

Family

Deaths

Douglas J. Beckman

Douglas J. Beckman, 46, owner of the Grinnell Furniture Store, died Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, following a car accident north of Colby.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell, with Father Michael Elan officiating and

burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery there.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at the church parish center. A Rosary and wake service will begin at 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials for his children in care of the State Bank, 106 S. Adams, Grinnell, Kan., 67738.

On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE Friday**

5:11 a.m. – House checks.

7:21 a.m. – Hit and run at 215 N. Lake.

7:37 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed.

11:17 a.m. – Pickup parked in someone’s assigned stall at 700 S. Franklin. Vehicle moved.

2:38 p.m. – Report of juvenile missing all morning from 1150 S. Franklin. Juvenile returned home.

4:25 p.m. – Spoke to neighbors shooting off fireworks.

7:36 p.m. – Two dogs at large returned to owners.

8:15 p.m. – Assisted sheriff’s office with parking complaints at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

8:18 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

**Saturday**

1:21 a.m. – Check at Twisters.

4:50 a.m. – Oasis reported vandalism in the parking lot.

9:13 a.m. – Complaint of small kitten on porch. Turned over to owner.

10:54 a.m. – Disposed of dead raccoon in road on E. Pine.

11 a.m. – Funeral block.

11:12 a.m. – Disposed of dead opossum in road on E. Fourth.

1:03 p.m. – Anonymous caller reported a golf cart westbound on W. Second. Not found.

2:04 p.m. – Theft of level from vehicle. Extra patrol ordered.

2:46 p.m. – Vehicle fire at Walmart. Assisted fire department.

4:06 p.m. – Caller reported subject withholding her mail.

4:16 p.m. – Weed eater on side of road at Franklin and Pine.

**Sunday**

12:08 a.m. – Parking problem at B-Hive. Vehicle moved.

1:06 a.m. – Loud music in the area of Fifth and Siggins. Spoke with subjects.

1:48 a.m. – Check at Twister’s.

10:48 a.m. – Window shot out of vehicle.

12:51 p.m. – Man reported passed out in grass. Not found.

1:47 p.m. – Male yelling outside of Visitors Center. Not found.

3:57 p.m. – Dog at large caught. Brought to law enforcement center because Colby Animal Clinic was full.

6:11 p.m. – Seven-year-old took off in a pickup; struck another vehicle in the 200 block of E. Hill.

6:47 p.m. – Child in need of

care report.

7:38 p.m. – Clerk at Love’s reported gas skip.

8:52 p.m. – Unable to catch injured cat at the gazebo at Fike Park.

9:41 p.m. – Help requested from officer to get house key back from someone.

10:37 p.m. – Two dogs at large in the 900 block of S. Franklin.

11:22 p.m. – Loud music coming from the back row at 210 N Country Club. Unable to locate.

11:59 p.m. – Non-injury accident at Love’s.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday**

5:10 p.m. – Complaint of four wheelers at four-mile corner. Subject spoken to.

8:15 p.m. – Assisted with parking complaints at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

8:47 p.m. – Cattle out at nine-mile corner. Contacted owners.

**Saturday**

8:34 a.m. – Cow on road in the 3300 block of W. Fourth. Left message for owner.

11 a.m. – Assisted police with funeral block.

Noon – Verified information for Irish passport.

2:46 p.m. – Vehicle fire at 115 W. Willow. Assisted police and fire department.

6:52 p.m. – Cattle out near County Rds. 3 and H. Attempted to contact owner.

7:43 p.m. – Gas skip at Love’s. Spoke with subjects and accompanied them back to store to pay.

**Sunday**

7:36 a.m. – Road sign struck by vehicle and down at U.S. 83 and County Rd. N.

2:06 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police Department looking for transient at Visitors Center.

10:16 p.m. – Caller was almost run off roadway by a motor home eastbound on I-70 at mile 53; now stopped at Oasis. Spoke to subjects; all OK; was wind.

**Monday**

10:43 a.m. – Sherman County reported accident just east of Exit 36 westbound on I-70.

12:47 p.m. – Complaint that son’s ex-girlfriend’s parents refused to return his class ring. Spoke to reporting party; turned call over to police.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
<b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.81
Corn (bushel)	\$3.08
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.67
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.20

Corrections

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Mr. and Mrs. Carver

Hoxie couple wed in candlelight rite

Kelsi Bowers and Brandon Carver were married in a candlelight ceremony April 18, 2009, at the Hoxie Christian Church, with Derek Slack officiating.

Parents of the couple are Dan and Jannelle Bowers, Bird City, and Paula Carver, Hoxie, and and Scot and Virginia Carver, Colby.

Grandparents are Carolyn and the late Gene Rosenfelt, Benkelman, Neb.; the late Glenn and Leota Bowers, and Margaret Taylor of Hoxie; and the late Howard Taylor and Ray and Velma Carver, Liebenthal.

Matron of honor was Lacey Mallory, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Chessmore and Micalyn Scott.

Best man was Will Bates. Groomsmen were Shane Wentle and Brandon Offutt.

Ushers were J.R. Kaiser, Dusty Bell, Kyle Jones and Adam Babcock.

Flower girl was Genesis Harvey, daughter of the groom. Ring bearer was Peyton Bates.

A reception and dance followed at the Sheridan County 4-H Building.

The bride, a 2002 graduate of Cheylin High School/Bird City, works for United Bio Energy, Hoxie.

The groom, a 2003 graduate of Hoxie High School, works for the Hoxie Police Department.

The couple plans to live in Hoxie.

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, July 28, at Colby Community College with 27 members and guests. Guests included Deanna Smith and Dr. LaDonna Regier.

Ken Frahm had the program, featuring Ryan Ortner, general manager of Colby Implement, who gave an overview of the firm’s new building and answered questions. The members were given a tour.

Rotary members will man the Plinko game at the Thomas County Fair as a service project.

Ken Frahm won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the college Student Union.

– Relda Galli

# Thank You!

We would like to thank the following:

Thomas County Fair Board

Thomas County fair grounds keeper

Colby Fire Rescue

Thomas County Sheriff’s Department

Colby Police Department

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for their support on July 26, 2009 on the arrival and departure of the Black Hawk helicopter

provided by the Army Aviation Support Facility #2

Salina, Kansas

Larry and Phyllis Dickey

Rall descendants gather for reunion

Eighty-four descendants and family members of early Thomas County residents Frank and Irene Rall gathered for a reunion the weekend of July 17 to 19 in Rexford and Colby.

The Ralls married in Hoxie in October 1916, and raised 10 children.

Their descendants met Friday evening in Colby for a reception for family members from Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Arkansas and Massachusetts. On Saturday, they got together for a potluck dinner at the Ranch House in Rexford. Sunday, they attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby and had a fellowship dinner.

Represented were:

The family of Norman Rall: Lizzie Rall, Maxine Ross, Donald and Colleen Rall, of Rexford; Jerry and Chris Rall and Nick and Lori Truetken of Selden.

The family of Hulda Wark: Hulda, Hoxie; Sondra Barnett of Rexford; Gloria and David Dible of Rogers, Ark.; Vicki Allison, Chad and Desirée Wark, Morgan, Hayden and Dylan, all of Rexford; Roger and Sherri Wark of Topeka; and Tamera and Ken Searls and Ethan Johnson of Quinter.

The family of Ethel McKernan: Judy Govoni of Wareham, Mass.; Barb Scheibmier of Sherman, Texas; and Rick and Susie McKernan, Haley, Reece and Jace McKernan of Columbia, Mo.

The family of Dorothy Coon: Gary and Clara Gillum of Jennings; Shawn and Dennis Spresser and Kade of Dresden; Jim and Irene Gillum and Jessica of Cañon City, Colo.; and Deb and Craig Crouch, Travis and Theresa Crouch, Tory and Trevon of Goodland.

The family of Eugene Rall: Eugene and Gerry of Clinton, Iowa, and Chris Rall of Davenport, Iowa.

The family of Charlotte Traub: Dan and Cheryl Traub and Tricia Traub of Goodland.

The family of Victor Rall: Peggy and Bill Miller, Rhoda and Ron Hurtt, Dalene and Butch Cox, Shawna and friend, Troy and Jennifer Rall, Victoria and Sean, all of Colby.

The family of Velma Rasmussen: Velma, Gordon and Karin Rasmussen, and Kalin, Terry and Cindy Rasmussen, all of Colby; Cindy and Steve Warner, Diane and Jeremy Guthrie and Jaci and Addison, all of Great Bend; and Jeremy and Megan Warner and Chase of Olathe.

The family of Irene’s brother Edwin Richter: Janice and Wes Letz, and Marilyn Richter and Karen Richter of Denver, and Judy and Daughn Heller of North Platte, Neb..

The families of Harold Rall and Kenneth Rall were unable to attend.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Daniel Joseph Schulz Jr., 21, Great Bend, July 22, theft, Colby Police Department, released same day on recognizance.
- Jennifer Lee Phillips, 38, Colby, last Wednesday, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Brandon Charles Redlin, 25, Goodland, last Wednesday, driving under the influence, reckless driving, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released Thursday on recognizance.
- Miles Justin Ackerman, 22, Colby, Thursday, failure to pay/minor in possession, failure to pay/disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day by Judge Ress.
- Jayson Lee Jones, 28, Colby, Thursday, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Mark Charles Whiteman, 44, Oakley, Friday, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.
- Ralph Gene Brown, 51, White Earth, Minn., Saturday, criminal damage to property, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

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