

Family

Deaths

Ernest L. Swartz

Ernest L. Swartz, 88, a lifelong Wallace County resident, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at his home near Weskan.

He was born Nov. 7, 1919, on the Lone Tree Homestead northwest of Weskan, the son of Hugh W. and Myrtle (David) Swartz.

A graduate of Weskan Consolidated School, he was a farmer and rancher and a member of Weskan Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Farm Bureau.

He served with the medical detachment of the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion in World War II, which served in Naples, Fogia, Rome, southern France, the Rhineland and central Europe.

He received the Purple Heart as a result of wounds suffered June 7, 1944, the Good Conduct citation, and the bronze Service Arrowhead citation.

On April 6, 1947, he married Dema Mae Goodwin in Weskan. She died Feb. 17, 1982.

On September 29, 1984, he mar-

ried E. Irena Zordel in Weskan.

Also preceding him in death a daughter, Dana Ann, his parents, six brothers and five sisters.

Surviving family includes his wife Irena, of the home; a son, Larry Swartz of Denver; two daughters Colleen (Lynn) Ziegelmeier, St. Marys, and Lucinda Swartz, Kansas City, Mo.; a step-son, Tim Goodwin of Weskan; two stepdaughters, Dalena (John) Watson of Aurora, Colo., and Marlene (Martin) Shipley, Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at the Weskan United Methodist Church, with Pastor Tim Cress officiating and burial in the Weskan Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Weskan Baptist Church, in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Edith A. Schaffer

Edith A. Schaffer, 87, a lifelong resident of Monument, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at the Logan County Hospital.

She was born Jan. 5, 1922, in Monument, the daughter of Leonard A. and Leola E. (Reed) Sondburg. She married Glenn E. Schaffer on June 25, 1944, in Monument.

She was an elementary teacher for the Oakley-Monument schools. Mrs. Schaffer was a member of the Gateway Fellowship Church, the Oakley Delta Kappa Gamma Birthday Club and the Mothers Club of Monument and Oakley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Glenn in 2003, grandson Joe Schaffer in 2004, and brothers Ralph and Sam

Sondburg.

Surviving include a son, Gale Schaffer of Golden, Colo., two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley, with Pastor James Bloom officiating and burial in the Monument Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and after 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the Monument Township Hall, the Ray Prickett Scholarship Fund or the church, in care of the funeral home at Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.



Justin Charles Schwanke and Mary Elizabeth Link

Virginia to be site of couple's wedding

Mary Elizabeth Link and Justin Charles Schwanke of Wichita plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at the Cross Keys Vineyard in Mount Crawford, Va.

She is the daughter of Charles Link, Wichita; and Audrey Liskey, McGaheysville, Va. Schwanke is the son of Charles and Debbie Schwanke of Colby and the grandson of Louise Schwanke of Scott City.

A graduate of Spotswood High School in McGaheysville,

Link graduated in December 2007 from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is an accountant with Cargill in Wichita.

Schwanke, a 2001 Colby High School graduate, received a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in December 2004 in information networking and telecommunications. He is a senior business analyst with the same firm.

Babies

Amr Shehata

Amr Shehata, son of Abd Rabbo Abdel Azim Shehata and Azza Ahmed Abdel-Aziz, was born Dec. 27, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

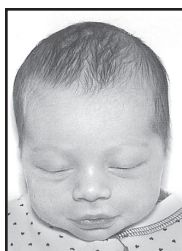
Sister Mennat Allah Shehata

and brother Omar Shehata welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Abdel-Aziz Abd Rabbo Shehata; Mansoufa Mohamed Abdel-Wahab; Ahmed Abdel Kawey Abdel-Aziz and Awatif Abdel Halim Ramadan, all of Egypt.

Joslyn Rachelle Bartlett

Joslyn Rachelle Bartlett, daughter of Mark and Jacquie Bartlett of Colby, was born Dec. 2, 2008, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sister Aliza welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Greg and Carrie Bartlett and Jack Stroud, all of Colby, and Yvonne Stroud of Denver.



J. Bartlett

Pipeline safety session set

The Kansas Pipeline Association will conduct a safety education meeting at the Comfort Inn in Colby on March 3 for emergency responders in Northwest Kansas.

The meeting, one of a series across the state, will help emergency crews be prepared to protect the community and environment in a pipeline emergency. Topics will include pipeline safety, hazards, product characteristics and

two "table-top" exercises.

The association includes liquid petroleum and natural gas pipeline operators, as well as gas distribution companies.

Two drawings will be held for each Homeland Security region from all meeting attendees.

For information, go to www.kpa-awareness.com or call (888) 383-8324.

Card shower planned

In honor of his 80th birthday on Jan. 9, the children of Maurice Sloan would like to honor him with a card shower. Cards may be mailed to him at 1765 Harvey Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Friends and relatives are encouraged to fill his mail box with cards to mark the event.

Randy (Sherry) Sloan, Bruce (Connie) Sloan, Nanci (Dennis) Dye and Lynda (Don) Schneider, grandkids and great grandkids will all help him celebrate the day.



M. Sloan

'Whiteout' a term with two meanings

MANHATTAN — One of the terms that High Plains residents do not like to hear during winter is "whiteout," but the term can mean different things to different people.

"'Whiteout' is one of those meteorological terms with more than one definition," said Mary Knapp, state climatologist for Kansas. "Here in the Plains, it generally refers to a situation in which blowing snow has reduced visibility to near zero."

In polar regions, however, it refers to an optical phenomenon in the atmosphere, which engulfs the observer in a white glow, Knapp said. The observer can see things, but the horizon and the clouds are indistinguishable. So, objects appear to "float," and the observer's sense of depth and orientation is

lost.

"In the air during a polar whiteout, you can't tell up from down," she said.

The polar version of a whiteout usually occurs in areas of unbroken snow with a uniformly overcast sky, the climatologist said. The plains version occurs when strong winds combine with a light powdery snow.

Knapp is in charge of the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University.

Information about Kansas weather is available on its web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/wdl. Her "Weather Wonders" audio reports are also available on the K-State Research and Extension/Kansas Radio Network Web site at www.oznet.ksu.edu/radio.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.94
Corn (bushel)	\$3.87
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.75
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.99

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Laverne Evelyn Engelhardt

Laverne Evelyn Engelhardt was born on Nov. 17, 1923 to Walter and Ethel Horn in Chicago, IL. As a young child she attended Lakewood Avenue Evangelical Sunday School and was raised in a Christian home. She was baptized on July 28, 1937. She graduated from Foreman High School in Chicago, IL on June 27, 1941. Laverne was also a graduate of Chicago Business College and Moody Bible School.

On Aug. 17, 1946 Laverne married Nayle Vernon Engelhardt. They lived in Denver, CO where Vernon worked for the railroad. They moved to the farm north of Oakley, KS in 1948. In 1955 they built their home north of Colby, KS where they resided until their passing.

Laverne was an active member of the Gideon Auxiliary and held local and state offices. Her other activities included teaching Sunday school and Bible school, Child Evangelism, Garden Club, Extension Club, helping with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, and volunteering on Tuesdays at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. She loved to paint, cook, sew, and swim. She actively participated in the Billy Graham and Bill Class Crusades and was an active supporter of missions.

Laverne passed away at home on Dec. 27, 2008 at the age of 85. She is survived by her four children, Judy K. Wright and husband Samuel of Beatrice, NE, Kenneth (Spike) E. Engelhardt and wife Lila of Colby, KS, Steven L. Engelhardt of Mill Hall, PA and Rebecca J. Mills of Olathe, KS, brother Walter V. Horn and wife Shirley of St. Charles, MO, sister-in-law Vera Horn of Tucson, AZ, brother-in-law William (Willie) Engelhardt and wife Mary Jane of Colby, KS, 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and friends.

Laverne was preceded in death by her husband Nayle Vernon Engelhardt, parents Walter and Ethel Horn, baby sister Gail J. Horn, brother Wilton (Bud) Horn and grandson Jonathan E. Engelhardt.

Services were held at the Berean Church in Colby, KS on Dec. 30, 2008 conducted by Pastor Fran Harwerth of Ainsworth, NE. Final resting place in Mingo Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Gideons International. Funeral services arranged by Harrison Chapel, Colby, KS.

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