

Family

Deaths

Abigail Joy Shepherd

Abigail Joy Shepherd, infant, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital in Denver, Colo.
Abigail was born Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, to Andrea Eggart and Brandon Shepard of Goodland.
Abigail is survived by her parents, Andrea Eggart and Brandon Shepard and siblings Chase, Darick and Michael.
She was preceded in death by in-

fant sister Brittany, Dec. 30, 1999.
Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Beulah Cemetery with Pastor Jerry Vincent officiating.
There will be no visitation.
Memorials are suggested in Abigail's name.
Donations may be sent in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.



Delores and Gerald Dellere, on their wedding day and now

Couple celebrates 50 years

The children and grandchildren of Gerald and Delores Dellere of Selden would like to honor their parents with a card shower for their 50th wedding anniversary.
Gerald James Dellere and

Delores Anna Wessel were married Nov. 27, 1956, at Saint Martin's Catholic Church in Seguin.
Cards can be sent to Gerald and Delores Dellere, HC 1 Box 68, Selden, Kan., 67757.

4-H club installs officers

Installation of officers for the Colby Comets 4-H club was held Oct. 16, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Kaylee Keck. The new president is Kaylee Keck; Vice president Ariel Severson; Secretary Katera Harter; Treasurer Rachel Juemann; Reporter Andrea Dizmang; Historian Kalyin Clark; Co Parliamentarian

Aaron Dismang and Joseph Hutfles; Song Leaders Emilea Finley and Julia Huffles, Recreation Leaders Travis Finley, Samantha Lindberg, Evan Olson, Gus Hutfles; Council Representatives Matt Lindberg, Jeremy Harter and alternative Kaylee Keck.

The Treasurers report was given by Rachel Jueman, the council rep. meeting report was given by Matt Lindberg and the club leader report was given by Teri Keck. The project leaders report was also given. There was no old business. The new business was the Genesis donation. It was motioned and seconded to give an amount of \$50. The meeting was ended by Kaylee Keck.

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

Santa City open in Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.
Wings on the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

Santa City open in Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous candlelight meeting, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

After School Program, Colby Community Building, 3:30 p.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

Nov. 24th - 30th

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Saturday 4:00 & 7:00 & 9:00
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Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00

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Art club learns more about Iraqi artist

By Marj Brown
Club Secretary-Reporter

The members of the High Plains Art Club met Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the home of Rosie Van Dyke, hostess and program chairman for the month. After serving dessert, Van Dyke presented a program about Ala Bashir, who she said, "Is the most outstanding artist that Iraq has ever produced. Bashir was chief physician to Saddam Hussein and senior surgeon at Baghdad's Ibn Sina Hospital during the rule of Saddam."

According to an article by Maureen Bloomfield, in "The Artist's Magazine" for the month of October, Hussein considered Bashir to be his confidant and collected and displayed Bashir's paintings in Moscow, Vienna, Paris, and in New York at the United Nations Headquarters, obviously not recognizing that the paintings depicted the horrors of his reign.

According to author Bloomfield, Bashir, who had pioneered techniques to lesson the scarring of se-

vere burns and to reattach severed hands, was so opposed to what was happening during Hussein's control of Iraq that he would go home from the hospital and paint the horrible scenes that remained in his mind from what he had seen at the hospital during the day.

Bloomfield wrote that Bashir's work is surrealistic and sometimes shocking to view. In her article Bloomfield says that his paintings remind the viewer of the works of Giorgio de Chirico, Salvador Dali or Kay Sage, but when she asked Bashir if those artists influenced his work, he replied, "The surrealists were dreaming dreams. I am painting what I saw; I am painting the suffering of the women and children and men who could not be saved."

According to Bloomfield's article, before the Americans invaded Iraq, Bashir fled to Norway. Later he wrote the book, "The Insider: Inside Saddam's Brutal Regime," with the assistance of Lars Sigurd Sunnana, a journalist.

The article states that "Bashir's

paintings are now on display at a gallery in New Haven called the Corvus Art Center."

Bashir is hailed as the "Picasso of the Far East." Bloomfield writes, "When Picasso painted Guernica, it was in response to a massacre that took place on April 27, 1937, when Franco's forces bombed the civilian population of a small Basque village in northern Spain. Though its impetus was a single historical event, Guernica's cry of suffering has been interpreted as a universal protest against war." The turbulent history of Iraq makes it less likely that it will conjure a single episode of carnage in a painting because there have been so many episodes. Bloomfield says, "For the people of the Near and Middle East, history is a cycle, and suffering is not episodic but eternal. Bashir's work avoids reference to specific places or events; nonetheless, like Guernica, his paintings speak to the pandemic horrors of war."

Bashir was born in Poland in 1939 and graduated from the Institute of Fine Art in Baghdad. Sam-

ples of Ali Bashir's works can be seen at www.artistsnetwork.com.

After the program, a business meeting was held with President Marlene Carpenter presiding. Plans for the June Art Jubilee project were discussed and a committee was appointed. They are Marj Brown, Fritz Ostemeyer, and Carpenter.

Carpenter reported that Ilene Ptacek, of the Heartland Counseling, had asked the club to paint a mural on the wall in the children's workroom at their office. The art club members voted to accept the project. The committee to design the mural included: Jo Bricker, Lee Fleckenstein, Ruth Hughes and Carpenter.

Hughes announced a table is reserved at the Teller Room in Oberlin for the club's Christmas luncheon Dec. 12. Kern discussed plans for the upcoming art show of Lillie Plummer's paintings, to be held at the museum, possibly in March.

Plans were made for the members to take their art to the Goodland Grind and Gallery for the club's show there during November.

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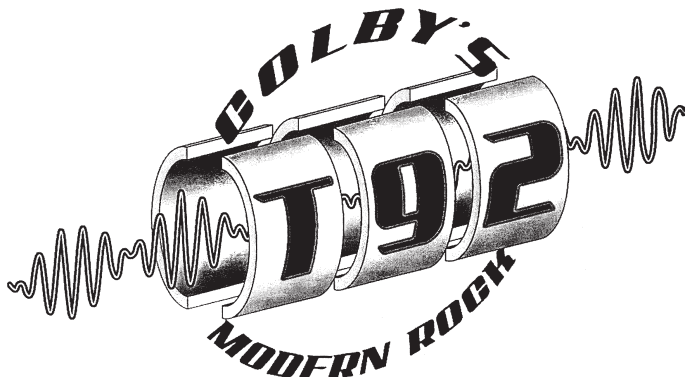


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