

Family

Deaths

Ruth M. Fortier

Ruth M. Fortier, 86, of Colby, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Mrs. Fortier was born June 20, 1920, to Oscar "Pete" and Margarite (Sible) Mollerstrom in Colby.

She graduated from Colby High School in 1939.

On June 19, 1946, she married Earl Fortier at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. They lived in Clyde for many years. They later separated and she moved back to Colby.

She was a beautician and homemaker. She was also a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters of America

in Clyde. Mrs. Fortier is survived by a daughter, Caroline Dabbs and husband Henry of Richmond, Va.; one sister, Evelyn Johnson of Colby; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1982; her parents and one brother, William Mollerstrom.

There will be no visitation or service, as there was cremation.

Donations are suggested to Hospice Services in Oakley, and may be sent in care of Harrison Chapel, P.O. Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Harrison Chapel of Colby was in charge of arrangements.

Babies

Alexa Nicole Davis

Jason Davis and Stephanie Albers of Colby announce the birth of their daughter Alexa Nicole Davis, Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006. Alexa was born at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Alexa weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Richard and Patty Summers of Colby; Tammy Parr of Granbury, Texas and Jimmy Davis of Little Rock, Ark.

Great-grandparents are Alfred and Anna Albers of Selden. Great-great-grandparent is Lee Parr of Little Rock, Ark.

Karli Paige Hills

Tyler and Kristina Hills of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Karli Paige Hills, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Karli weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Craig and Anita Hills of Colby and Mike and Connie Cooper of Atwood.

Trees available from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free trees will be given to each person from Kansas who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small places," said John Rosenow, foundation president. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for song birds."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send \$10 to Ten Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, or go online to arborday.org. The deadline for the trees is Jan. 31.

Conference to focus on rural Kansas well-being

MANHATTAN - A conference to address agricultural topics that impact both Kansas agricultural producers and rural communities is scheduled for Feb. 16-17 at the K-State Alumni Center on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Sponsors of the "Well Being of Rural Kansas: Healthy People, Healthy Environment, and Healthy Economies" conference are the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC) at K-State and the Kansas Rural Center.

The event will focus on such topics as U.S. farm policy to promote rural well being, social justice issues, alternative energy sources, local food systems, grass-fed beef production, recent immigrants in rural Kansas, environmental issues, and the spiritual and ethical dimensions of food production and consumption.

"This conference is for anyone who is interested in sustaining family farms and the communities in which they live. That includes everyone from citizens and agricultural producers to school and government officials," said KCSAAC director Jana Beckman.

Details and registration information for the conference are available on the Web at <http://www.dce.ksu.edu/sustainableag/> or by calling K-State's Division of Continuing Education at 785-532-5575.

For those who plan to attend only one day of the two-day conference, the early registration fee is \$40, due by Feb. 9. The fee after that date and at the door is \$50.

For those planning to attend both days, the fee is \$80 by Feb. 9 and \$100 after that date.

The fee covers conference materials, refreshments, and a lunch that features locally grown foods.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

Knights of Columbus free throw contest, Colby Grade School gym, 1 p.m. Sunday morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth St., 9:30 a.m. Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-6 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous candlelight meeting, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

Markets

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Center holding board elections next week

By Emma Rogers

Senior Center

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An election of board members will be held after lunch Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park.

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of Jan. 8-12, including Blue Monday. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m., and don't forget the board member election. Bingo is at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Exercise is at 9:30

a.m. Thursday. Friday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and it's also Denim and Orange Day.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those

unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Anyone under 60 years of age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday - hamburger mushroom Stroganoff over noodles, peas and carrots, Mandarin oranges,

cook's choice complement. Tuesday - ham, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, bread, peaches. Wednesday - lemon baked fish, Spanish green beans, rice pilaf, bread, five cup salad. Thursday - oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, bread, cook's choice fruit. Friday - ground beef stew, broccoli salad, biscuit, plums.

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