

Family

Deaths

Hugh W. Pursel

Hugh W. Pursel, 85, of Colby, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, in Omaha, Neb.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Leslie E. Geery

Leslie E. Geery, 85, of Colby, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colo. Mr. Geery was born April 10, 1920, in Argentine in Wyandotte County to Edwin Geery and Ida (Ford) Geery.

He married Ruth E. Stanton Dec. 28, 1939, in Sapulpa, Okla. He had been a bus driver and developer.

Mr. Geery is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and two brothers.

A private family inurnment will be at the Wallace Cemetery at a later date.

Koons Funeral Home of Goodland and Sharon Springs is in charge of arrangements.

Maxine Lewis

Maxine Lewis, 90, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Baylor Southwest Medical Center in Fort Worth.

She was the mother of Larry Lewis of Colby, and a former Hoxie resident.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Kansas City, Mo. and was adopted by Harm and Ida Montgomery Rosenkrans.

She married Peary Lewis, and he preceded her in death April 6, 1981. She lived in Hoxie until moving to Fort Worth. She was a homemaker and member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by two sons, Bill Lewis of Dublin, Texas and Larry Lewis of Colby; a daughter, Linda Lewis of Fort Worth, Texas; a half-brother, Maurice Valentine of Bella Vista, Ark.; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie. Burial will follow at Hoxie Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie.

Fern Pfanenstiel

Fern Pfanenstiel, 87, of Salina, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in Victoria. Mrs. Pfanenstiel had several nieces and nephews in the Thomas County area.

She was born March 26, 1918, in Long Island, Kan. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Pfanenstiel is survived by her husband, Walter, of Salina; a son, Jim Pfanenstiel and wife JoAnn of Victoria; two daughters, Anna Marie Martin and husband Richard of Liberty, Mo. and Emma

Bixby and husband Daryl of Salina; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salina.

A vigil service will be at 8:30 p.m. tonight at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. Eighth St., Salina.

Condolences can be left online at www.ryanmortuary.com.

Babies

Landon James Bradley

James and Lindsey Bradley of Colby announce the birth of their son, Landon James Bradley.

He was born Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Landon weighed 8 pounds and is

19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Donald and Cathy Harrison of Colby; Ronald Bradley of Brewster and Rodney and Patricia Perry of Akron, Colo.

Landon was welcomed home by brother Trey Bradley.

Kenzie Faith Carter

Ryan and Krista Carter of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Kenzie Faith Carter, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Kenzie weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Robert and Georgetta Schoenfeld of Oakley and Jimmy and Suzanne Carter of Page, Ariz.

Great-grandmothers are Verna Wiens of Colby and Clara Schoenfeld of Oakley.

Ace Leslie Plummer

Troy and Spring Plummer of Oakley announce the birth of their son, Ace Leslie Plummer Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Ace weighed 8

pounds and is 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Lynn and Linda Plummer of Oakley.

Ace was welcomed home by siblings Jailen and Landyn Plummer.

Jaden DeLora Smith

Joseph and Summer Smith of Goodland announce the birth of their daughter Jaden DeLora Smith Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Jaden

weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Virgil and Jackie Baumfalk and Rod and Suzie Butts of Goodland.

Pine diseases put trees at risk in the High Plains

MANHATTAN — Pine trees are at risk in the High Plains — as much as anything because most owners don't know the difference between natural pine behavior and disease symptoms.

Late winter before St. Patrick's Day can be a good time to learn, however, said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. That's one of the important times for pine owners to scout for disease symptoms. Plus, it's just before the beginning of each year's "calendar" for controlling pine diseases.

"What tree owners need to learn first is that all pine needles turn yellow and eventually drop. But, it's a natural process only if all of the af-

fected needles are on the inside of the tree, close to the trunk," Upham said. "That's where the oldest needles are."

"Natural needle drop isn't always as simple as it sounds, though. Pines may shed their old needles gradually or all at once. They may do so after those needles have been on the tree from one to three years. It can depend on the variety or even the individual tree."

Natural needle drop is not at work, however, if needles are yellowing on the tips of branches, Upham warned.

Another disease symptom can be needles with discolored spots or bands.

"In that case, the sooner you identify the problem, the better off you'll be — even if it means taking a sample to the local Extension office and asking for help," he said. "Some pine problems have very similar symptoms, but no two call for exactly the same treatment."

Upham said problems for pines in the High Plains include:

- Pine wilt - an always-fatal disease that's most serious among Scots pines, but may infect Austrians and whites.

In fall, trees with pine wilt typically turn yellow-brown with brittle branches.

The needles do not drop. The only way to prevent the disease's spread is to remove the dead tree and chop or burn it by spring.

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Homework can benefit students

Plain Sense

Parents often have different points of view as to whether homework is beneficial for young children.

Some feel elementary age students should have homework in order to better learn the basics skills of reading, writing and mathematics. Others feel homework causes undue stress on everyone involved. Parental opinions also vary depending on the culture of the family. For instance, Chinese-American parents view homework as an essential component of learning and often establish the habit early,

even in preschool, using homework time as "family time," with everyone sifting around the table, working together.

Homework can have both positive and negative effects, depending on how it is accomplished. Homework in a child's early years can help them develop good study habits.

In addition, early commitment to memory of basic mathematics and reading skills will result in auto-

matic responses in the higher grades, and less mental effort on calculation, writing and reading. Or, in other words, learning becomes easier. Homework not only builds foundation skills and competencies, but also builds the discipline, concentration and self-motivation required for higher-level learning.

According to the National Education Association, for children in kindergarten through second grade, homework is most effective when it does not exceed 10-20 minutes each day, while children in grades

3-6 can handle 30-60 minutes a day. Too much homework can lead to inattentiveness, boredom, and may deny children access to leisure activities that also teach important life skills. When parents get too involved with the child's homework, conflicts can occur. Or when parents use a different teaching technique than the teacher, it can lead to confusion and frustration for everyone.

So, as with so many issues in life, parents need to achieve a balance between "too much" and "not enough" when it comes to homework for their young children. When in doubt, parents should contact their child's teacher or school counselor for suggestions.

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The fourth annual National Co-op Program has more than 100 \$5,000 merit co-op scholarships for high school seniors and transfer students who are planning to participate in college cooperative education.

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Tulsa Welding School has 2006 choice dates and times available.

Career Center has college information

The Colby High School Career Center has many resources available on colleges, scholarships and upcoming visits from college representatives. Below are some upcoming events and deadlines.

College/Scholarship Info

KU girls-only camps will be June 18-24 and July 16-22. Get hands-on, field trips and cool times. Come to the Career Center to get signed up.

Students who have been admitted to KU for fall 2006 are invited to participate in the Freshmen Summer Institute. There are two sessions to choose from — June 4-30 or

July 2-28. Deadline is May 1 for applications.

KU Super Saturday, an informative family day, will be May 6. More information is available at the Career Center.

Kansas Private College Week is June 5-9. This week will provide parents and students with information 18 colleges, all in one week.

Information on the Colorado State Provost Scholarship is available in the Career Center. More than \$20,000 is available to scholars who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in high school. Deadline to apply is March 6, 2006.

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