

Family

Deaths

Kenneth W. Messamore

Kenneth W. Messamore, 85, of Colby, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. Mr. Messamore was born April 22, 1921, in Colby to James Robert and Genevieve (Wheaton) Messamore. He married Joan Rose Renner Nov. 25, 1941, in Colby. He joined the Army in Nov. 1941 and served in Hawaii and Japan. He was with the National Guard in Colby for many years and worked up to the rank of Warrant Officer Class II before his retirement.

He owned and operated a construction company, two filling stations and a miniature golf course, erected sprinklers and worked for many years as jailer for Thomas County Sheriff's Department. His last job was as Emergency Management Coordinator for Thomas County.

Mr. Messamore is survived by two sons, Ken and wife Diane Messamore of Littleton, Colo., Bill and wife Dr. Debbie Messamore of Wichita; five daughters, Mary of

Hutchinson, Beth Wieck and Jack Leatherman of Littleton, Co., Jane David of Wichita, Janet of Wichita, and Margie and husband Jay Bartlett of Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, Jerry and wife Florene Messamore of Colby, Bill and wife Joanne of Dickinson, Texas; one sister M. Joyce Hardy of Hay Spring, Neb.; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joan, March 14, 2005, parents, James and Genevieve Messamore, sister Doris Trueblood and several brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with burial at Beulah Cemetery with military rites.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Thomas County Historical Society and may be sent in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Hoxie student a finalist for Truman scholarship

Jenna Kennedy of Hoxie is one of three finalists for a Truman Scholarship at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Kennedy is a senior in microbiology, natural resources and environmental science and premedicine.

She is the advisory board co-chair to K-State PROUD: Students Changing Lives; president of Chimes junior honorary; and recruitment information manager for Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she also has served as finance vice president. Kennedy is a member of the University Committee on Religion and Rotaract. She has been a

member of Quest, and has served as vice president of Silver Key sophomore honorary and as a Student Governing Association intern. Kennedy volunteers with Up 'til Dawn and the Flint Hills Community Clinic. She is a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center. She also is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research scholar, a Kansas State University Foundation Scholar and a Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholar.

Kennedy is the daughter of Keith and Patricia Kennedy, Hoxie, and a 2004 graduate of Wheatland High School, Grainfield.

Fashions turning vintage

NEW YORK (AP) — There's a bit of a vintage vibe at New York Fashion Week, with many designers mining bygone eras as inspiration for their new fall collections. The outfits are distinctly feminine although

there are many menswear touches. The brown, moss and gray backdrop is made richer with plum, berry and blue.

Things that Suze Yalof Schwartz, Glamour's fashion editor at large, was keeping an eye out for on Tuesday included tulle overlays over printed fabrics and oversized embellishments. "I call them rocks. They're heavy, chunky and very cool looking," she said.

Previews for stylists, editors and retail buyers continue through Fri-

day, with heavy hitters Michael Kors, Vera Wang, Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren still to weigh in. Tommy Hilfiger also returns to the schedule on Friday after taking a several-seasons hiatus.

—Bill Blass: Designers "borrow" ideas from each other all the time, but few of them acknowledge it. Michael Vollbracht, though, is an honest guy and he credited creations by the late Bill Blass, Roy Halston and Norman Norell as the foundations of his new collection.

He explained why in a note provided to the audience: "Mr. Norell — because I fell in love with his sequined mermaids years and years ago when I was a very young designer. Halston ... because his simple philosophy looks so good."

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day for Colby School District and Sacred Heart School

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

High School ACT test, Colby Community College, 9 a.m.
Bill Voss Novice Wrestling, Colby High School, 9 a.m.
Golden Buckle Square Dance Club, Colby Community Building, 6:30 p.m. soup supper, dance, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$4.16
Corn	\$3.77
Milo	\$6.23
Soybeans	\$6.46

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THIS WEEK ONLY**

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PG 2 hours, 10 min.
Friday 7:00 & 9:15
Saturday 4:00 & 7:00 & 9:15
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00

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PG-13 2 hours, 5 min.
Friday 7:00 & 9:15
Saturday 4:00 & 7:00 & 9:15
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00



Center holding Valentine's party

By Emma Rogers

Senior Center

A Valentine's Day party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. Come and enjoy the celebration. Be sure to call in before noon the day before if you do not eat at the center so we will know how many to plan for.

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of Feb. 12-16, including Blue Monday, wear your blue. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and it's also Popcorn Day. The Valentine's party is Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Thursday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and Karen

Senior Center

Jones with K-State will present a program at 11:30 a.m. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and don't forget it's 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 - barbecue meatballs, au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, bread, plums. Tuesday - ham and beans, spinach, cornbread, banana half. Wednesday - chicken and dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, three bean salad, rosy pears. Thursday - roast pork, apple sassy sweet potatoes, cole slaw with pineapple, bread, birthday cake. Friday - baked spaghetti, tossed salad, cook's choice

fruit, garlic bread, crisp rice bar.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

Rural help line available for storm damage

MANHATTAN — When it rains, it pours. Or in this instance, snows, sleet, ice, etc.

Winter storms in late December and again in early January may have put a dent in the drought that has wreaked havoc across western Kansas the past few years. But the benefit of those storms, which dropped several feet of snow and left inches of ice in its wake, pales in comparison to the damage that has socked the region.

Significant power outages affected an estimated 60,000 people as thousands of utility poles were snapped, burdened with the weight of 5 to 6 inches of ice around power lines and limbs as well as winds that whipped up 15-foot snow drifts. The power outages also affected water service in many areas as many municipal water plants and

well pumps in rural communities were unable to operate.

Thousands of head of cattle were lost, as animals either froze to death or asphyxiated when snow packed in their nostrils. The long-term financial impact of these losses on the state's livestock industry will not be fully realized for some time to come.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius declared 44 counties western Kansas that were affected by storm damage as Federal disaster areas with estimates to public infrastructure exceeding more than \$360 million dollars.

That declaration qualifies those counties for all seven categories of public assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

As the snow begins to melt,

power is restored and brings a sense of the toll the storm has taken on infrastructure and livelihood. While farmers and ranchers are known for their resiliency and hardiness with high plains winters, some are calling this "the worse storm we've ever had," and one that has certainly brought more damage to the area than has been seen in years.

Charlie Griffin's phone has been ringing none stop since the storm ended. Griffin, a K-State research assistant professor of family studies and human service in the College of Human Ecology, is the director of the Kansas Rural Family Helpline. The helpline is currently available to assist rural families get back on their feet, providing assistance to rural families as well as service providers in the aftermath of the storm.

In a partnership with the Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, hotline staff members are available to provide free confidential assistance, support and referrals to help agricultural producers and rural families with immediate needs. Many of those are individuals, Griffin said, who would never publicly or privately admit they need assistance.

"For people who don't know where else to turn, we can help," Griffin said.

Established in 2000 in response to the needs of Kansas rural families and individuals, the helpline

provides confidential support and information regarding resources available to those who have been affected by the storm.

"Some times they just need someone to listen to them even if there are no immediate solutions available," Griffin said.

The hotline's partner in this assistance endeavor, the Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, has served the Kansas agricultural community as the USDA certified agricultural mediation service since 1988. Administered by K-State Research and Extension, the mediation service helps to resolve conflicts between Kansas Agricultural borrowers and creditors using mediation.

A staff attorney is available to answer questions and assist with finding legal resources.

According to Forrest Buhler, a staff attorney with Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, these services are intended to provide initial information and guidance at no cost through a toll-free hotline. A statewide network of cooperating agencies and programs includes a pool of trained agricultural mediators, K-State Research and Extension financial consultants and Kansas Legal Services. The program's goal is to help resolve conflicts and disputes using mediation.

For more information contact the Kansas Rural Family Helpline toll free at 1-866-327-6578 or via e-mail: farmksu@humec.ksu.edu

Blaine Chet Beckley

Josh and Carla Beckley announce the birth of their son, Blaine Chet Beckley, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Josh weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces

and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Chet and Jody Beckley of Atwood, and Byron and Linda Sowers of Colby.

Josh is welcomed home by brother Blake.

Gabrielle Renae Diercks

Kevin and Heidi Diercks announce the birth of their daughter Gabrielle Renae, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Gabrielle weighed 6 pounds, 10.1 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Carol

90th Birthday

A card shower is requested for Margaret Herold to help her celebrate her 90th birthday February 10. Cards can be sent in care of PSLC, 1625 South Franklin, Colby.

Card Shower

A card shower is requested to help Don and Marciel Mead to celebrate their 60th anniversary Friday. They were married Feb. 9, 1948, in Colby.

If you would like to congratulate them with a card or special memory please send to 617 Rutan, Wichita, Ks 67218.

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