

Family

Deaths

Carl F. Schroeder

Carl F. Schroeder, 24, of Colby, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006 in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

James L. "Jim" Firestone

James L. (Jim) Firestone, 73, of Colby, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at his home in Colby.

Mr. Firestone was born April 25, 1932, in Butler, Mo. He was the former owner of Colby Coast to Coast and was a salesman at Golden Hardware.

Mr. Firestone is survived by his wife, Betty Firestone of Colby; son Lea Firestone of Wichita; two daughters, Lisa Brown of Colby and Lorie Jo Firestone of Colorado Springs, Colo. and four grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Colby United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Booth officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation is until 8 p.m. today at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to the Colby Community Endowment Association to benefit the women's basketball program. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or the chapel.

Alec Stuart Warren

Alec Stuart Warren, infant son of Jerrod and Laurel Warren of Wamego, was stillborn Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was the grandson of Lawrence and Sheryl Brenn of Levent and great-grandson of Betty Brenn of Colby.

Alec is survived by his parents and brother, Blake Warren, of the home; maternal grandparents Lawrence and Sheryl Brenn of Levent; paternal grandparents Carol Warren of Wichita and Michael

Warren of Shawnee; maternal great-grandmother Betty Brenn of Colby; paternal great-grandmother Martha Lawler of Wichita.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Wamego City Cemetery with Reverend Dr. Tony Mattia officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Mercy Regional Health Center Maternity Ward.

They may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary, 612 E. Hwy 24, P.O. Box 232, Wamego, Kan., 66547.

Kenneth H. Rydquist

Kenneth H. Rydquist, 81, of Oberlin, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Mr. Rydquist was born in the Lund community in Decatur County Jan. 3, 1925, to Eugene W. and Clara M. Lundquist Rydquist. He was a 1943 graduate of Decatur County High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Ellnette Anderson April 12, 1949. They lived in Oberlin.

He owned Culligan Soft Water from 1949 to 1975 and was sales manager at KFNF radio from 1976-1986. He was also a member of Oberlin Covenant Church, Oberlin Lions Club, Oberlin Rotary and numerous boards and committees. Mr. Rydquist is survived by two

sons, Rick Rydquist of North Richland Hill, Texas and Mick Rydquist and wife Cooker of Kansas City, Kan.; three sisters, Goldie Raulston of South Carolina, Eunice Dunn of Red Cloud, Neb. and Neva Brown of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Pastor Heidi Wiebi officiating. Burial will be at Oberlin Cemetery.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and from 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday.

Memorials are suggested to Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, Decatur County Hospital or Evangelical Covenant Church.

Paul W. Shepherd

Paul W. Shepherd, 94, of Kanorado, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at his home in Kanorado. He spent time in Thomas County through his job with S and H Drilling.

Mr. Shepherd was born July 7, 1911, to George and May James Shepherd. He attended school in Kanorado, graduating in 1929.

He married Eleanor Frost Nov. 7, 1938. She preceded him in death in 1978.

He later married Viola Bandel June 5, 1980; she preceded him in death in 2002.

He was a farmer, windmill repairman and worked in the oil fields for S and H Drilling. He was also a 60-

year member of the Shriners, Masons and Elks where he was also a past exalted ruler.

Mr. Shepherd is survived by children Jerry of Sandwich, Ill. and Robinn Shepherd of Sandwich, Ill.; a brother, James, of Oklahoma; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives and son Dennis.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kanorado Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Kanorado Senior Center.

There will be no visitation as there was cremation.

Memorials are suggested to the Kanorado Senior Center.

Garry George Stephenson

Garry George Stephenson, 48, of Russell, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at his home in Russell. He was the father of Jessica Stephenson of Colby.

Mr. Stephenson was born April 16, 1957, in Russell to George Willis and Brook Fern (Koontz) Stephenson. He graduated from Russell High School in 1976.

He worked in the oilfield industry and operated a lawn and landscaping service.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by two daughters, Erica Schmidt of

Olathe and Jessica Stephenson of Colby and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Patti Bushnell.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bible Baptist Church in Russell with Pastor Dale Lane officiating. A private inurnment will be held at a later time.

There will be no visitation as there was cremation. Pohlman-Heise Mortuary of Russell is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the education of his daughters and may be mailed or left at United National Bank, 436 N. Main, Russell, Kan. 67665.

Rexford Legion holds pinochle tourney

The American Legion's monthly pinochle tournament was Saturday, Feb. 18. The first place winners were Phyllis and Roseanna Ziegelmeier; Rex Carswell and Deb Stepper came in second and JR Albers and Bill Dible took third place.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, Darla Dible and Delores Dible traveled to Logan, Kansas to visit Hazel Richardson at Logan Manor.

Red Barn events: There were 11 card players at Barn swallows Monday afternoon. They were Jean



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Hawkins, Rex Carswell, Dick Sanford, Clea Moeder, Buck Harper, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Darlene Robbin, Mary Anne and Lawrence Juenemann and Lawrence Horinek.

Ladies Bible study meets on each

Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

The ladies at Koffee Klatch Friday morning were Jean Hawkins, Darla Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett.

The Red Barn Gang had practice Friday afternoon.

Golden Plains happenings: Michael Roehl spelled the word privilege to become this year's winner of the Thomas County Spelling Bee held at Heartland Christian

School.

The state competition will be held in Topeka March 25. Michael is an eighth grader and is the son of Larry and Tammy Roehl.

The Bulldogs placed third in the Kansas State High School 1A regional basketball tournament held at Goodland's Max Jones Field House this week.

The Bulldogs lost to the Weskan Coyotes Thursday evening.

The Lady Bulldogs placed second after losing to Brewster Saturday evening.

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra to perform

Western Plains Arts Association will host the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra in a performance at 3 p.m. Central Time, Sunday, at the Goodland High School auditorium.

Founded in 1979, Pride of the Prairie is truly a "community" orchestra in all aspects, said Mary Beth Akers, media correspondent. Its members and conductors are from the surrounding area and represent a wide variety of ages and

backgrounds.

This performance will be co-conducted by Andrew Salvador, director of bands at Burlington, Colo., and Juliann Groom, director of bands at Atwood.

Groom selected dance pieces from a variety of musical eras and genre; Salvador has chosen light and eclectic fare.

The orchestra rehearses on Mondays and anyone interested in par-

ticipating is encouraged to call board president Bruce Frahm at (785) 462-7388 or bfracm@st-tel.net.

The arts association sponsors many plays, concerts and other artistic performances throughout the year.

They are held at venues throughout northwest Kansas.

This show is presented in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state

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