

# Family

## Deaths

### Arthur "Art" Seele

Arthur "Art" Seele, 80, of Monument, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

He was born May 27, 1925, in Russell Springs and was a lifelong area resident.

He was a farmer and member of Wallace Masonic Lodge No. 318, A.F. & A.M., VFW Post 6882, Elks and Colby United Methodist Church and Colby Chapter of Eastern Star #422.

Mr. Seele is survived by his wife, Darlene Seele of Monument; two daughters, Linda Sims of Belton, Mo. and Nancy Kuhlman of

Oakley; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor James Mardock officiating.

Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery.

There will be no visitation as there was cremation. Harrison Chapel of Colby is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to Colby United Methodist Church or the Masonic Foundation. Contributions may be left at any Colby bank or the funeral home.

# High Plains Lions hold guest night

Monday, Sept. 12 was guest night at the Lions regular meeting. The Prairie Rose meeting room was decorated in "Back to School" theme. Lion Hazel Estes had a display of school room items on display. The items were from yesterday school days ranging from the lunch pail to the pencil box. Lion Mary Hurtt decorated the tables with school supplies and Lion Sheryl Brenn decorated the head table with a number of stuffed Lion animals. Lion Virgil Jones had brochures on the table listing all the activities the club had supported in the past few years.

Following the flag salute and singing of "America," Lion Elmer Lawver gave the prayer. Lions with guests introduced them. Lion Jay Kelley introduced his guests, Ron and Diane Turvey, Lion Sheryl Brenn introduced her guest, Ed McCart, Lion Hazel Estes' guest was John Mead, Lion Mary Hurtt had her guest, Maria Platon. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Lion Frances Britton before breaking for a buffet dinner.

The program was presented by Lion Hurtt and Lion Lawver. Lion Hurtt showed a short video titled "Building A Better Tomorrow." The video showed how Lions clubs, large and small, are helping their communities around the world. Lion Lawver gave a brief history of Lions.

Melvin Jones is the man who

started Lions. He had a direct tie to northwest Kansas. His parents lived in Osborne. In 1917 while living in Chicago he started the world's largest service club. In 1920 the club went international with chapters first in Canada, then Mexico and Cuba. December 4, 1949, was the first Lions Club in Kansas in Wichita. In 1921, Arkansas City chartered a club and in the same year, Topeka chartered a club. Colby Lions was chartered in 1927. In 1951, Rexford chartered their club with 54 members, the largest chartered club in our 17N district. Gem Lions was chartered in 1955. In 1985 Colby chartered a Lioness club. Lion Melda Moore was a charter member and later became a Lion in High Plains Lions. High Plains Lions was chartered July 23, 1976. Lion Larry Koon was the charter president. Lion Koon, Lion Lawver and Lion Roger Hale are charter members in the original club. In closing, Lion Lawver announced that LCIF of Lions International granted \$200,000 on Sept. 6 to hurricane victims. Also three \$10,000 grants had already been given and there will be many more grants given in the next few weeks.

Awards were given out by the president. Lion Melda Moore and Lion Sheryl Brenn received 100 percent attendance certificates. Lion Koon and Lion Hurtt received certificates from Lions International president for sponsoring new members in the past year.

Lion Estes had an unscramble 20 words activity pertaining to old-time school days. Winners were Lions Larry and Sheryl Brenn and Lion Roger Hale.

The president announced that the school supplies decorating the tables would be donated to the local schools. She also announced Candy Day would be Sept. 25???? at Dennen Field before the Colby football game. Their will be a Zone meeting Sept. 23 at Atwood. Cards were signed for the D.J. Bugbee family and for Lion Melinda Morton who is recovering from recent surgery. The next regular Lions meeting will be Sept. 26.

# 4-H celebration draws crowd at State Fair

HUTCHINSON — The 4-H Centennial committee has been at work for more than two years, yet even they admit to being "overwhelmed" at the public response to Kansas' 4-H Centennial kickoff at the Kansas State Fair, said chairperson Steve Fisher.

Fair officials estimated a crowd of 1,500 to 2,000 youngsters, parents, volunteers and 4-H alumni attended the dedication of the 4-H Centennial Hall exhibit building Sept. 10. Many were readily identified because they had marched to the ceremonies, chanting "Head, heart, hands, health: forever 4-H!" Many also were wearing a centennial, 4-H club or project T-shirt. Multiple generations of some families participated.

4-H members and volunteers had already been recognized during the Kansas Quarter Launch Sept. 9 at the fair. Plus, state officials had invited Darin Richardson, a Sherman County 4-H member, to participate in the launch by leading the audience in singing the state song,

"Home on the Range."

Dickinson County 4-H member, Jamie Smidt, represented Kansas 4-H on Radio Kansas' broadcast of the "Prairie Home Companion" from the arena Saturday night. When host Garrison Keillor urged Smidt to lead the audience in the 4-H pledge, a capacity crowd chimed in for the national broadcast to an estimated 4 million listeners on National Public Radio.

And all of this activity was in addition to the many 4-H members from across the state who had qualified at their county fair to exhibit or compete in Hutchinson in everything from photography to rabbits.

The 4-H Centennial celebration will continue throughout the year and into the next before concluding at the 2006 Kansas State Fair. More information on 4-H and its 100th birthday is available at county or district Kansas State University Research and Extension offices and on the 4-H Web site: www.kansas4h.org.

## Card shower

Evelyn Johnson of Colby will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday. She is a lifelong Thomas County resident.

Friends and relatives of are invited to celebrate her birthday by sending cards to her at 1170 West 3rd, Colby, Kan. 67701.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	Hi-Plains Co-op
Wheat	\$3.38
Corn	\$1.84
Milo	\$2.82
Soybeans	No bid

## Happenings

### Expo on aging to be offered

K-State Research and Extension offices in Northwest Kansas, along with the Area Agency on Aging and local Farm Bureau units will be sponsoring "Full Circle...An Aging Expo" on Thursday, Oct. 27 at Colby United Methodist Church and on Friday, Oct. 28 at the Huck Boyd Foundation in Phillipsburg.

Registrations are due Friday, Oct. 14 to attend either location. For a registration application, contact Thomas County, (785) 460-4582 or Phillips/Rooks Extension District in Phillipsburg at (785) 543-6845.

## Eldon Benjamin Van Campen November 18, 1913 - September 13, 2005

Eldon Benjamin Van Campen, 91, of Colby, Kansas, died on September 13, 2005, in Colby, KS at Citizens Medical Center. He was born November 18, 1913, on a farm near Clifton, Kansas, the son of Walter Ellsworth and Winona Alice (Blue) Van Campen.

The family moved to Colby in 1918 where Eldon attended public schools. He graduated from Colby High School in 1933. Eldon had an avid interest in cars and all things mechanical, receiving an early vocational education working at the Sinclair gas station in Colby. Most of his active working years were spent as an auto mechanic and car salesman. Following retirement due to failing eyesight, he continued to remain active with his woodworking hobby and provided many handcrafted items for local children and charities.

On February 8, 1941, in Junction City, KS, he married Tryphena Pearl Davis of Madison, KS. Phena died June 7, 1966, in Colby, KS after several years of illness. Eldon later married Mary (Roberts) Pratt on December 27, 1969, in Colby, KS. Mary died August 7, 2002, in Colby, KS.

During W.W.11, he served with the 1905th Aviation Engineer Battalion for 3 years in the China, Burma & India Theater, as a heavy equipment operator, aiding in the construction of the Burma Road. He was past Commander of VFW Post 6882 of Colby. Eldon was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, and the Colby United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives, and three sisters: his twin, Maxie M. Schreff, Mamie F. Van Campen, and Esther M. Brown.

Survivors include his daughter, LTC(Ret) Vicki A. Woldt of Apache Junction, AZ, his son, Michael J., and wife, Connie Van Campen of Turon, KS, a stepdaughter, Mary L. Pratt of Houston, TX, a stepson, William Pratt of Clifton, VA, six grandchildren; Michael and Eve Woldt, Brian Van Campen, and Lisa (Van Campen) Young, E. J. Pratt and Michelle (Pratt) Beeman, and four great grandchildren.

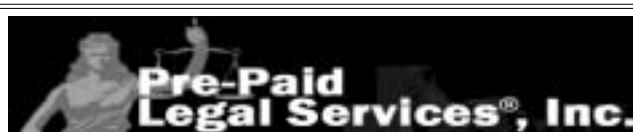
The funeral service was held on September 17, 2005, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, KS, with Jerry W. Young of Grand Junction, CO conducting the service. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery, following a military service, in Colby. Pallbearers were: Leslie Brown of Penrose, CO, Richard Callihan of Colby, KS, Dan Jennings of Colby, KS, John Schreff of Mesa, AZ, Tom Schreff of Omaha, NE, and Brian Van Campen of Pratt, KS. Honorary Pallbearers were: Thurman Cox, Dale Deaver, Doug Finley, Philip Finley, Dale Hawk, Leland Kindler, Don Thieler, and Michael Woldt.

A memorial of the Van Campen Nursing Scholarship Fund was established at Colby Community College.



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