

# Family

## Deaths

### Leon Francis Schmidtberger

Leon Francis Schmidtberger, 52, of Gardner, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at his home in Gardner.

Mr. Schmidtberger was born June 7, 1954, to Severin and Mary C. Schmidtberger in Plainville. He married Mary Ellen Harvey Feb. 17, 1973, in Atwood. They lived in Gardner the past 17 years.

He worked as a carpenter for Lee Schmidt Construction in Gardner for 15 years and was also a foreman for Reese Construction in Sandia. This company built bridges.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Gardner.

He coached boys basketball in Gardner and enjoyed sports, camping, golf, playing cards and horse-shoes.

Mr. Schmidtberger is survived by his wife, Mary; children Katina

Castro and husband Armando of Itasca, Texas, Jamie Schmidtberger (Kiley Weston) of Edgerton and Janie Schmidtberger of Gardner; mother Mary of Victoria; mother-in-law Rose Harvey of Huron, S.D.; siblings Sharon Jensen and husband Ed of Pocatello, Idaho, Joleen Francis and husband Richard of Centennial, Colo., Loren Schmidtberger and wife Donna of Colby and Vickey Wederski and husband Dave of Puduach, Texas; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 555 W. Main in Gardner. Bruce Funeral Home in Gardner was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Leon Schmidtberger Memorial Fund.



Scott Minium and Leanne Juenemann

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.



Stephanie Koel and Harry Stanford, Sr.

held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building following the wedding.

# Warning issued about lottery scam

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline today warned Kansans about a lottery scam preying upon families all across the state.

"My Consumer Protection Division has received complaints recently concerning a scam that seems to have found a new vigor in Kansas," Kline said.

"This scam is being advanced by sophisticated con artists, mostly working from Canada, who are us-

## 4-H club meets for July

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H club started their July meeting with recreation. On July 16 the club traveled to Goodland to swim at their city pool. After swimming for an hour and a half the club met in the nearby park and shared pictures as well as items that they were completing for the county fair. The Thomas County fair was scheduled for Aug. 1 through the 5.

The roll call for the meeting was "Who is your favorite athlete?" There were six members present, Benjamin and Melissa Baird, Rose Bear, Stephanie Eicher, Tim Knox and Wyatt Werth.

The First National Bank donated \$500 to each of the five 4-H clubs in Thomas County. It was announced that fair set-up would be July 27. Those attending are to bring a canned food item for Genesis. These food donations are to be the county's project for celebrating the 4-H Centennial. Fair cleanup will be on Aug. 7.

As tradition has it, the parents were assigned the program portion of the meeting.

Kathy Baird told about a vest she was knitting. She was almost finished with it and it was very colorful.

Sharon Knox demonstrated how to make a butterfly "cheese" wick.

The first step was to make a grilled cheese then she showed how to cut the sandwich and use a variety of vegetables to make it look like a butterfly. What a fun and healthy snack idea for children.

Ben, Melissa, Rose, Stephanie, Tim and Wyatt each showed some of their projects they were taking to the fair and shared pictures of larger projects, animals and livestock.

The club recited the 4-H pledge and dismissed for a potluck. The Bear and Eicher families provided the drinks. All who attended the July meeting had a wonderful time.

ing counterfeit checks and money orders to defraud Kansans and their banks out of their hard earned money."

The targets of these scams receive bogus "checks" appearing to be drawn on national banks along with a letter congratulating them for winning a lottery. They are urged to immediately cash the check and send money, by wire or money order, back to the lottery officials.

Victims of this lottery scam receive bad news from their banks a few days later. The checks or money orders are bogus, and any money sent to the con artists is money that is most likely lost for good.

"Though these offers are enticing, and in many cases accompanied by documents that look very official, they are, in fact, scams," explained Kline. "Do not be fooled

by watermarks, multicolor checks and the slick assurances of con artists calling to announce your winnings. Under Kansas law, the only lottery that can be played legally in the state is the Kansas Lottery."

Kline says there are several things to watch for when receiving notification of supposed winnings:

- You do not have to pay for something you have won. Any time someone asks you to wire or send money to cover taxes, handling charges or custom clearance fees, do not do it.

Instead, tell the representative to deduct it from your winnings. Sending money via wire service or overnight courier is a quick and easy way for scam artists to take your money and run.

- Do not give your credit card or bank account information to anyone that you do not know. By giv-

ing information such as your routing number to your checking account, you are inviting the individual to have full access to your account. This could result in the deduction of money, which may never be recovered.

- Be skeptical anytime you are asked to send monies out of the country, even if only to Canada or Mexico. Once your mail leaves the United States, there is little possibility any state or federal agency can take law enforcement action.

Kansas consumers who believe they may have been victimized by a lottery scam should contact Kline's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division at 1-800-432-2310.

## Couple to marry Sept. 9

Leanne Rose Juenemann of WaKeeney and Scott Alton Minium of Morland announce their engagement.

Parents are Steve and Sara Juenemann of Colby and Robert and Trela Minium of Morland.

Juenemann is a graduate of Colby High School and Colby Community College. She is a physical therapist assistant at Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney.

Minium is a graduate of Hill City High School and Colby Community College. He is currently employed at his family's farm near Morland.

A Sept. 9 wedding is planned at

## Engagement announced

Richard L. and Debra K. Koel of Colby and Charles and Barbara A. Welch of Alturas, Calif., announce the engagement of their children, Stephanie LeAnne Koel of Colby and Harry James Stanford, Sr. of Alturas, Calif.

The wedding will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Colby.

A reception and dance will be

## Babies

### Karolina Shevy Siebert

Troy and Audrey Siebert of Levant announce the birth of their daughter, Karolina Shevy, Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Karolina weighed 6 pounds, 1/2 ounce and was 19 inches long.

### Ryan Michael Prewo

Paul and Michelle Prewo of Johnson City announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael Prewo, Monday, July 10. Ryan weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Ed and Sharon Prewo of Grinnell, Joe and Pamela Ballinger of Norton and Larry and Deb Stoney of Herndon.

Ryan was welcomed home by sister Melissa Leiker.

Grandparents are Eileen and Kenton Siebert of Colby, Linda Mai of Great Bend and Barry Mai of Marion.

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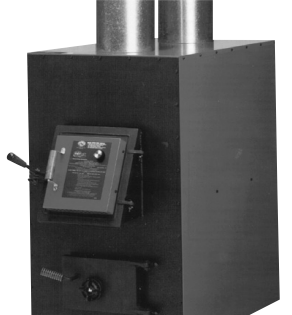
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