

# Family

## Deaths

### Mark John Krannawitter

Mark John Krannawitter, 49, of Olathe died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at his home. Mr. Krannawitter was born Dec. 15, 1956, in Hoxie to Ed and Stella (Bixenman) Krannawitter. He married Deanna Wancura June 15, 1989, at Colby. They lived in Hays and Topeka prior to moving to Olathe. He was a programmer analyst. Mr. Krannawitter is survived by his wife, Deanna Krannawitter of Olathe; mother Stella Krannawitter of Hoxie; two daughters, Sarah Cox and Jessica Cox of Olathe; three

brothers, Terry Krannawitter of Hays, Keith Krannawitter of Olathe and Bill Krannawitter of Enid, Okla.; four sisters, Karen Kraft of Salina, Jane McBride of Paloa, LaDonna Bell of Helena, Mont., and Kathy Vaughn of Colby, and two grandchildren. Services were Tuesday, Nov. 21 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Hoxie with Father B. Thomas officiating. Burial was at St. Frances Catholic Cemetery near Hoxie. Memorials are suggested in his name and may be sent in care of the funeral home.

# Rexford Lions holding soup dinner



**Vicki Allison**

● Rexford Correspondent

The Rexford Lion's Club will be holding a Soup Day (vegetable and chili) on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Hall, Main Street. Proceeds to be used for youth projects, HOBY and State Lions Band. A Christmas party for children, infants through third grade, will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall also Saturday, Dec. 2. First place winners of the November pinochle tournament at the American Legion were Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier of Gem. Shirley Emigh and Jeanie Spresser were the second place winners. There were six tables of participants at the event. The high school gym is available for walkers until 1 p.m. while school is in session. Red Barn events: Barnswallows meet each Monday at 2 p.m. and the

Come On Down get together is every Thursday at 2 p.m. If you like pinochle or want to learn, you are invited to join in anytime. Those at Barnswallows were Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Chuck and Pat Williams, Lawrence Horinek, Maryann and Lawrence Juenemann and Rex and Betty Carswell. Attending Koffee Klatch on Friday were Berneda Zoberst, Delores Dible, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins and Eunice Sanford. Available for purchase at the Red Barn is the new Rexford Cookbook

for \$14.95. If you would like a copy mailed, add \$5 for postage and handling. A copy of the new edition of the Rexford phone book can also be purchased for \$2.50. If you would like to contact me I can be reached at vallinson56@yahoo.com and at (785) 687-2525. Until next time, make your week a memorable one!



Please Recycle

## Kansas forests making slow recovery

MANHATTAN — Bob Atchison gets teased about his job title: rural forestry coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service. For many people, the words "forest" and "Kansas" just don't go together. Kansas' forests aren't even close to being as far-reaching as the woodlands in other states, Atchison said. But, they are adding up to a respectable total. "We're likely to be planting more, too, given the rising strength of the world timber markets and

what we're learning about the importance of tree cover beside streams and rivers," he said. "Trees conserve the bank soil beside any running water that sometimes floods. Even more important, however, trees filter out water pollutants picked up by rain runoff from both urban and rural areas." In explorer days, the eastern third of Kansas had great forests, Atchison said. Some remain in the southeast corner, which contains some of the oldest U.S. trees east of

the Pacific Coast states. But, Kansas pioneers removed great swaths to produce building materials and farmland. So, Kansas' current 2.1 million acres of forest actually represent a recovery, he said. It's 70 percent larger than the area measured in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's first Kansas forest inventory in 1936 — back when Kansas were just realizing trees' importance in controlling wind's soil-eroding properties. Atchison admitted USDA's definition for "forest" doesn't match popular meanings. Officially, a forest is land at least 120 feet wide and a minimum of one acre in size, with at least 10 percent tree cover. "To a conservationist or a sawmill owner, that's an important amount — a vital resource," he said with a smile. "But for most Kansans, that's treasuring the wind-break when you're surrounded by farm."

## Too late to prune plants

MANHATTAN — Autumn's leaf drop can bring a startling difference to landscaping - much like the one photographers see when they print a color photo in black and white. Structure takes on a new importance. Any flaws in composition seem to stick out like an aching thumb. "That's when we start getting phone calls from gardeners wanting to know if they're too late to prune ornaments," said Ward Upham, Kansas State University Research and Extension horticulturist. Upham's general answer is always the same: Yes, for best plant

health, gardeners are too late for major pruning. "Nonetheless, any time is the right time to remove dead wood," he said. "In fact, if you've got a damaged or dead limb on a mature tree, I'd recommend that you get rid of it now. You won't want to risk its coming down in a much less controlled manner during a winter ice storm." In contrast, few times are right for pruning needleleaf evergreens, such as firs, pines and junipers, Upham said. Lightly shaping them or removing a problem limb in spring is okay.

Unfortunatly, it's easy for Kansans to overlook how much trees are contributing to the well-being of everyone in the state. Most forest owners don't even manage their woodlands. To me, that's what's strange — not my being a forester in Kansas."

## Community Calendar

- TUESDAY, NOV. 28**  
 After School Program, Colby Community Building, 3:30 p.m.  
 Holiday Make and Take by Thomas County Extension, Thomas County Office Complex, 5:30 p.m.  
 Family Night Story Time, Pioneer Memorial Library, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29**  
 UGLY Day at Colby Middle School  
 Genesis Thomas County pick-up, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.  
 Site Council meeting, Colby High School workroom, 5:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, NOV. 30**  
 After School Program, Colby Community Building, 3:30 p.m.  
 Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth, 8:30 p.m.

## Markets

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

Wheat	\$4.73
Corn	\$3.70
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Soybeans	\$5.99

## Eagle Scout court of honor set Sunday

An Eagle Scout court of honor for Kyle Molstad will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church, 1170 Wheat Ridge Road. Molstad will be granted the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

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 Sunday 4:00 & 7:00  
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