

Family

Death

Elizabeth Schmidtberger

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Schmidtberger, 83, died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at her home in Victoria.

She was born Nov. 11, 1924 in Zurich to Tobic and Emma (Planter) Hamel. She married Raphael "Ralph" Schmidtberger at Hyacinth on Jan. 25, 1944.

He preceded her in death in August 1973.

Mrs. Schmidtberger was a homemaker, a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella both of Victoria. She worked at Travenol Labs in Hays for 17 years.

Survivors include six sons: Raphael Schmidtberger, Ellis; Stephen Schmidtberger, Victoria; John Schmidtberger, Garland, Texas; Tobias Schmidtberger, Topeka; Mark Schmidtberger and Gregory Schmidtberger, both of Lawrence; five daughters: Anna Graber, Topeka; Margaret Tappan, Bethalto, Ill.; Therese Suelter, Brookville, Agnes Sander, Hays and Mary Naillieux, Valparaiso, Ind.; a daughter-in-law,

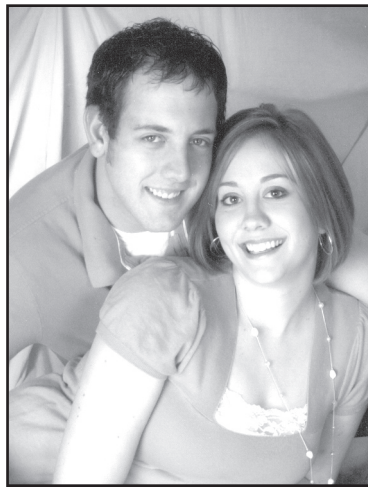
Paula Schmidtberger Donley, Liberal; her mother, Emma Hamel, Colby; one sister, Norma Bieker, Auburn; one brother-in-law, Alvin R. Schmidtberger, Victoria; 37 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, husband, one son, Joseph Schmidtberger, and two brothers Leo Hamel and Cleo Hamel.

Services are at 10 a.m., Saturday, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Burial is in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

A vigil service is planned for 7 p.m., Friday, and a Daughters of Isabella rosary is at 7:30 p.m., both at St. Fidelis Church. Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, at St. Fidelis Church and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, at Clines Mortuary, 412 Main St., Victoria, Kan. 67671.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hays Medical Center; Catholic Charities Hospice of Topeka or St. Fidelis Catholic Church and Masses.



Dane Olofson and Stephanie Gatz

Couple to wed

John and Juanita Gatz of Colby announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie to Dane Olofson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendon Olofson of Holyoke, Colo.

The couple are planning an August 2008 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Gard shower

Family of Delores Aumiller are requesting a birthday card shower for her 75th birthday, Saturday, May 24. Greetings can reach her at 385 S. Chickamauga, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$7.70
Corn	\$5.65
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Soybeans	\$11.84



Kent and Janet Higerd

Couple to celebrate 25 years

Kent and Janet Higerd will be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a come-and-go reception from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 25, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, 615 Webster, Colby.

The Higerds were married June 18, 1983 in the Gem Baptist Church, Gem. The family has lived in Colby for the past 24 years with



Kent working on the family farm. Janet is a homemaker and both are active in their church.

They have four children: Karen Higerd of Westminster, Colo.; Bryan Higerd and his fiancée, Justine Kropp of Colby and Megan and Aaron Higerd of the home.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception.

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Olita Jones

Olita Jones, 81, died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Logan County Manor in Oakley.

She was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Sheridan County, Kansas. She was a retired Avon sales representative.

Survivors include husband, William Jones, of Colby; sons, Dennis Jones of Littleton, Colo., Robert Jones of Concordia and Stanley Jones of Colby; daughters, Cheryl Varwig of Aurora, Colo., Sandra Wilson of Colby; Tamera Walender of Westminster, Colo., Valerie Miller of Franktown, Colo., and Tina Stickel of Colby; brother, Ben Mader of Wichita; sisters, Delores Fink of Wichita, Janice

Dachman and Carol Mainville of Las Vegas, Nev., 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. and 3-8 p.m. Friday at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive.

Vigil and rosary will be 7 p.m., Friday at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Memorials can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and can be left at any Colby bank of at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

Rose Mary Hagler

Rose Mary Benedict Grant Hagler, 87, died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at the Colby Care Center in Colby.

She was born Dec. 5, 1920, to Orlando and Madge (Bentley) Benedict in Hill City. She attended school in Hill City for 10 years.

On Sept. 6, 1939, she married Ralph Kenneth Grant in Burton. They had one child. They lived in Penokee for two years then moved to Hill City in 1942. In June 1946, they moved to Colby.

Rose was a clerk at A.L. Duckwalls for 22 years until her retirement. Ralph died June 28, 1972. She married Roland Hagler July 31, 1978, at the home of his daughter Linda Terry in Georgetown, Colo.

Rose was a member of the First Christian Church in Colby. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, fishing

and camping. She was preceded in death by her husbands Ralph and Roland; daughter, Bonnie Christensen; son-in-law, Melvin J. Christensen; parents; brother, Richard Benedict and his wife, Kay.

Survivors include a sister, Thelma Farr of Garden City; stepdaughter Linda Terry and husband Bob; stepson, Jerry Hagler; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and two stepgrandsons.

Services are 2 p.m., Friday at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive in Colby. The Rev. Pat Stewart will officiate. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

Burial will be at Penokee Cemetery in Penokee.

Babies

Kinley Marie Kizer

Jeremy Kizer and Kyla Rico announce the birth of their daughter Kinley Marie, Monday, May 19, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.25 inches in

length. Grandparents are Tracy and Becky Kizer of Julesburg, Colo., Joe Rico of Grand Junction, Colo., and Penny Worden of Burlington, Colo.

Senior Center to be closed Monday

The Colby Senior Progress Center will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. No meals, home delivery or transportation bus will be operating.

Tuesday, the center will have exercise at 10 a.m. and ice-cream sodas available starting at 10:30 a.m.

Other activities during the week:

- Wednesday, 11 a.m., Bingo
- Thursday, 10 a.m., exercise and 12:45 p.m., card party
- Friday, 10 a.m. exercise and 10:30 a.m., horseshoes

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby invites anyone 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons, Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by call (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Home delivery is available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working who would like to pick up a meal to order by noon the day before.

Meal costs are \$2.50 and anyone under 60 years of age can pick up meals at a cost of \$4.75.

The transportation van is available to seniors. For questions or a ride, call (785) 443-9208.

Menu for week of May 26-30.

Monday — Closed
Tuesday — hamburger, hash brown casserole, corn, bun and blushing pears.

Wednesday — chicken fajita salad, five-cup salad, crackers and cherry crisp.

Thursday — meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread and cantaloupe.

Friday — Turkey and noodles, cheesy cauliflower, applesauce gelatin, roll and cookie.

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