

Family

Deaths

John F. Schuhart

John F. Schuhart, 93, Oberlin, a farmer formerly of rural Selden, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Hays Medical Center.

Mr. Schuhart was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Sheridan County to Peter J. and Anna (Ritter) Schuhart. He went to the Green Valley School, and was reared on a farm south of Leoville, where he lived most of his life.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Mr. Schuhart was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: Pete, Michael, Mary Stein-

bisser, Ann Robrecht and Margaret Rogers.

He is survived by a brother, Aloysion "Shorty" Schuhart of Oberlin.

Services and planned for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Leoville, with interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Leoville. Visitation will be Tuesday from 8 a.m. until service time at the church.

The family suggests memorial gifts to Cedar Living Center, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Billye Schoenberger

Billye Schoenberger, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at Atwood Good Samaritan Center. Services

are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Wanda L. Rogers

Wanda L. Rogers, 85, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at Prairie Senior Living complex in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Clarification

A story on a Colby City Council meeting in the Dec. 5 edition of the *Colby Free Press* said that a closing with Inlow Interiors building is set for Dec. 15. The closing is for real estate only. The business is moving to another downtown location.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.27
Corn (bushel)	\$2.62
Milo (hundredweight)	\$3.60
Soybeans (bushel)	\$6.48

Mangers take center stage



EVAN BARNUN/Colby Free Press

More than 215 nativity sets, from all over the world, were featured at the Colby Presbyterian Church's second annual Nativi-Tea over the weekend. Mary Shackleton (above) was among the 140 people who attended the free event.

About Town

The Tubbs family gathered at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Thanksgiving day for a family dinner.

Those in attendance included Bud and Peggy Stupka; Francis and Paula Rudell and Jessica; Gerald Tubbs; Richard and Patricia Spencer; Ethel McCaffrey; Gerald and Eileen Herrmen; Belinda and Vernan Doonan; Tim, Karen and Zack Stickel; Mike, Pat, Michael

and Madison Tubbs; Clarence and Ellen Lou Rudell; Bettie Hamill; Joe Rudell; Tracy and Robyn Rogers; Garrett, Madison and Janet Parker; Berneice Luker; Denise Stupka; Lisa Stupka Olgon, Diahonia and Avie; Hedy Tubbs; Robert and Caroline Tubbs; Joe and Marcella Stenger; Leland Kindler; Terry, Lina, Ethan and Haley Stickel; Mike, Bonny, Dan, Nathan and Anna Brown; Travis,

Lori, Lindsey and Tena Stickel; Chris, LeAnna and Libby Soehner; Luke, Janna, Liv and Guy Tubbs; Todd, Shelly, Landin and Reece Wilson; Willard, Jr. and Peggy Miller; Dale and Alana Tubbs; Lesa Beamer; Monte Lewis; Duane, Elizabeth, and Travis Tubbs; Jim and Kathleen Tubbs; Brent, Sherrie, Bryant and Brady Wiedeman; Erma L. Tubbs and Dale Deaver.

Plants vulnerable in winter

MANHATTAN — Killing houseplants may be easiest during winter.

"All you have to do is to water or fertilize the plants just as you did last summer," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Light - direct or indirect - fuels plant growth, Upham explained.

"It's why some Alaskans can produce enormous garden vegetables in just 90 frost-free days. Their growing season is short, but it includes 20 hours of sunlight daily," he said.

To grow as well as stay alive, plants also need extra water and nutrients. So, even indoors, Kansas houseplants' water and nutrient needs peak during the state's sunny summers.

"The reverse is also true. When light is limited - as it is around here during winter - houseplants' need for water and nutrients drops dramatically," Upham said. "Not only are the winter days shorter in the central Plains but also the angle of the sun's light becomes quite acute.

"As a result, winter's sunlight enters windows at such a low angle that its intensity is just a fraction of the intensity of summer's overhead sun. The most tender houseplants aren't adversely affected by that direct winter sun."

The horticulturist strongly recommends that Kansans water their houseplants during winter only when the top inch of the potting soil is dry to the touch.

"It's best not to fertilize at all during December-January," Upham said.

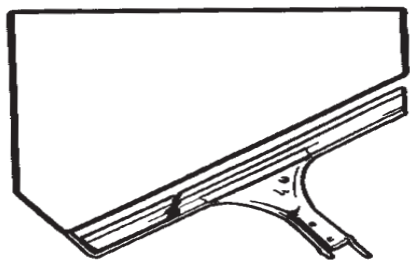
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