

Family

Death

Everett Garrett

Everett G. Garrett, 92, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Golden Living Center in Wilson. Mr. Garrett was born June 20, 1915 in Russell County to Emma Tepe Garrett and William H. Garrett. He lived most of his life in Colby as a hardware distributor. He served in WWII in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Colby American Legion. Mr. Garrett never married.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; three sisters, Wilma, Wilda and Velma, and infant brother, Alvin. Services were held today at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with interment at Dorrance City Cemetery in Dorrance and military honors. Pastor Jim Wagner officiated. Memorials may be made to the Dorrance American Legion Post.

Vida Toburen

Vida U. Toburen, 95, died Monday in Colby. She was born Vida U. Nelson, Oct. 6, 1912, in Tully, living all her life in the Colby-area. She was a school teacher and a member of the Honorary Delta Kappa Gamma, United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. Mrs. Toburen is survived by her sons: Nelson Toburen of Pittsburg and Robert Toburen of Ruston, La.; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, at Harrison Chapel with Pastor James Mardock officiating. Visitation is today until 8 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery. A memorial has been established to benefit the Thomas County Historical Society or the Colby United Methodist Church. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Don Mead

Don E. Mead, 87, of Colby died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Wichita. He was born May 13, 1920, north of Levant to J.C. and Ethel Mead. He attended Levant schools and graduated in 1938. He farmed with his father until serving in the Army in 1942. After his service ended in 1946, he returned to Levant and Colby and farmed with his father. On Feb. 9, 1947, he married Marceil A. Black. They lived on a farm until moving to Colby in the early 1970s. Don worked for Thomas County until retirement. Because of Marceil's health, they moved to Wichita about four

years ago. Don's health began to fail earlier this year. Survivors include wife, Marceil, of Wichita; daughter, Sharon Mead of Wichita and a sister, Helen Amos of Colby. He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry, in 1979; parents J.C. and Ethel Mead; brother Jim and sisters Lucille Freer and Myrtle "Polly" Brown. Services were held Tuesday at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Memorials will be determined at a later date. Donations can be made to Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Babies

Luke Elliot Thomas

Adam Thomas and Joy Braun of Goodland announce the birth of their son, Luke Elliot Thomas. He was born Thursday, March 13, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Luke Elliot weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Chuck and Jan Thomas and great-grandmother, Leta Johnson, all of Goodland. Grandparents (deceased) include Elliot J. Braun and Anna M. Braun and Raymond and Lilly Daniels and great-grandparent (deceased) Harey Johnson.

Sarah Marie Dardis

Aaron and Jennifer Dardis of Hoxie announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Marie Dardis. She was born Friday, March 14, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Sarah Marie weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 18.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Ross and Marilyn Carder of Hoxie and Patrick and Patricia Dardis of Eudora.

Cauy James Bosserman

Clayton and Ashley Bosserman of Oakley announce the birth of their son, Cauy James Bosserman, born Friday, March 14, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Cauy James weighed 7 lbs., 10.2 oz., and was 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Ron and

Marlene Vrbas of Colby and D. J. and Joyce Bosserman of Oakley. Great-grandparents are John Bosserman of Oakley; Edeline Fischer of Sharon Springs and Nancy Vrbas of McCook, Neb. Cauy was welcomed home by his sister, Citori Janae, 3.

Kansas VFW helps Greensburg victims

Ladies VFW Auxiliary met March 12 at the post home with President Peggy Ohlrogge presiding. Minutes were read and approved and treasurer's reports were accepted. Bills were presented and allowed for payment. Cancer aid and research chairman reported money sent for yearly donation per member. Legislative reported monetary donation to AARP for social reform. Publicity reported news item of February meeting was taken to the Colby Free Press. Monetary donations were allowed for Junior Girls program and ad in VFW convention book and VFW endowment fund.

Local youth from Goodland, Devin Mangus was third place winner in Youth Voice of Democracy program from VFW 9th District. A total of 315 students participated with \$16,952 given in prizes. Charter was draped in memory of Nancy Parrot and monetary donations allowed for cancer aid and research for a memorial. Audit report for last quarter of 2007 was read and accepted. National home prayer was offered and meeting closed with closing prayer. Next meeting will be 5 p.m., April 9, in the post home.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op
 Wheat \$11.35
 Corn \$5.08
 Milo \$8.52
 Soybeans \$11.50

Wheat prices mean more expensive food

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — If you think the cost of gassing up your car is outrageous, wait until you need to restock your pantry.

The price of wheat has more than tripled during the past 10 months, making Americans' daily bread — and bagels and pizza and pasta — feel a little like luxury items. And baked goods aren't the only ones getting more expensive: Experts expect some 80 percent of grocery prices will spike, too, and could remain steep for years because wheat and other grains are used to feed cattle, poultry and dairy cows.

"It's going to affect everything ... impact on every section of the grocery store," said Michael Bittel, senior vice president of King Arthur Flour Co. in Norwich, Vt.

Consumers such as Maria Cardena feel trapped by the prices. She said the bread she buys has jumped from 69 cents a loaf to \$1.09 in recent weeks.

"You have to buy it," said the 29-year-old mother from Lubbock, Texas. "You can't go without it. Everything has gone up."

The wheat market has been pushed higher by a combination of agricultural, financial and energy issues.

Poor wheat harvests in Australia and parts of Europe and the U.S. have caused China and other Asian countries to buy up more

American crops, which are especially attractive because of the weak U.S. dollar.

At the same time, the American crop is shrinking because of federal incentives to grow corn for ethanol. And skyrocketing gas prices make it costlier to get any wheat to market. Those same pressures have also made it more expensive to supply feed grains for livestock.

At Bob's Red Mill flour company, wheat flour has typically been subject to retail price adjustments every five years. Now those increases are happening almost monthly.

"You look at the price and you say, 'Oh, my gosh,'" said Dennis Gilliam, executive vice president of sales and marketing for the company in Milwaukie, Ore. "It keeps climbing every day."

Wheat historically trades at \$3 to \$7 a bushel.

But this week, futures of spring wheat — which produces the flour used in hearth breads, rolls, croissants, bagels and pizza crust — were close to \$18 a bushel on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. They climbed as high as \$24 in late February.

Consumers pay an additional penny on wheat products for each dollar the price-per-bushel increases. "It's a huge impact,"

said Steve Mercer, spokesman for U.S. Wheat Associates, an industry group.

White bread cost an average of 85 cents a pound in 1998 and \$1.03 in February 2006. The price rose to \$1.32 a pound last month, according to federal data.

And that's on top of overall food price increases of 4 percent last year and an additional 3.5 to 4.5 percent expected this year, according to federal data. Most years see 2.5 percent increases.

During the past few months, the price of cereals and baked goods has risen nearly 6 percent over the same time last year, federal officials reported.

Consumers can try to minimize costs by buying fewer wheat products, but the nation's bakers, pizzerias and other flour-dependent industries don't have that luxury.

Panera Bread Company is paying more than double what it paid for wheat in 2007 — an additional \$26.5 million this year, according to its latest earnings report.

At Kraft Foods Inc., producer of Ritz crackers and Chips Ahoy cookies, the cost of commodities including wheat were up 9 percent last year, or about \$1.3 billion. Spokeswoman Lisa Gibbons called that unprecedented and said the company doesn't expect prices to ease anytime soon.

Card Shower for Mortiz Nauer who will be 90 on his birthday Friday, March 21. Cards can be sent to: Mortiz Nauer 400 S. Franklin #35 Colby, KS 67701

The children of **Lore E. Depe** will host an **85th birthday party** at the Brewster Senior Center, 327 Kansas Avenue, Brewster, March 22, 2008, from 2:00 to 4:00. Everyone is invited to join family and friends at this Open-House occasion celebrating the remarkable life of this very special lady.

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