

Family



Couple to have 60th anniversary

Kenneth and Maxine Kirk will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary May 23. Kenneth and Maxine (Sowers) Kirk were married in Oakley on May 23, 1948. They have three children: Terry Kirk and wife Lanis of Winona, Sheryl Kough and husband Mike

of Russell Springs and Connie Kough and husband Roger of Colby; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to them at P.O. Box 145, Winona, KS 67764.

Golden Plains sends off 16

By Vicki Allison
Rexford correspondent

By the time this article is printed, Mother's Day will have passed, but I want to say, Happy Mother's Day, to all my readers who are moms. Those three letters, m-o-m, can make the difference in all our lives and so thank you for being a women's most inspirational work — a mom.

May 5, a Baccalaureate Service for Golden Plains graduates was presented by the Rexford Community Church. Pastor Lane Purcell shared the message and special music was provided by the high school choir. Ms. Janell Antholz, Golden Plains music instructor sang, "Go Light Your World."

Sunday, Golden Plains Class 2008 commencement took place. There were 16 graduates earning their high school diploma. Britany Ritter, daughter of Greg and Stephanie Ritter, Dresden, was salutatorian and co-valedictorians were Caitlyn Moss, daughter of Tom and Cecilia Moss, Menlo, and Andrew Broeckelman, son of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman,

Selden.

Golden Plains Community Outreach elected officers at their May 7 meeting. The organizations of officers for 2008-2009 include, Evelyn Johnson, president; Vicki Allison, vice-president; Nancy Dahl, secretary, and Sondra Barnett, treasurer. The next meeting will meet 7 p.m., May 21, at the home of Evelyn Johnson. Individuals interested in working and improving the community is invited to attend and discuss ideas.

Saturday, Jami Wark, Hays, Brandy Stupka, Colby, and Ivonn Vargas, Selden, held a Bridal Shower for April Anderson Vargas. April and Homero Vargas, Selden, will have a formal Wedding Ceremony June 7.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Archbishop urges governor to refrain from Communion

TOPEKA (AP) — The Roman Catholic archbishop for north-east Kansas said Friday that Gov. Kathleen Sebelius should refrain from taking Communion until she publicly repudiates her support for abortion rights.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, also criticized her recent veto of a bill imposing new restrictions on abortion providers. He called upon the governor, who is Catholic, to take the "necessary steps for amendment of her life."

Naumann said he wrote to Sebelius in August, asking her to refrain from Communion but learned recently that she'd participated in the sacrament. He said it prompted him to write her again, asking her to respect his request and "not require from me any additional pastoral actions."

"The spiritually lethal message, communicated by our governor, as well as many other high-profile Catholics in public life, has been in effect: 'The church's teaching on abortion is optional!'" Naumann wrote in a column published Friday in The Leaven, the archdiocese's newspaper.

The issue of Catholic politicians taking Communion arose again recently because of Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to the United States.

In New York, Cardinal Edward Egan said former mayor and presidential candidate Rudy Guiliani had broken "an understanding" by accepting Communion at a papal Mass.

Naumann wrote: "I hope that my request of the governor, not to present herself for Holy Communion, will provoke her to reconsider the serious spiritual and moral consequences of her past and present actions."

Sebelius spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran said the governor has not seen the archbishop's column but, "Receiving Communion has not been a problem in the past for her."

Sebelius has been a strong and consistent supporter of abortion rights throughout her political ca-

reer, starting as a Kansas House member in 1987-94. In 2002, when she ran for her first term as governor, she sought to reassure anti-abortion voters by promising not to seek major changes in Kansas' laws on abortion.

But she's also repeatedly vetoed legislation sought by anti-abortion groups and supported by the state's Catholic leaders.

This year's measure was partly a response to allegations that Dr. George Tiller has performed illegal late-term abortions at his Wichita clinic. Tiller, among the few U.S. physicians who perform such procedures, has said he follows state law.

Sebelius objected most strongly to provisions allowing a patient's spouse or family members to go to court if they believed a doctor had performed or was about to perform an illegal late-term abortion. The patient herself also could sue, but so could a local prosecutor.

She argued that the bill would encourage litigation, jeopardize patients' privacy and allow lawsuits to block a woman's abortion "even where it may be necessary to save her life."

Also under the measure, doctors using ultrasound or monitoring fetal heartbeats would have to make information from those sources available to a patient at least 30 minutes before an abortion. They would have to tell their patients whether their fetuses are viable and, if not, why.

The governor rejected the bill last month, and legislators failed to override her action. Naumann wrote that Sebelius' action showed a lack of respect for legislators and Kansans who are embarrassed that their state "has become infamous for being the late-term abortion center for the Midwest."

"Since becoming archbishop, I have met with Governor Sebelius several times over many months to discuss with her the grave spiritual and moral consequences of her public actions by which she has cooperated in the procurement of abortions performed in Kansas," Naumann wrote.

Death

Phyllis Caines

Phyllis G. Caines, 76, of Colby died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita.

She was born Jan. 12, 1932, in Whittlesay, England. She was married to Peter Caines of Colby. She was a retired certified nurses aid for Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Survivors are daughters Deborah Repshire, McDonald, Hazel Westheimer, Irmo, SC, Jennifer Wolters, Oberlin; brother Walter

Smart, Peterborgh, England; and sister Katherine Fordham, Somersham, England. She had 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, with burial at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Officiating the ceremony was Rev. John Schmidt.

Memorials in Phyllis' name will be designated at a later date. Donations can be made in care of the funeral chapel.

Richard Kubik

Former resident Richard S. Kubik, 84, of Wichita died Monday, May 12, 2008. Services are pending with Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

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Ronald Edgar Thiel

Ronald E. Thiel, 71, Overland Park, KS, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2008 at Delmar Gardens of Lenexa. Memorial services and inurnment will be held on May 17, 2:00 P.M. at Beulah Cemetery, Colby, KS. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 815 W Webster St, Colby, KS.

Ron was born in Hays, KS, but raised in Colby. He graduated from Colby High School and attended Ottawa University in Ottawa, KS. Ron served in the US Army, stationed at Ft. Lee, VA.

Ron returned to Colby where he taught school at Colby and Quinton. Ron took a special interest in Sod Town at Colby, and gathered over 500 authentic stories and pictures from 1854 to the present. He was an avid promoter of postal history and will always be remembered for his love of all aspects of nature.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Ervil (Angell) Thiel. He leaves aunts and uncles: Lloyd and Deborah Angell, Estes Park, CO; Rev. Leland and Dorothy Angell, Benson, NC; Row Max and Shirley Angell, Overland Park, KS; Blaine Rush, Colorado Springs, CO; and Row Dwight and Aline Neumannscharde, Boulder, CO; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.



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