

# Family

## Deaths

### Esther Mary Lauritsen

Esther Mary Lauritsen, 98, of Colby, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Infinia of Colby. Mrs. Lauritsen was born Jan. 21, 1908 in Gem. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Lauritsen is survived by a son, J. Wayne Lauritsen of Divide, Colo.; one daughter, Joyce Gatlin of Colby; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in

Colby with Rev. Carol Rahn of Colby officiating. Graveside services will be held prior to the funeral service at Lonestar Cemetery in rural Rawlins County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph M. Lauritsen in 1970 and a son, Robert, in 2005. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church and donations may be left in care of the funeral home.

## Art club learns about ‘combine’ artist

Rosie VanDyke, program chairman for High Plains Art Club’s April 11 meeting, reported on the life and works of artist Robert Rauschenberg. His works entitled “Combines,” were on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York the first part of April and then moved to Los Angeles, then will go to Paris and Stockholm. According to VanDyke, it is hard to explain what Rauschenberg’s creations should be classified as—paintings? Collages? Sculptures? “Actually,” she said, “His works were contrived from junk he scavenged from the streets of New York and integrated into his art work beginning in 1954 and continuing for 10 more years.” VanDyke reported that Rauschenberg works on giant canvasses, and, unlike the “Father of Collage,” Pablo Picasso, whose collages were more personal, Rauschenberg’s are manufactured and bold. The example VanDyke gave was his famous work entitled “Monogram” that has a stuffed angora goat with a tire around it’s middle standing on a platform that is one of Rauschenberg’s paintings. Rauschenberg’s work entitled “Satellite,” has a stuffed pheasant standing on top of a collage of fabric patches and photos covered with several washes of paint. According to “The Week” magazine article by Richard Lacayo from which VanDyke’s report was made, “The combines were among his indisputable triumphs, and seeing them on their own makes you realize all over again their liberating power. They offer you a puzzle and

dare you to unpuzzle it. Go ahead and try — as long as you’re not the type who needs all the pieces to fit.” Rauschenberg was born in Port Arthur, Texas, but now resides in New York at the age of 80. He received his training at Black Mountain College in North Carolina. Refreshments were served by hostess for the month, Lee Fleckenstein. A business meeting was called to order by club president, Marlene Carpenter and the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer’s report were read and approved. Members who attended the oil painting workshop in Stockton brought their paintings to share with the others. Attending were, Bev Kern, Ruth Hughes, and Shirley Barns. Carpenter and Marj Brown reported on the meetings they had been attending at the museum. They said that they had offered the help of the art club members if the museum wanted to host a judged art show for Northwest Kansas. Secretary Brown read communications from Goodland Art’s Council and Logan Museum about things they would be offering in the coming months. Treasurer Kern reported on upcoming workshops. Next meeting will be on May 9 at South Wind Plaza. At 10 a.m. they meet to work on their individual artwork and after lunch they return at 2 p.m. for the program. All area artists are welcome. Program chairman for next month will be Ruth Hughes and hostess will be Rosie VanDyke.

## Educators recognized

Smart Start NW Kansas along with Colby Community College Resource and Referral Agency held its third annual Provider Recognition Event on Saturday, April 8, at Colby Community College Memorial Union. Among the area child care professionals in attendance and recognized for their professional accomplishments were Shannon Koon of Colby (T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipient), Linda Shoemaker of Oakley (CDA recipient), and Kim Heier of Grainfield (EXCEL participant). Author and motivational speaker Aaron Davis presented a lively, in-

spirational, and interactive speech entitled “Perform Like a Champion Every Day.” Mr. Davis is a former member of the Nebraska Huskers championship football team. His humor, energy and impassioned presentation was enjoyed by not only the early childhood educators but invited guests CCC’s Sports Psychology class as well. Jennifer Boell, child care provider, of Colby was also in attendance.

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## True meaning of Easter celebrated




**Jean Lowe**  
● Winona Correspondent

Easter dinners were secondary for many families. The true meaning of Easter was celebrated in both churches in Winona. Out of town visitors at the Winona United Methodist Church were Rex and Jeana Schertz of Hesston, Paul and Susan Casper of Swink, Colo., Kenny and Kristie Pfeiff, Anthony and Timothy of Sutherland, Neb. and Chris Stout, Kelsey and Wyatt of Ottawa. An ensemble consisting of Donita Goyen Tammy Fulton, Norma Lee Plummer, Amy Donna Carmichael, Joyce Eurit, Baxter, Charlene Taylor Doug Margheim, Kelly Lewallen and Rev. Mike Eurit sang “Beyond The Cross.” Dianne Schertz was accompanist. Rev. Mike Eurit administered the rite of baptism for Gus Lamb. Gus had participated in confirmation classes throughout Lent. After the baptismal covenant, reception into the Winona United Methodist church was acknowledged with participation from the congregation. Standing with Gus were his parents, John and Tonya Lamb, his sister, Kelly, and his grandmother, Beth Lamb. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Theimer and their family attended Easter morning worship at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Oakley. After church their dinner guests were Everett and Cindy Theimer, Kristin, Rebecca, and Andrew. Karen Baxter, Jasmine, and Linda of Garden City were Saturday over night guests of LaVonne Baxter. They attended the Wesleyan Church in Oakley Easter morning. Dinner guests of LaVonne were Karen Baxter and girls, Billie Baxter, Jim Dirks of Oakley, and Amber Dirks, Sidney, Jarred, and Greg of Vona, Colo. Easter dinner guests of Mary Wright and Donnie were Randy and Paulina Huffman of Oakley, Kendal and Sharon Wright, and Frank Jordan. Marsha Johnson of Sharon Springs was an Easter Day guest of

her daughter, Jana Gfeller, and family. They attended morning worship at the Page City Bethesda Lutheran Church. Andrea Unruh, Jana’s niece, also went to church with the Gfeller family. Weekend guests of Dave and Judy Gfeller were Andy and Staci Hansen, Kirsten and Kourtney of Marion. Joining them for Easter dinner were Dennis and Jana Gfeller and family, Kent and Cindy Gfeller and family, and Marsha Johnson. Kenneth and Maxine Kirk hosted Easter dinner. Their guests were Terry and Lanis Kirk, Steve and Shannon Dewey and boys of Cimarron, Dana Kirk and friend, Mark, of Austin, Texas, Kris Kirk and friends, Shauna and Brecken, Connie Kough of Colby and her friend, Ellie, from Paraguay, South America, Stan and Lori Headings, Camry and Riley of Marienthal, Aaron Kough, Lindsey Mackley and boys of Sharon Springs, Bob Lewallen, Kelly Lewallen, and Lucille Bruns. Easter dinner guests of Archie and Verla Moser were Dan and Christie Moser, Courtney and Boone, Linda and Brad Latham, Ashley Latham of Colby, Erma Latham, and Wayne and Leisha Carpenter and Seth of Brewster. Alfred Ausmus of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Wyatt Werth of Brewster were weekend guests of Roger and Marge Ausmus. Roger and Marge hosted Easter dinner for Alfred Ausmus and Richard and Laura Ausmus of Colorado Springs, Colo., Larry and Michele Werth and boys of Brewster, Don Denning of Monument, Gary and Marilyn Ochs and Lane, John and Tonya Lamb, Gus and Kelly, Beth


Lamb, and Daylene Bartell. Candy Schertz of Denver spent several days with her parents, Tom and Nancy Schertz. They observed Easter traditions on Saturday with their family, Candy Schertz, Kurt and Julie Maurath, Adam and Leigh Ann, Alma Atkinson, Ed and Lila Greene of Oakley, and Kent and Cindy Gfeller, Amberly, Brett, and Ryan. Dathan and Sarena Nichols, Nathaniel and Joslyn were Easter dinner guests of Dathan’s grandparents, Lindy and Lola Bretz. Lindy’s and Lola’s granddaughter, Kysha Nichols, who is a student at Sterling College, surprised them and joined the family for dinner. Jerry and Rhonda Nichols, Jael and Jerryay were also guests. Oren and Kathy Dirks and Cassandra attended an Easter breakfast at the Pence Community Church Sunday. They were Easter dinner guests of Merle and Judy Koehn of Leoti. Kathy and Judy are sisters. Sarah and Susanna Smith of Hays were home Easter Day. Their parents, Dan and Ruth Smith, and family were Easter dinner guests of Pastor and Mrs. Mike MacWhinney and family. Winona has it’s share of fruit and ornamental trees in bloom. One tree in it’s infancy stirred my emotions. The first reaction produced a chuckle followed by more serious thoughts. A huge cluster of pinkish-purple blossoms adorn the crown, and seem to over-power the slender trunk of a red bud tree in front of The Bank. The next generation will revel in its beauty. There may no longer be a school in Russell Springs but there are many alumnus who remember their alma mater. David Wright has put Russell Springs residents to work on plans for a Labor Day weekend school reunion. Reserve that date on your calendar. Details will be announced at a later date.

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### In Loving memory of our, son, grandson, nephew and friend.



Vance came into our life on October 14, 1976 in Ulysses, eventually moving to Oakley. Mom, Maggie Taylor, Dad, Danny Urban, Grandparents John and Agnes Urban and Grandpa Louis. They started him in school at the Colby Grade School with him graduating from Colby High School in 1995. While growing up one of his favorite pastimes was taking care of his bucket calves. He wanted to know everything there was to know about raising a bucket calf. Dad was always there to lend that tidbit of information whether it was how to mix the powered calf milk to the ratio of Corn to silage when the calves were old enough to be in the corral with the others. Grandpa John shared with him the knowledge of how to build a fence around a pasture. Together they built many miles of fence sharing good times, including the candy that Grandpa shared with him. Various Aunts and Uncles shared their knowledge of how to fix that pickup that was not running properly to how to play chess, pool, or drive tractor to plant and harvest the feed for his bucket calves. While in high school he was a member of the FFA. After graduating from High School he went to work for a harvesting crew eventually for the work for ADM elevators in Oakley and Monument. As he told his dad one day, after he had been working for the elevator my dream is to own my own farm. But I am not ready, my job at the elevator will give me more knowledge that will help me fulfill that dream. Vance always had a special way with animals. He could help a kitten who had lost his mother learn to drink first from an eyedropper to eventually drinking from a saucer. He loved playing with is dogs, Josi, Gypsy, Cuddles and Lulu, just to name a few. One night he even taught Grandma Agnes’s dog Brutus how to play Ole Sol. Brutus would watch him play sometimes even placing his paw on the correct card to play that sometimes even allow them to beat ole sol. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, tinkering on his vehicles, hunting to putting jigsaw puzzles together. Even though we know he is in heaven with his son Samuel, he will be greatly missed by those of us he has left behind. We love you Vance, Mom, Dad, Grandpa John, Grandma Agnes, Grandpa Louis

## Community Calendar

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
State Music Fest, small ensembles and solos, Andover  
4-H Dog Show, 9 a.m., 4-H Building  
Demolition Derby, 7 p.m., Thomas County Speedway

**MONDAY, MAY 1**  
Music contest, Quinter, time to be announced

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**  
Music Booster Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., CHS workroom  
Dodgeball league, 7 p.m., Colby Community Building  
Family Night Story Time, 7 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Library

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**  
Grade school fitness day, Dennen Field, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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**OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

*All are from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

	<b>Tuesday, May 2nd</b> 1080 E. 9th & 1121 Summer Sun	
	<b>Thursday, May 4th</b> 725 Cherokee & 285 W. 7th	
	<b>Tuesday, May 9th</b> 530 S. Lincoln & 845 W. 8th	
	<b>Thursday, May 11th</b> 440 N. Riddle & 460 N. Riddle	
	<b>Tuesday, May 16th</b> 915 Brookside & 725 Cherokee	

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