

Family

Deaths

Steven Leslie Shuler

Steven Leslie Shuler, 56, of Selden, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, in Denver, Colo. Mr. Shuler was born Feb. 23, 1950 to Fred and Josie Beal Shuler in Oberlin.

He attended grade and high school in Selden, graduating from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 1968. He served in the U.S. Army, spending three years in Germany before coming back to Selden.

He married Sherri Lotker March 7, 1968 in Selden.

He was a farmer and member of Selden United Methodist Church and Selden American Legion Post #321.

Mr. Shuler is survived by his companion, Ilene Seas of Wichita; former wife Sherri Lotker of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Samuel Shuler of Virginia Beach, Va. and Matthew Schroch and wife Desiree of Godfrey, Ill.; two daughters, Amy

Gavleiro and husband Sebastian of Germany and Deborah Shuler and Jeremy Shaw of Selden; a brother, Everett Shuler and wife Doreen of Oberlin, brother-in-law Charles Smith of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Ellen Kay Walker of Clay Center and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Roger Shuler and sisters Beth Ann Shuler and Eunice Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Selden United Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Kim officiating.

Burial will be at Rexford Cemetery in Rexford.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 8 a.m. until service time at the church Thursday.

Memorials are suggested to the Steven L. Shuler Memorial Fund.

Funk, Gatz have June nuptials

Rachel Cara Funk and Christopher Ryan Gatz were married Saturday, June 10, 2006.

Parents of the couple are Brad and Sharon Funk, and John and Juanita Gatz.

The Rev. Eugene Rothfuss performed the wedding ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Colby Wesleyan Church.

Robin Wilson was the maid of honor, and Katie Lang and Amy Dickman were bridesmaids.

Brandon Stupka, best man, and Brett Mariman and Tucker Olsen, groomsmen, attended the groom. Jeremy and Jonathan Funk, brothers of the bride, were candle lighters.

Olivia Brubacher, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Peggy Wicks played the piano for the prelude, processional, and recessional, as well as for "The Lord's Prayer," which was sung by Michelle Myers and Nikole Schroeder. Kathy Myers accompanied Michelle and Nikole for their duets. "We've Only Just Begun," and "From This Moment."

Ushers were Mitchell Gatz, brother of the groom, and Doug Campbell and Brian Campbell, cousins of the groom.

The bride wore a white satin gown with beaded lace and appliqué detail with a chapel train. Rachel's maid of honor and bridesmaids wore lavender halter dresses.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gatz

Olivia wore a white tea-length flower girl dress and carried a white satin flower basket filled with lavender rose petals. The groom wore a black pin-striped tuxedo and his attendants wore black pin-striped tuxes with lavender ties and vests. The candle lighters wore silver dress slacks, vest and tie, with white shirts.

The wedding reception was held at the Quality Inn in Colby.

After river rafting, mountain biking, and horseback riding in Breckenridge and Buena Vista, Colo., the couple is at home in Colby.

Chris is employed by Truck Town, and Rachel is employed by Prairie Senior Living Complex. Rachel plans to attend Colby Community College in the fall.

The bride and groom would like to thank their friends and family for their love and support.

Kansas wheat history to be celebrated

MANHATTAN — Wheat has been the most important crop in Kansas for over 100 years, and Kansas State University has played a major role in the development of new wheat varieties during that time, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

"Most producers in the state are very familiar with some of the most widely grown varieties released by the K-State wheat breeding program — Overley, Jagger, Karl, Newton, Larned, and many others," Shroyer said.

But there are some little-known facts that may surprise even the most experienced Kansas wheat producers, according to Shroyer:

- The first crop of wheat in Kansas was grown in Johnson County, near Fairway, in 1839.
- Although Kansas now raises 300 million bushels or more of

wheat almost every year, the harvest didn't even reach 1 million bushels until 1866.

• Spring wheat was the most common type of wheat grown in Kansas until the 1870's.

The wheat from these varieties matured so late in the season that the crop was routinely hurt by heat and diseases before it could be harvested.

• The first winter wheat grown in Kansas was not the hard red variety Turkey, but soft red winter wheat. The soft wheats were poorly adapted to conditions on the Plains, and were often devastated by winterkill and drought.

• Turkey was not introduced in Kansas until 1873, 34 years after wheat was first grown in the state. As late as 1889, 16 years after Turkey began to be grown in southcentral Kansas, a soft red winter wheat known as "Little May"

and several other names was designated by K-State as its standard variety for cropping practices.

• During the early years of wheat production in Kansas, hard wheats were heavily discounted by millers because of processing difficulties.

• Turkey was not hardy enough for much of Kansas. It was not until M.A. Carleton, a U.S. Department of Agriculture scientist and former K-State faculty member, brought Kharkof and Crimean to Kansas from Russia, that wheat production began to spread to western and northern Kansas.

• By 1919, more than 11 million acres of wheat were being grown in Kansas, and more than 82 percent of that acreage was planted to Kharkof and other Turkey-type wheats.

• The first improved variety released by K-State was Kanred (Turkey-type wheat), which was selected by K-State's first wheat breeder, Herbert Fuller Roberts, in 1917.

The most recent hard red winter wheat variety released by K-State this summer is named Fuller, in his honor.

A complete history of wheat variety development and production in Kansas will be one of several historical presentations made at the Centennial Celebration of K-State's Department of Agronomy in Manhattan Sept. 29-30.

The public is invited to the celebration.

Those who want to come should contact Dana Minihan at (785) 532-7258, or go online (www.agronomy.ksu.edu) to register. The deadline for registration is Sept. 15. There is a fee to play in the golf tournament on Friday and to

attend the banquet on Saturday evening. Otherwise, there is no charge to attend the Centennial events.

The Field Day on Saturday will be from 9 a.m. until noon at the North Farm, 2200 Kimball Ave., across from the Bill Snyder Family football stadium complex. A complimentary lunch will be provided at noon at the North Farm. In the afternoon, an Open House will be held in Throckmorton Plant Sciences Center, at the corner of Denison Ave. and Claflin Rd. Later in the afternoon, participants can tour the Rannells Flint Hills Prairie Preserve, 845 Deep Creek Rd., and hear a presentation on the history of range research at K-State.

More information on the Agronomy Centennial celebration is available by contacting Dana Minihan at (785) 532-7258 or prplpwr@ksu.edu or on the Web site www.agronomy.ksu.edu.

Babies

Joe Trevor Leija, Jr.

Joe and Dana Leija of Colby announce the birth of their son, Joe Trevor Leija, Jr. Joe was born June 22, 2006, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver, Colo. He weighed 4 pounds, 3 ounces and was 16 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Joe and Cathy

Broeckelman of Selden and Eleanor Leija of Dallas, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Gerald and Arvilla Juenemann of Selden, Emeline Broeckelman of Oakley, Basila Castorena of Dallas, Texas and Jesus Leija, Sr. of Brownfield, Texas.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

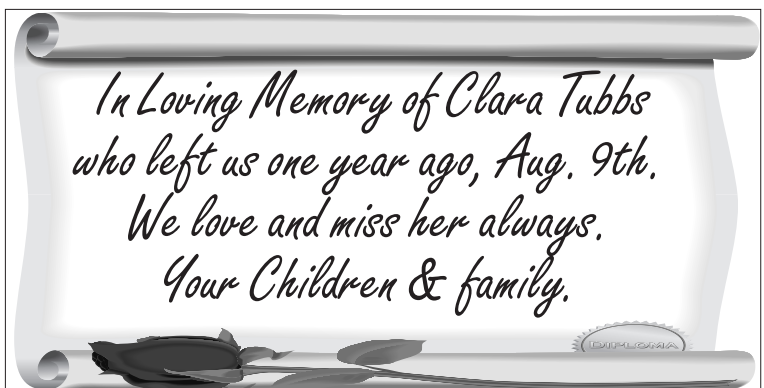
Enrollment for returning students at Colby High School, commons area, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

Welcome Kansas dialogue participants Enrollment for new students, Colby High School, commons area, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

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