

Family

Deaths

Victor W. Rasmussen

Victor W. Rasmussen, 73, of Colby, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Mr. Rasmussen was born April 10, 1933, in Colby.

He married Velma H. Rasmussen Aug. 3, 1952. He was a retired owner and machinist at Elmer's Machine Shop in Colby.

Mr. Rasmussen is survived by his wife, Velma H. Rasmussen of Colby; three sons, Gordon L. Rasmussen and Terry W. Rasmussen of Colby and Lyle R. Rasmussen of Osage Beach; one daughter, Cindy D. Warner of Great

Bend; one sister, Alice Ackerman of Park; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby with Rev. John L. Schmidt of Colby officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby prior to the funeral services.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Memorials are suggested to the Orphan Grain Train, and donations may be sent in care of the funeral chapel.

Lala Estelle Brown

Lala Estelle Brown, 92, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Life Quality Homes in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Brown was born Oct. 9, 1913, in Menlo to Edwin and Stella Mae Rutherford Patterson. She married Oris Mahanna in 1933. He died Jan. 12, 1952. She later married Norman Brown in Oct., 1953.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her

husband Norman Brown of Colorado Springs; one daughter, Sue Washburn of Colorado Springs; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Menlo Cemetery with Rev. Carol Rahn officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie.

Babies

Ryan Edward Sramek

Aaron and Lacy Sramek of Atwood announce the birth of their son, Ryan Edward Sramek, Monday, Sept. 25, 2006.

He was born at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Ryan weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Lucille Sramek of Atwood, Leonard Vyzourek of McDonald, Ivan and Mary Sramek of Atwood, Mary and Gene Leitner of Atwood and Lee and Pam Vyzourek of Atwood.

Ryan was welcomed home by siblings Tori, Cole and Sadie.

Art club learns about French artist

High Plains Art Club gathered at South Wind Plaza at 10 a.m. for their Sept. 12 meeting. During the morning session the members worked on individual art projects and visited.

During the noon hour they went to lunch together at Taco Johns and then took a driving tour of Colby to view the flowers in various yards and toured the flowerbeds at the Experiment Station. Before returning for their afternoon session they took a side trip to the Extension office to see the 4-H photographs on display there.

Marj Brown, hostess and program chairman for the day, gave a talk about 20th century artist Henri Matisse and showed pictures of his paintings.

She reported that Matisse was born in Le Cateau-Cambresis, France on Dec. 31, 1869. He became a lawyer and worked at this profession in his birthplace for several years before coming down with an attack of appendicitis. While convalescing he took up painting and discovered that this was something he wanted to devote his life to.

After recovering, he traveled to Paris where he studied art at the Academie Julian where he was a student of William-Adolphe Burguereau and Gustave Mareau. Matisse was always fascinated by color and the work of such impressionists as Cezanne, Gauguin, VanGogh, and Signac; therefore,

color became an important element of his work. He was also impressed by Japanese art.

In 1898 Matisse married Amelie Parayre from Toulouse, France. They were happily married and had two sons.

Matisse's first exhibition was in 1901 and his first solo exhibition in 1904. His colors became even more prominent after 1905 when he spent some time on the French Riviera working with Andre Derain. His paintings of that period contained flat shapes, very controlled lines and were very expressionistic.

He later became known as the leader of the Fauves (Wild Beasts). This was a group of artists including Derain, Raoul Dufy and Maurice Vlaminck. Their popularity began to decline by 1906, but this did not affect Matisse due to the fact that he had already moved on to a new style. Some of his most important works were created between 1906 and 1917 when he was a part of the gathering of great artists in Montparnasse. He also became a friend as well as a rival to Picasso, to whom he is often compared.

Matisse was diagnosed with cancer in 1941, and, after his surgery, used a wheelchair. Matisse did not allow this to keep him from his work. With the help of his assistant, he began to create large cut paper collages called gouaches decoupees. These demonstrated his ability to bring his eye for color and geometry to a new medium of utter simplicity, but with playful and delightful power. He died in 1954.

Today, a Matisse painting can fetch as much as \$17 million. In 2002, a Matisse sculpture, "Reclining Nude I (Dawn)," sold for \$9.2 million, a record for a sculpture by the artist.

After the program, Vice President Margaret Denneler, in the absence of President Marlene Carpenter, conducted a short business meeting. Brown served refreshments during the afternoon.

The drawing for Christmas paintings was discussed and names were put in a hat for this, but they decided to have the drawing next time since several members were not there. It was announced that the Christmas luncheon would be in Oberlin at the Teller room this December with Ruthie Hughes as chairman.

As requested, the club members will take turns displaying one of their small paintings at Dr. Regier's area of the Colby Clinic. Rosie VanDyke is the first to display. Next month will be Fritz Ostmeyer.

Several art shows and workshops were announced. Some of the members attended a workshop in Stockton with instructor, Robert Carver on Sept. 20, 21, and 22.

Carpenter will have her paintings on display at the new "Goodland Grind and Gallery" in Goodland during the month of October. Colby art club members will display their work there in November.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Methodist Church, with Rosie VanDyke as hostess and program chairman.

Brandon Lee Wade



Brandon Lee Wade was born May 23, 1987 in Lakin, Kansas, to Alan and Rita Wade. He came home from the hospital to his adoring older sister Stephanie. Brandon died on September 21, 2006 at his home in Colby, Kansas.

Brandon attended Pied Piper Preschool, before attending Colby Grade School. He also attended Cheylin Junior High before returning to Colby Middle School for his eighth grade year. During his middle school and high school years, Brandon played football, basketball, wrestled, and joined the track team.

He graduated from Colby High School on May 14, 2006, at which point he elected to work a year before attending college to determine what course of study he wanted to pursue.

He was a salesman at Orscheln's Farm and Home Center where he was looking forward to managing the new tire shop. Brandon loved working on and restoring cars and welding as well as spending time with his friends and family. His favorite sport was drag racing his 1967 Ford Galaxie at the Atwood Early Rod Run and the Fall Drags.

Brandon was baptized at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood on June 27, 1987. His godparents were Jan and Jim Poore, Jean Schlessener and Wayne Runge. Brandon was later confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, Kansas, on May 25, 2003.

Brandon was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Bill and Jeanne Wade and his maternal grandfather, Leonard Runge.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Alan and Rita Wade; sister, Stephanie of Emporia; maternal grandmother, Hazel Runge, Colby; aunts and uncles: Jean Schlessener, Emporia; Jan and Jim Poore, McDonald; Wayne and LeAnn Runge, Aurora, Colo.; Larry and Jeanie Wade, Alva, Okla.; Gary and Kay Wade, Hoxie; Alvis and Deb Wade, Hoxie; and Patty Collins, Garden City. He will also be mourned by numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Markets

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The Wedding Bells are going to be ringing on Saturday, October 7th for a very "Someplace Special" family member.

In order for us all to be in attendance at the festivities, we will need to **CLOSE AT 2:00 ON THIS DAY.**

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Congrats Ashley & Brandon!

Someplace Special Floral & Gifts

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

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, OCT. 6

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

Wings Upon the Praire drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 1-5 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth St., 8:30 p.m.

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