

Family

Deaths

Merle Leak

There will be a memorial service for Merle Leak at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beulah Cemetery.

At that time his remains will be buried at the grave site of his par-

Daniel C. Steavenson

Daniel C. Steavenson, 68, of Colby, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at his daughter's home in Colby. Mr. Steavenson was born March 15, 1938 in Junction City.

He was a retired accountant.

Mr. Steavenson is survived by his wife, Kathleen A. Steavenson of Colby; two sons, Craig A. Steavenson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mark J. Steavenson of Mount Vernon, Wash.; three daughters, Shirley A. Steavenson of Santa Paula, Calif., Lisa J. Almer of Mayer, Ariz., and Kimberly R. Brier of Colby and six grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m.

ents, Arthur and Eva Leak. Immediately following friends are invited to gather at the Colby Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby with military honors.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club, in Colby.

Vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services, Inc. and Sacred Heart School. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or the funeral chapel.

Former Winona student earns honors

Jean Lowe

Winona Correspondent



a second place trophy in marketing and a fourth place trophy in economics.

Nathan Stramel, son of Ashley and Nancy Stramel, of Noel, Mo., spent a week in July with his grandparents, Monroe and Helen

Stramel.

Recent guests in the homes of Roger and Marge Ausmus, Beth Lamb, and John and Tonya Lamb were Glen Ausmus and Norma Straub of Denver, Evelyn (nee Ausmus) Dalby, Jim Dalby and a friend from Ocean Side, Calif. Glen Ausmus will soon be a resident of Winona. He is selling his home in Denver and moving into the Roger Ausmus duplex.

David Gfeller played golf with Ross Stover in a tournament Saturday in Colby. In the evening Milan

and Deanna Berry of Garden City joined David and Judy Gfeller and Ross and Tawny Stover for dinner at the Colby Country Club.

Mary Wright, Donnie Wright, and Kendall and Sharon Wright were among the guests at the wedding of Zachary Luedke and Crystal Herschberger in Colby Saturday.

Harley and Phyllis Herschberger had a special place of honor at the wedding of their granddaughter, Crystal Herschberger. Crystal is the daughter of Dale and Suzanne Herschberger of Colby.

The descendants of Everett and Etta Holsapple held a family reunion at the Comfort Inn in Colby over the weekend. Dorothy Moulden, Lynn Moulden and his house guests, Harold and Carolyn Herring, of Oklahoma attended from Winona. Approximately 48 came from Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Washington, Indiana, and Oklahoma.

Dorothy Moulden has moved to the Logan County Manor in Oakley. She would enjoy having her friends call on her.

Drought causing landscape woes

HUTCHINSON — Summer in the High Plains this year has kept homeowners scrambling to maintain their yards. Drought-prone conditions, combined with repeated heat waves, have been threatening lawns and other plants that are costly to replace.

"The sad part is, people have been going to extremes, when too little or too much irrigation can create problems," said Pam Paulsen, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Some homeowners have eased off on mowing by skipping irrigation of the lawn and by letting tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass go dormant. But now they may be wondering if the hay-colored turf is alive.

"Healthy lawns can stay dormant for a month or two and be okay, so long as you keep the plants' crowns hydrated," Paulsen said.

"Dormant turf only needs about a fourth-inch of water every two weeks."

"The crown is the grow zone — the part between the roots and

leaves when you pull up a turf plant. If it gets soft, papery and dry, the grass is dead. You might as well clean up the space, control weeds, get a soil test and improve the planting bed you'll be using to start a new lawn this fall."

Other homeowners have hardwood trees and even some shrubs dropping leaves months early.

"Young trees and shrubs may be dying of thirst. But, the established ornamentals may just be trying to conserve water," Paulsen said. If its twigs are flexible and the buds are green inside, the plant is alive. In fact, a near-native tree could very well remain alive until it re-leaves next spring.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

Welcome Kansas Dialogue Participants
Golden Buckle Square Dance Club, Colby Community Building, 8 p.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Welcome Kansas Dialogue Participants

MONDAY, AUG. 14

Colby Community College new student organization, Cultural Arts Center

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The family of Robert Joseph Gordon would like to express our heart felt appreciation for the many kindnesses shown to us at his passing.

We are especially thankful for the nurses and staff at Prairie Senior Living Center who so lovingly cared for him. Dr. Regier and Brian Unruh were wonderful to all of us as well. Pastor Schmidt at Trinity Lutheran walked with us every step of the way offering tremendous support.

We are so thankful for the gift Dad's life was to each of us. Thanks for helping us to say goodbye to him.

God bless you all.

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