

Family

Deaths

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. She was a retired secretary and a member of Episcopal Church of Kinsley.

Mrs. DeWerff is survived by two sons, Jo DeWerff of Topeka and Mike DeWerff of Olive Branch, Miss.; two sisters, Nancy Weidenheimer and Susan

Roebaugh of Kinsley and four grandchildren.

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.

Memorials are suggested to the Kinsley Library or the Scleroderam Foundation. Donations can be sent in care of McKillip Memorial Funeral Home, P.O. box 304, Kinsley, Kan., 67547.

Babies

Julianna Ruth Gardner

Troy and Annalynn Gardner of St. Francis announce the birth of their daughter, Julianna Ruth Gardner, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006. She was born at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Julianna weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Will

and Sandy Dietzel of California, Mo.; maternal great-grandparents are Viola Ruth Lutes and the late Donald Lutes of California, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Chet and Colleen Gardner of St. Francis; paternal great-grandparents are Ruth Reynolds and the late Franklin Reynolds of St. Francis.

Torianna Janae Hughes

Nori and Angie Hughes of Colorado Springs, Colo., announce the birth of their daughter, Torianna Janae Hughes. She was born Wednesday, July 19, 2006. Torianna weighed 5 pounds, 6

ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Shirley Malcolm of Colby.

Paternal grandparents are Tina Hughes and the late Tim Hughes of Colorado Springs.

Jorja Dell Schwanke

Tenille and Michael Schwanke of Wichita announce the birth of their daughter, Jorja Dell Schwanke, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006.

She was born at Wesley Birth Care Center. Jorja weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Jennifer Woofter and Charles and Debbie Schwanke, all of Colby.

Great-grandparents are Mary Ellen Horton of Atwood, Dale and Gladys Woofter of Hoxie, Nancy Nottingham of Colby and Louise Schwanke of Scott City.

Colby library storytime begins Tuesday, Sept. 12

Story Times at the Pioneer Memorial Library start up again for the fall Sept. 12-14. These are designed to enrich and expand the preschool child's interest in reading and learning activities. Each session is planned to give children an opportunity to hear a story, enjoy music and participate in completing a simple craft. Occasionally, there are special guest readers or presentations.

The schedule and offerings are as follows: Toddler Time (for children 18 months to 3 years) on Wednesdays, 10:15-10:35 a.m.; Preschool (for children 3-4-5 years) on Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 1:15-1:45


p.m.; or on Thursdays 10:15-10:45 a.m.; and Family Night (for the whole family) will be held on Tuesdays, 7-7:30 p.m.

Thursday sessions will be held in the Children's Room and all other session will meet in the library's meeting room.

Story times are free and open to the public. Registration is requested in order to help with program and space planning. Parents, grandparents and day care providers are encouraged to enroll their young child. Fliers and sign-up sheets are available at the library at 375 W. Fourth in Colby. Call the library at 460-4470 for more information.

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A BIG THANKS to one and all. To name everyone would take all the space in the paper. I have received many calls, cards, telephone calls, food and visitors. Thanks to the Drs., nurses and family for the wonderful care.

I know now why I chose Colby, KS to be my home in 1946. It is the best and the people make it that way.

I am home at 955 Mentlick Dr. and doing well. The door is open and I will be on the couch, or walking in the alley. My full time nurse will welcome you, Elsie.

Richard Cox

September features many activities

By Leilani Thomas

On the Road

It's September and the young people are back in school. September brings the beginning of many college and school sports and activities in addition to our community events. The featured event will be the Celebration on the High Plains Saturday. The day begins with the pancake breakfast and fly-in at the Colby Airport. Breakfast begins at 6:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. There will be static displays of many planes which you may see up close and have an opportunity to talk to many of the pilots. It is also a photo opportunity. Plane rides will be given and tandem parachute jumping are

also on the agenda. Airport activities are scheduled to end about 3 p.m.

The gates will then open at 5 p.m. at Prairie Museum of Art and History for an evening of music. No Parking is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the headliners Cross Canadian Ragweed are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. It looks like it will be a huge concert.

Chamber Tournament including golf and poker will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Colby Country Club. Golf will begin at 3 p.m. Additional information is included in this newsletter. David Phelps will be in concert Monday, Sept. 25 at the

Community Building in the evening. Watch for additional ticket information.

The major school activity of interest to most of the community is Homecoming which will be held in September this year. The jersey auction, bonfire and pep rally will be held Thursday, Sept. 14. Homecoming parade will be held on Franklin Street, downtown Colby, at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. The football game will be at 7 p.m. at Dennen Field with St. Francis as the opponent. The Homecoming Dance will be held in the high school commons Saturday evening from 8-11:30 p.m.

We will be announcing the members of the 2006-2007 Leadership Thomas Class about the third week of September. We are looking forward to this new class which will begin with an opening retreat in October.

The 2005-2006 class is holding their class project Sept. 6 at the Middle School. This program will be for all sixth graders in Thomas

County. Bullying, respect of others, health nutrition and exercise, stressors are just some of the topics to be covered. The class has been working on this project since last January and are about to see it completed.

Shannon Wells has been appointed to the Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors replacing Shelly Myers who found it necessary to resign. Roger Herren was elected secretary.

Travel counts are down at the Colby Visitor Center as well as the Goodland Visitor Center. Many are still traveling, but fewer than a year ago. It will be interesting to watch to see if this trend continues.

We will be putting together the Quarterly Calendar of Events for October, November and December. If you have events of interest to the community that you would like included, please give us a call at 460-7643. We will need the event, time, date and location. Our deadline is Sept. 13. They will be available by the first of October.

Colby, Hoxie residents on mission trip to Phillipines

A team of short-term missionaries will travel to the Phillipines to minister to about 80 pastors and their wives, along with area residents. They left Aug. 31 and will return Sept. 14. The team consists of Amber Rohm of Hoxie; Karen

Merryman, Becca Bargmann, Janelle Sowers all of Colby; Vicky Crayton of Morland, Rev. Dan Rohm, pastor of Living Word Fellowship of Hoxie; Lewis Crayton of Morland; and Everett Robert and Darren Howard, both of Colby.

Bridge Results

Bridge winners for the past three weeks at Colby Country Club have been announced.

Winers for Aug. 29 were: Katie Melvin, first; Lyle Worthy, second; Marge Roulier, third; Jean Snyder, fourth.

Winners for Aug. 22 were: Sarah Jane Barrett, first; Helen Donelan, second; Marge Roulier, third; and

Lyle Worthy, fourth.

Bridge winners for Aug. 15 were: Bobbie Heaton, first; Mary Kersenbrock, second; Helen Donelan, third; and Jean Snyder, fourth.

Bridge winners for Aug. 8 were: Sarah Jane Barrett, first; Marge Roulier, second; Mary Molstad, third; Margaret Denneler, fourth.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

Middle/grade school vision screening, 8:30 a.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Middle/grade school vision screening, 8:30 a.m.
Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Montana Mike's, noon
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

Colby fly-in, Colby Airport
Celebration on the High Plains, Prairie Museum of Art and History, 5 p.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 1-5 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth St., 8:30 p.m.

Make a Difference - Please Recycle 

Jay Donelan

Walter Jay Donelan, known to family, friends and customers as "Jay" was the third son of his Irish-American parents William and Eva Donelan. He was born October 6, 1923 in his home at 560 North Garfield in Colby, Kansas.

Jay attended Colby public schools and graduated from Colby High School in 1941. At the age of 19, he joined the U.S. Air Force during World War II and served with the 8th Air Force in Europe. He was an Armor Gunner on a B-17 and flew 35 missions before his honorable discharge in 1945.

After Jay's discharge, he attended watch repair school in Popular Bluff, Missouri. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Michael Donelan, first mayor and merchant of Colby, he owned and operated Donelan Jewelry in downtown Colby for 48 years.

On May 6, 1951 Jay married Marilyn Lyle Hunt from Alexander, Kansas. From this union two children were born including a daughter Kathleen Ann of Evergreen, Colorado and a son David Jay of Wichita, Kansas.

Jay's love and concern for Colby was apparent in his many and varied community activities and leadership roles. He served on the St. Thomas Hospital Advisory Board, Urban Renewal Committee, Colby Housing Board and Colby High School Alumni Association. He joined the Colby Lions Club in 1948. He was a member of the American Legion for 60 years and a charter member of the VFW. He was also a lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Jay was deeply committed to the operation of his jewelry store. It was his home away from home and the women who worked for him throughout the years were like family to him. They were genuinely interested in his welfare and supported him through every medical and family crisis. He commonly referred to his employees as "Jay's angels." Many store parties were held in the back room of the jewelry store on December 24. Everyone would drink a toast to the holiday season. Traditionally, Jay's staff had to drink their toast from their engraving mistakes, which consisted of baby cups, and a few revere bowls.

Jay retired from the jewelry store in 1995. Although it was difficult for him to leave the customers and friends he had served for 48 years, the transition was made much easier because of the fact that he knew his store was going to be in good hands. He was particularly pleased and proud to pass the ownership of Donelan Jewelry to two of his former employees, Bonnie Dinkel and Deanna Mallory.

With the jewelry store in good hands, Jay was free to enjoy the "dream of a lifetime," a trip to Ireland in 1996 with members of his family. He visited the homestead of his grandfather, Mike Donelan, as well as the small town pub in Kilkishan, owned and operated by his cousin, Patrick. Here, every Friday night, local residents gather to play Irish music, sing and dance and of course, enjoy a "taste of the Guinness." Everyone participates in the entertainment so, when the Donelans were invited to sing a song the only selection that came to mind was "Old McDonald Had a Farm." This old American classic proved to be an Irish audience pleaser when rendered complete with animal sounds by the entire Donelan Clan. Later, as we walked the streets of Dublin with Jay wearing his Irish hat, he was often mistaken for a local and asked to sign petitions!

Jay possessed a keen interest in sports particularly basketball and wrestling. He attended many high school and college games. Throughout the years, Jay presented 14 watches to the national wrestling champion attending Colby Community College. During the formative years of the college, he was frequently asked to provide transportation for the athletes or the cheerleaders to out-of-town athletic events. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Denver Broncos and KU basketball team.

As a 50th wedding anniversary gift from his wife, Jay had the opportunity to make another flight in a B-17. He flew in the Aluminium Overcast in Denver, Colorado. He considered this 30-minute flight his 36th mission. After his flight, he commented "no one tried to shoot me down this time."

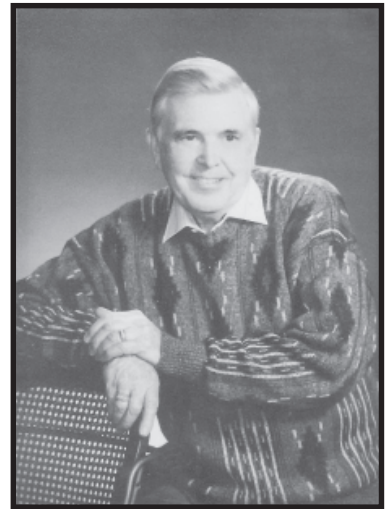
On May 13th, 2006 Jay received an Honorary Associate of Arts Degree from Colby Community College for the several years of support he had given to the college.

Jay and Marilyn enjoyed dancing and on special occasions he would perform the Irish Jig for friends and family. He possessed a marvelous sense of humor and particularly enjoyed entertaining his children and grandchildren with his Donald Duck impersonations.

Jay was a very kind and gentle man who loved his family, his community, his country and his God. He never wanted more than he had. His life exemplified his belief in a strong value system. He stressed education for his children and if he possessed any regrets in his lifetime it would be that he was not able to spend time away from his business during those formative years when his children were home. He was a typical Irishman and proud of his heritage. He reached out to people with genuine interest, care and concern. There is no question that Jay Donelan walked this earth with God and will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved him.


He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eva; his infant sister Mary Josephine, his sister Gertrude Kinsley; his brothers William Albert Donelan, Jr. and John Edward Donelan. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, his children Kathleen Ann Fedack and her husband John of Evergreen, Colorado; his son David Jay Donelan and his wife Cheryl of Wichita, Kansas; his grandchildren Kelsey, Kristi, and Kaley Donelan and Nick and Brett Fedack; his sister Joan Dark of Salina, Kansas and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund to benefit the Thomas County Historical Society or Colby Community College has been established by the family.



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