

Family

Deaths

Arthur Merle Leak, Jr.

Arthur Merle Leak, Jr., died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita after several years of declining health. Mr. Leak was born near Mingo to Eva Carr Leak and Arthur Merle Leak, Sr. He attended Colby schools, graduating with the class of 1952. He served with the U.S. Army in

Alaska during the Korean conflict. Mr. Leak is survived by his children and one sibling, Virginia Hicks and her family of Salt Lake City, Utah.

His body was cremated. Inurnment will be at Beulah Cemetery.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Raymond A. Brungardt

Raymond A. Brungardt, 75, of Oakley, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at Logan County Manor in

Oakley. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Bermudagrass invasion can be headed off

MANHATTAN — In the sun, bermudagrass can and will crowd out tall fescue or Kentucky bluegrass. The result nearly always is an ugly lawn — with the bermuda also aggressively invading nearby flowerbeds, gardens and neighbors' yards.

"Once bermuda has invaded a cool-season lawn turf, about the only way you can control it is to kill everything and start over. Because bermuda is so pernicious, you need to get started in July or early August to be ready to replant the lawn during fall," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

In addition to its invasiveness, bermuda has a short growing season. It greens up later than fescue or bluegrass and goes dormant earlier in the fall. For two seasons, "mixed" lawns look splotchy.

The invader usually gains the upper hand during summer, Upham said. It's much more drought- and heat-tolerant than any cool-season turf.

"That's why bermuda's great

for ball diamonds and playgrounds. Its invasive characteristics help it recover quickly from damage. And, because it's a 'creeping' turf, you can mow it short," he said.

K-State researchers have had good results in killing an established bermudagrass plot with a 2 percent glyphosate solution (e.g., Round-up, Kleen-up Killzall, Kleeraway).

Following label directions, they applied the herbicide on July 15 and Aug. 15. More than a year later, the plot exhibited no regrowth.

"The idea is to spray when bermuda is growing well — watering it first, if necessary. Then spray again a month later," Upham said. "You can replant with fescue or bluegrass two weeks after that."

More information on managing tall fescue or Kentucky bluegrass — or even bermudagrass lawns — is available from county and district K-State Research and Extension offices, as well as on the Web (<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/hfrr/TURF/HOME.htm>).

Corn rootworm beetle emergence a concern

GARDEN CITY — Corn rootworm beetles are emerging, which makes this a good time to scout corn fields to predict the severity of infestations for next year, a Kansas State University scientist said.

Working now to determine the potential extent of the problem for next year's crop can be useful in choosing a rootworm management plan, said Phil Sloderbeck, state entomology leader, based in K-State Research and Extension's Southwest Area Office.

"If you are using a beetle spray program, now is the time that treatments will need to be applied to control next year's larval populations," Sloderbeck said. "If you are using crop rotation, soil insecticides, seed treatments or rootworm-resistant corns, then beetle counts are still important to determine what fields are most at risk for rootworm activity next year."

More information is available in the publication, "Corn Rootworm Management in Kansas Field Corn" available at: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/entml2/MF845.PDF>.

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Brewster plans 'Creation Celebration'



Betty Jo Baird

• Brewster Correspondent

Dotty Reid of Overland Park. Great-uncles are Royal Reid of Goodland and Warren Reid of Brewster.

Don't forget the Prairie Gem 4-H Club will be having their Style Show at the Senior Center this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Come on in and join the fun and support these young people before they head to the Thomas County Fair.

Albert and Doris Mae (Jones) Rowland will be celebrating their

65th wedding anniversary. Cards can be sent to 2623 W. 15th, Greeley Colo., 80631. Their phone is (970) 353-4859 if you would like to call.

The July Commodities will be here on July 20.

Nancy Hawkins is in town visiting for a few days. She lives in Tulsa, Okla.

Bonnie Reid brought in ice cream cake to celebrate Dawn Schultz's birthday. Fifteen were present to help her celebrate.

Darren, Sarah and Nolan Crumrine visited the Mason Crumrine family over the weekend.

The Brewster Community Church had Vacation Bible School on July 1-11. They studied the Ten Commandments. There were 19 children attending for the day.

Dearest child, Pay attention to the

words you speak today. Your words are the evidence of your heart, for the mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. As the fruit of a tree tells what kind of tree it is, your words will tell what kind of person you are inside. Whatever you have stored up in your secret self will be revealed by what you are saying to those around you. Your words have the power to crush or restore, to tear down or build up, to demoralize or encourage. When you are filled to overflowing with my Holy Spirit, your words cannot help but be a blessing to others. Jesus said, "The words I told you are spirit, and they give life." Dwell on his words so that the words which overflow from you may also be life-giving. Speak a blessing to someone today. Your Father, God. Matthew 12:33-35.

Recording artist to perform at Senior Center

By Emma Rogers
Senior Center

Merl Berg of Denver, Colo., will sing at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. Berg is a country and western gospel singer with many albums and hits. For several years he recorded a radio program called "Country Anointing" that played weekly in North Pole, Alaska. Berg has sung for the Fellowship of Cowboys for Christ at the National Stock Show in Denver and for thousands of people in nursing homes and retirement centers in many of our western states. Mark your calendars and come hear him sing here in Colby!

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week

Senior Center

of July 24-28, including muffins and coffee on Monday. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday is Popcorn Day. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and Mel Berg will sing at 11 a.m. Friday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and it's Denim Friday.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to

pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Anyone under 60 years of age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday - hamburger patty, tomato and onion slices, hash brown casserole, Mexicali corn, bun, rosy pears. Tuesday - ham and beans, coleslaw with carrots, cornbread, cantaloupe. Wednesday - turkey, saucy sweet potatoes, green beans, bread, fluffy fruit dessert. Thursday - chicken BLT salad, peaches, garlic bread, cookie. Friday - barbecue pork sandwich, potatoes Romanoff, winter mix veggies, bun, Jell-o with fruit.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information on lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center.

The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

Ugly plant galls can be difficult to control

MANHATTAN — Galls are abnormal growths formed from the tissue of woody plants. Much as warts or pimples erupt on human skin, galls appear on plant leaves or sometimes twigs. Galls tend to look "wrong" — ugly. They also can be unnerving if heavy galling causes premature leaf drop and infested-looking leaves litter the ground. Or, if galling makes woody twigs look

dead. Scientists know remarkably little about the growths, said Bob Bauernfeind, entomologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

What they have learned, however, suggests galls actually distress humans more than plants:

- Galls often seem to appear overnight, although the process takes several days to a week.

- Each gall-forming insect or mite species seeks out just one kind of host.

"The rule of thumb is, the adults are ready and waiting to deposit eggs at the exact time their host plant is vulnerable. Somehow they initiate the gall-forming reaction to protect those eggs," he said.

"To stop the precision timing, you'd have to kill the adults just before they got busy. That's near impossible."

- Galls can hold from one to many eggs and then the corresponding number of hatched and developing pests. The immature insects or mites feed on their gall, not the plant itself.

- Galls can be "hairy" or "naked." They differ in color. They can look like a blister, sac, nipple, or a rounded or irregular growth.

They appear in specific places, but that place also varies. Leaf galls, for example, can be on the top or bottom, branch veins, mid rib, tissue between veins and/or the leaf margin.

"Even if leaf galls cause some denuding, however, trees will immediately start producing a new flush of leaves — this time without galls," Bauernfeind said. "Wood galls can cause some twig dieback, but even under the heaviest load, affected trees and shrubs will continue to grow and produce."

Window contest announced

Entries are being taken for several activities at this year's Thomas County Free Fair.

The Thomas County Fair Board is sponsoring a window painting contest as part of this year's activities for the fair.

Registration forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. Range.

Windows will be judged Monday, July 31.

First prize will be \$150; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; fifth,

\$25. Registration forms must be turned in by Tuesday, July 25, and anyone is eligible to participate with any business, or any business on its own.

The windows must be cleaned by 5 p.m. Monday after fair week, and prizes won't be awarded until the windows are cleaned.

Windows must have advertisements of fair activities, such as the parade theme, 4-H events, fair entertainment and more.

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth St., 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Summer League Volleyball, Colby Community Building, 5 p.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

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