

Family

Deaths

Luciel Taylor

Luciel Taylor, 86, of Colby died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008. Services are

pending at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Michelle L. Snethen

Michelle L. Snethen, 35, of Colby, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Snethen was born March 10, 1972 in Hoxie and lived in the area all her life. She was a registered nurse.

Survivors include her husband, Allen Snethen of Colby; son, Victor Wente of Hoxie; daughters, Danaya Wente and Kari Snethen, both of Colby; parents, Gerard and Rebecca Dickman of Colby; brothers, Adam Dickman of Fort Campbell, Ken, and Jason Dickman of Wichita; and a sister, Lisa Ortiz, Los Banos,

Calif. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, at Harrison Chapel.

Donations may be made in Michelle's name for her children's education fund and left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701, which is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Elaine Lippold

Doris Elaine Lippold, 87, of Trenton, Neb., died Jan. 1, 2008, at the Community Hospital in McCook, Neb.

Mrs. Lippold was born Oct. 24, 1920 in Ludell Township, Rawlins County, to Joseph and Ruth (Henningson) Goltl. She was raised on the family farm in Rawlins County, attending Lonseome View District 17 and Herndon High School. She graduated in 1938.

She married Ivan Edward Lippold Sept. 3, 1942, in Denver, Colo. and was a homemaker and news reporter for the Herndon, Oberlin and Atwood newspapers.

Mrs. Lippold resided in rural Herndon until May 2002, then moving to Willow Ridge in McCook

in September 2007. Prior to her death, she lived at Eldorado Manor in Trenton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant brother, Arlie; and sister, Birdene Lippold.

Survivors include her son Jerry Lippold and his wife, Connie of Apalachin, N.Y.; sisters, Virginia Goltl and Darlene Pope, both of Aurora, Colo.; and one grandson, Joshua Lippold.

Services are planned at 11 a.m., Friday, at the Oberlin Cemetery in Oberlin, with Rev. Rick Langness officiating. Interment will be at Oberlin Cemetery. No visitation is scheduled.

A Doris Lippold Memorial Fund has been established.

Babies

Azia Rae Giron

Kenneth Giron and Ariel Dunker of Atwood announce the birth of their daughter, Azia Rae, Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Azia weighed 7 pounds, 11.4 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Kerry Dunker of Atwood and Shelly Roark of Colby. Great-grandparents are Nancy Giron of McCook, Neb., Jim Roark of Cassville, Mo., Doc and Verlee Roark of Noel, Mo., Harold and Celene Dunker of Ludell; and Evelyn Tanko of McCook, Neb.

Amber Dawn Woods

Tracy and Eric Woods of Oakley announce the birth of their daughter Amber Dawn Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Amber weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.

Grandparents are Brenda and Markus Krantz, Donald Heinrich and Phillip Hyslop all of Oakley and Donna and Rick Woods of California.

Amber was welcomed home by a brother, Paul.

New year resolutions abound

By Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Happy New Year! I hope the first day of 2008 went well for you and your family, and will help set the tone for the rest of this year. My resolutions for 2008?

Not to make any resolutions! I will simply work toward making little improvements in many areas. Here are some random thoughts for today that might give you a little incentive:

- Clean one shelf in the refrigerator, freezer, or makeup or medicine cabinet. Throw out dated, old, smelly or just plain bad items.

- Write one thank-you, hello-how-are-you, or thinking-of-you note or letter a week. I mean a real letter/note that is mailed with a stamp and you hand-address the envelope. Not e-mail, but handwritten. It can be just a few lines, but it will be much appreciated and probably kept!

- Take a few minutes each week to clean out and toss trash from a purse/briefcase/auto glove box/etc. A favorite hint from my friend Jura that I have adopted is to clean out your purse (sit next to a trash can if possible) while waiting (and sometimes waiting and waiting) in a doctor's office.

- Have a houseplant that needs a little extra care? Move it to a spot that you will see daily so you can give it the PLC (plant loving care) that it deserves.

- Go through magazines/books and see which ones (even if only a few) can be passed on or recycled.

- Little steps throughout the week can add up to big changes (and less to do) in the long run.

- If you want to hear me share some New Year's hints and a few funny hints that have gone wrong, listen to my weekly 'Heloise Podcast.' Visit www.Heloise.com for the quick link.

— Hugs, Heloise

Pill sorting

Dear Heloise: This has made sorting my pills so much easier. I receive my prescriptions by mail in three-month allotments. I write on the lids, with a permanent marker, whether it is one or two before meals, and a.m. or p.m. times. When my new supply comes, I just transfer the lids, and then I can easily refill my seven-day dispensers once a week.

— Yvonne Wallis, Laguna Woods, Calif.

Beauty-treatment walk

Dear Heloise: Every morning when I take a walk, I break open a vitamin E capsule as I start and massage the oil into my nails and cuticles. By the time I get home, the oil has been absorbed, and I have given myself an inexpensive beauty treatment. My cuticles were ragged; now they are more pliable, and I don't have to maintain them as often.

— Rose from Jupiter, Fla.

Egg shells

Dear Heloise: One might assume that we would know by now, but we get frustrated in finding it difficult at times to peel the shell from hard-cooked eggs.

Would you please share the secret with us?

— Midge in Pennsylvania

Gently put the eggs in a single layer in a deep saucpan that has a cover and add water so it covers the eggs by 1 inch. Cover the pan and place over heat until the water comes to a boil. ("Boil" is defined as the point at which large, breaking bubbles form in the water). When the water boils, turn off the heat and keep the pan covered (remove the pan from the burner if you have an electric stove).

Let stand 15 to 17 minutes, depending on the size of the eggs. Run cold water over the eggs until they are cool or add ice to cool quickly, about 5 minutes. Peel eggs by cracking the shell all over and rolling it between your hands to help loosen the shell.

Ottawa father helps reunite sisters

OTTAWA (AP) — Christmas came early this year for Kendra Peine, 30, and Bonita Miller, 35.

The women, who have the same father but different mothers, grew up in different states. They had no contact with each other until about a year ago.

They finally met earlier this month.

In fact, it took more than a year of phone calls and e-mails between Kansas and Florida before they could arrange to meet Dec. 10. And it took their father to bring them together.

"We had been trying to plan to meet, but neither of us had money for plane tickets," Peine of Ottawa said.

That's when Ken Lucas, Rantoul, stepped in to make sure his daughters got to see each other. He paid for Miller to fly to Kansas for

a week.

"He said, 'We'll get her down. Tell her it was from Santa,'" Peine said her father told her about the plane tickets.

Miller was eager to accept the offer.

"I found out on Friday and was here on Monday," Miller said.

Lucas admits it is hard for him to express himself in words, but said it was difficult not seeing his daughter after he and her mother divorced when the girl was a year old.

"It's like something was missing from my heart," Lucas said.

Peine said her father did not contact Miller because of a divorce agreement.

"Dad had never talked about her. He didn't know what to say," Peine said.

The sisters came together when Miller found Peine on [www.class-](http://www.classmates.com)

mates.com. They began corresponding by phone and e-mail.

Seeing his daughters together and taking them places had Lucas beaming like a proud father.

"There's an awful lot of resemblance between them. Everywhere we go people comment on it," Lucas said.

One of the things that struck Miller when she got to Kansas was a sign she saw on the drive to her father's house.

"It said Memory Lane' and I thought that was weird," she said as she held a picture of the Memory Lane Tree Farm sign outside of Rantoul.

That isn't the only picture she took in Kansas.

"I've been taking pictures of icicles, of trees in her (Peine's) front yard and in her back yard,"

she said.

Miller has discovered that this is a characteristic she shares with her father.

"Dad showed a video from 1995 and there were these pictures of trees, so I guess it runs in the family," she said with a smile.

The sisters said they plan to keep in touch and share aspects of their lives.

"I don't want her to leave. I want her to move to Kansas," Peine said.

"We're going to be staying in contact," Miller said.

As they go into the future, they said they will all look back on December 2007 with a special smile.

"It's just a happy Christmas," Miller said.

"It's kind of a beginning to a happy life," Peine said.

Beaver microbrew becomes regional spot

BEAVER (AP) — With just 30 people calling it home, Beaver, Kan., isn't on most maps.

It's not even incorporated.

Horses eat hay from a fenced-in area on the town's Main Street, catty-corner from the bank, which closed a few years ago. There used to be a gas station, but it shut down as well.

Yet folks come from across Kansas and out-of-state to the likes of a town that hit its prime decades ago.

They walk into the metal building that sits in the shadow of the grain elevator. They hoist pint-sized glasses of coppery liquid brewed here weekly.

This is Mo's Place Grill and BrewPub, the state's smallest microbrewery.

"We were surprised when we heard they were going to open a brewery here," said Aaron Schreiber, a local rancher who stopped in for a pop on this winter day, noting that most small towns that dot this region can't even keep a restaurant open.

Owners Len and Linda Moeder, however, saw promise in the town that has been declining steadily for decades.

It didn't matter that most of the state's dozen microbreweries lie east of Interstate 35, in cities such as Wichita and Lawrence.

Or the fact that the business would be 30 miles from population centers like Great Bend and Russell.

They opened Mo's in 1999 and obtained a microbrewery license in 2004. They've been serving hot meals and homemade beer ever

since.

"You know the saying, 'if you build it, they will come,'" Len Moeder. "That's what we believe."

Yet Moeder, 61, may seem out of place on the Kansas prairie, despite the fact he grew up in the nearby town of Hoisington.

He moved to California right after high school, wanting to be far from Kansas. He never figured he'd ever be back.

"I thought I'd stay by the ocean," said Moeder, a former plant manager of a company that made everything from peanut butter to mayonnaise.

He received a degree there and had four children. He married Linda in the mid-1990s after hiring her at the plant.

These days, however, the Moed-

ers are far from the beaches of California or the hectic lifestyle. Instead of a 45-minute drive to work on a good day, the couple just walks across the street to the bar and grill, which, by the way, is nonsmoking.

"We were tired of working for corporate America and wanted to locate to a smaller community," he said.

But it was Linda Moeder's idea to come to Kansas.

"I said, 'You want to do what?'" Len Moeder said, but added he eventually took to the idea.

They discovered Beaver's bar was for sale, as well as a home.

By 1999, they were serving food from the red and gold aluminum-sided building with an ice and Coke machine out front and a Coors sign in the window.

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