Colby Community College, and graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, KS with a communication technology degree. He was employed with Alltel and moved to Albany, MO; then in the mid-1990's was transferred to Milan. Since 1999 he and his wife owned and operated a dog kennel business.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, in the Glenn E. Kent & Son Funeral Chapel in Milan with Danion Doman officiating. Music was recorded selections. Burial was at the Galt East Cemetery in Galt, MO. Casket bearers were Danny Noland, Keith May, Bob Schmidt, Ronald Banner, Roy Delzeit, Anthony Britton, and Dennis Tubbs.

Memorials are suggested for the children's education fund and may be left at any bank in Colby or Oakley.

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