

Family

Deaths

Lewis L. Black

Lewis L. Black, 83, of Colby, died Monday, August 18, 2008 at his home.

Mr. Black was born Feb. 1, 1925 in Thomas County to Lewis M. Black and Ester V. Anderson. He was raised on the farm near Menlo.

He graduated from Menlo High School in 1943 and served in the Korean Conflict and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW.

Mr. Black was a mechanic for Ford County Highway Department.

He married Frances M. Connelly on Jan. 8, 1954 in Raton, N.M.

Preceding him in death were his parents, son, Mark Black and sister, Marceil Mead.

Survivors include sons; Thomas and wife Margaret Black of Independence, Michael and wife

Jutta Black of Brewer, Maine, brother; Andy and wife Marguarite Black of Rexford, sisters; Madeline Kirkendall, Eileen Dible of Colby, Joan Hancock of DesMoines, Iowa, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is today 6 to 8 p.m at Paul's Funeral Home in Selden and Thursday 8 a.m. until service time at Rexford Community Church in Rexford.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Rexford Community Church with Pastors Gene Rothfuss and Jeremy Gundling officiating. Interment following at the Rexford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Basic Cancer Research, in Manhattan, and may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, Rexford Community Church or Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Evelyn A. Langdon

Evelyn A. Langdon, 84, of Winona, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at Sherman County Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.

Mrs. Langdon was born July 29, 1924 in Sherman County to Carl J. Nowak and Mary (Guzik) Nowak, and lived in Logan and Wallace counties all her life.

She married Everett Frank Langdon on Sept. 3, 1940 in Winona.

Mrs. Langdon was manager of the Winona Motel and did house-keeping duties at the Winona Bank. She was a member of Winona United Methodist Church and Winona Rebekah Lodge.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Everett in 1977, parents, sisters; Helen Owens, Betty Nowak, brothers; John, Lewis and Frank Nowak, one son-in-law, one great grandson, and three brothers-in-law.

Survivors include, sons; Larry and wife Lavetta of Stratton, Neb., Eugene and wife Doris, of Leoti, Troy and wife Brenda of Larned, daughter; Joyce Boehme and companion Chuck Boehme of Goodland, brothers; Jim Nowak and wife Lill of Bonne Terre, Mo., Fred Nowak and wife Sharon of Goodland, sisters; Josephine Kampmann of Cocolalla, Ida., Ruby Anderson of Goodland, 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Lewis W. Theye

Louis W. Theye, 86, of Colby, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2008 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Mr. Theye was born Oct. 1, 1921 in Bird City.

He was a retired farm laborer.

Mr. Theye was preceded in death by one grandson.

Survivors include sons; Densel of Ulysses, Dale of Garden City and Elroy of Rexton, Texas, daughters; Beth Bryant of Melville, Calif. Margaret Taylor of Colby, brothers; George Theye of Liberal, sisters; Florence Headly of Hanston, Louis Johnson of Revenna, Neb., Gertie Zamae of New York, N.Y., six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

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Video games can aid students, doctors

BOSTON (AP) _ Parents, don't put away those video games just yet — today's gamer may be tomorrow's top surgeon.

Researchers who gathered in Boston for the American Psychological Association convention detailed a series of studies suggesting video games can be powerful learning tools — from increasing younger students' problem-solving potential to improving the suturing skills of laparoscopic surgeons.

One study even looked at whether playing "World of Warcraft," the world's biggest multiplayer online game, can improve scientific thinking.

The conclusion? Certain types of video games can have benefits beyond the virtual thrills of blowing up demons.

In one Fordham University study, 122 students in fifth, sixth and seventh grades were asked to think out loud for 20 minutes while playing a game they had never seen before.

Researchers studied the children's statements to see if playing the game improved cognitive and perceptual skills.

While older children seemed more interested in just playing the game, younger children showed more interest in setting up a series of short-term goals needed to help them learn the game.

"The younger kids are focusing more on their planning and problem solving while they are actually playing the game, while adolescents are focusing less on their planning and strategizing and more on the here and now," said Fordham psychologist Fran Blumberg, who conducted the research last year and plans to submit it for publication. "They're thinking less strategically than the younger kids."

Studies by Iowa State University psychologist Douglas Gentile and Dr. James Rosser, head of minimally invasive surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, compared surgeons who play video games to those who don't.

The edge went to gamer surgeons, they found, even after taking into account differences in age, years of medical training and the number of laparoscopic surgeries performed. In laparoscopic procedures, surgeons use small incisions, thin surgical tools and video cameras to see inside the body.

One study of 33 laparoscopic surgeons found that those who played video games were 27 percent faster at advanced surgical procedures and made 37 percent fewer errors than those who didn't.

Advanced video game skills

also were a good way to predict suturing abilities, according to their study, which was published in the Archives of Surgery in 2007.

Research Gentile and Rosser conducted for a second as yet unpublished study of 303 laparoscopic surgeons found those who played video games requiring spacial skills and hand dexterity performed better at those skills when tested later compared to surgeons who didn't play videos, Gentile said.

"The single best predictor of their skills is how much they had played video games in the past and how much they played now. Those were better predictors of surgical skills than years of training and number of surgeries performed," Gentile said.

"So the first question you might ask your surgeon is how many of these (surgeries) have you done and the second question is 'Are you a gamer?'"

Some videos games even appear to sharpen scientific thinking skills.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison looked at a random sample of 2,000 chat room posts about "World of Warcraft" to see what the players were discussing.

The game is set in a fantasy world where players hunt, gather and battle to move their characters to higher levels. Players who work together succeed faster.

The research found the game encouraged scientific thinking, like using systems and models for understanding situations and using math and testing to investigate problems.

The vast majority of the discussion participants, 86 percent, shared knowledge to solve problems and more than half, 58 percent, used systematic and evaluative processes, researchers found.

The forums show that gamers are "creating an environment in which informal scientific reasoning practices are being learned."

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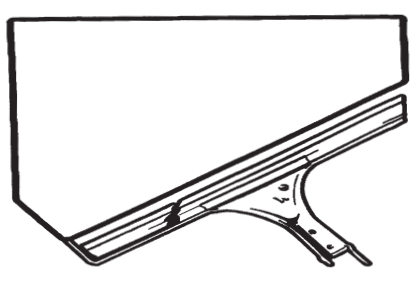
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