

# Family

## Deaths

### Freda L. Ketchum

Freda L. Ketchum, 87, of Rexford, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Mrs. Ketchum was born Dec. 17, 1918, in Studley to Leonard and Jesse Brown Senger.

She was raised in western Kansas and educated in Studley and Burlington, Wash.

She married Alonzo J. "Bud" Ketchum July 17, 1938, in Goodland. She was a homemaker and member of Rexford Community Church and the Rebekah's Lodge.

Mrs. Ketchum is survived by three sons, Herbert Ketchum and wife Marge of Home, Ill., David

Ketchum of Austin, Texas, and Lon Ketchum and wife Sharon of Rexford; one daughter, Kathy Grover and husband Gene of Colby; a sister, Vera Tripp and husband Ray of Springdale, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Rexford Community Church with Rev. Lane Purcell officiating. Burial will be at Rexford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday at Rexford Community Church.

Memorials are suggested to Rexford Community Church.

### Mary Margaret DeWerff

Mary Margaret DeWerff, 69, of Kinsley, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at Brewster Health Center in Topeka.

Mrs. DeWerff was a former Colby resident.

She was born Dec. 11, 1936, in Kinsley to John A. and Margaret

McKechnic Etling.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley with Father Don Pierce officiating.

McKillip Memorial Funeral Home in Kinsley is in charge of arrangements.

## Correction

A story which ran in the *Colby Free Press* Thursday, Aug. 31, incorrectly identified Denny Mackley as Logan County noxious weed and road and bridge department director.

Mackley is the noxious weed and prairie dog director. Also, as clarification, Mackley was directed to hire someone to assist him on a part-time basis or utilize someone from the road and bridge department as that part-time worker. And, no-fund

warrants can not be used to generate money for controlling prairie dogs, but state law does all them to be used for landowner delinquencies generated in the control process.

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The *Colby Free Press* wants to maintain an accurate record of our town.

Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

# Alumni gathers in Rexford

Classmates, friends, and families enjoyed reminiscing while attending the Golden Plains Alumni activities over the Labor Day weekend. Saturday events at the Rexford City Park included a carnival and live bluegrass music in the afternoon.

An evening meal of barbecue brisket prepared by Lad Truetken was served at 6 p.m. and a DJ provided the evening music for the street dance. Everyone had a good time.

Margie Leh is home after spending several days in Oklahoma with

## Babies

### Miranda Brown

Dewayne and Candi Brown of Oakley announce the birth of their daughter, Miranda Brown.

Miranda was born Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Miranda weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Bill and Carol Huffman of Oakley, Melba Jahn of Whitesboro, Texas and Bill and Cricket Howard of Whitesboro, Texas.

Miranda was welcomed home by siblings Stephanie, Kelly and Ashley.

## Markets

### Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$4.36
Corn	\$2.24
Milo	\$3.46



### Vicki Allison

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her family.

Sondra Barnett went to Great Bend for an Area Aglow board meeting. Since the meeting was late, she spent the night in Hays with a friend, Sandra Bainter.

Former resident, Lula Thieler, who now makes her home at the



Willard and Maxine Moore then, and now.

## Couple celebrates 65 years

Willard and Maxine Moore celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 3.

They were married in Oberlin Sept. 3, 1941. They have two children, five grandchildren and four

Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby, celebrated her 101st birthday Sept. 1.

A Happy Birthday to Patty Purcell who celebrates Thursday, Sept. 7.

Bingo resumes Saturday, Sept. 9th at 7 p.m. at the Red Barn. This game night is on the second Saturday of each month.

Available for sale at the Red Barn are the new cookbooks for \$14.95 and the new edition of the Rexford phone book for \$2.50.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.



### Leon Laurence Laurent

January 8, 1920 - August 25, 2006

Leon Laurence Laurent was born January 8, 1920 to Charles and Nellie Laurent at home near Colby, Kansas. He passed to a better world August 25, 2006 in the Logan County Hospital.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents Charlie in 1979, Nellie in 1987, two sisters Esther Ruth 1924 and Cleo Mastin 1996. A sister Treva Fite of Colby and a brother Jerold Laurent of Salina, KS survive him.

Leon never married but he took an interest in the activities of his 14 nieces and nephews. He was a farmer and helped his folks with the family farm northeast of Colby.

In 1941, he was called to serve his nation. He served in the Casablanca Campaign, Tunisian Campaign, and the Sicilian Campaign. He was wounded in August 1942 at Messina, Sicily. Leon earned his Purple Heart in 1944 and was discharged. He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6882 in Colby.

Upon healing from his wound he returned to helping with the farming, and enjoying hunting and fishing. In 1959 he bought a farm to the North of the folks and continued to help with the farming.

Leon was an avid sports fan of the local Eagles. Between 1954 and 1973 you would find him gathering up 15 nieces, nephews and friends to travel to the games and tournaments.

During this time he took Jerry Laurent under his wing and mentored him in woodworking, welding and farming. He later moved to the family home in Colby to help care for his parents. In 1997 he sold his farm. In 1999, because of health issues he took up residence at Lantern Park Manor in Colby. In 2002, he had a stroke and was confined to a wheelchair. January of 2004 he moved to Logan County Manor in Oakley where he resided till the present time.

His sister Treva and 2 nieces Carol and Corinia became his caregivers during his time in the manors.

The family would like to thank all of the medical staff that took care of his needs for the last 7 years. You are greatly appreciated. Leon will be missed but not forgotten.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Services of Thomas County and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, Colby.

Services were held Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at Harrison Chapel in Colby. Pastor Jeremy Gundling in Colby officiated. Pallbearers were Wayne Woerpel, Darrel Mastin, Achille Bourquin, Claude Woerpel, LaRene Wentz and Mike Moses. Pat Ziegelmeier was the organist and Monica Bugbee was the soloist. Final resting place was Beulah Cemetery, Colby, with Military graveside service.

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