

# Family

## Deaths

### Francis M. Ritter

Francis M. Ritter, 85, Oberlin, father of James (Connie) Ritter of Colby, died Wednesday Jan. 5, 2011, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born May 3, 1925, the son of Bernard and Philomenia (Kruse) Ritter, on a farm near Leoville, and graduated from Leoville High School in 1943.

He served in the Army during World War II.

On Aug. 21, 1951, he married Pauline Dempewolf in Leoville. They lived in Dresden, where he was a farmer and dairyman.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Leoville.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, and siblings Cletus, Raymond, Seraphim and Dennis Ritter.

Other survivors include four sons, David Ritter, St. Francis; John E. Ritter and Donald Ritter, Dresden; and Gerald (Phyllis) Ritter, Shawnee; three daughters,

Ann (Bob) Middleton, Goodland; Mary (Ford Wiltrout) Ritter, Norton; and Susan McKenna, Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, Sylvester (Margaret) Ritter, Dresden; and Victor Ritter, Jennings; four sisters, Sister Delores Ritter, California; Florence Thompson, Hoxie; Bernadine (Don) Spresser, Leoville; and Alfreda Colling, McCook, Neb.; three sisters-in-law, Wilma Ritter, Selden; Bernadine Ritter, Russell; and Alberta Ritter, Oberlin; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the church, with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating and burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday.

The family suggests memorials in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Ronald Lee Schreiber

Ronald Lee Schreiber, 62, Garden City, a former Colby insurance agent, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis campus in Wichita.



R. Schreiber

He was born April 29, 1948, in Clay Center, the son of Arvon C. and Dorothy M. (Heilman) Schreiber. He attended Goodland High School, graduating in 1967.

On Oct. 26, 1968, he married Janet A.

Thompson in Nashua, Iowa. Mr. Schreiber lived in Iowa, Colorado, and Colby before settling in Garden City in 1993.

After working at May-D&F and Federated Insurance, he was a commercial agent with Farm Bureau Insurance from 1981 to 1998. He later became self employed, servicing vending machines as R&J Enterprise. He also did soda blasting and operated a handyman service.

On Jan. 17, 1998, he married Jane Schreibvogel in Garden City.

He enjoyed classic cars, motorcycle trips, painting and drawing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marge Salas.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Rory Lynn Schreiber, Sublette, and Rachel Anne Keller, Palco; a son, Zachary Lee Schreiber, Salina; two stepchildren, Jeff W. Scott, Benton City, Wash., and Jana E. Strasser, Garden City; three sisters, Kay Jensen and Delores Peter, St. Francis, and Connie

Popp, Hoisington; a brother, Andy Schreiber, St. Francis; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at the Garmand Funeral Home in Garden City, with Pastor Randy Caddell officiating. Private burial.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo in care of the funeral home, 412 N. Seventh St., Garden City, Kan., 67846.

Condolences may be emailed to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Colby native does clinical work in Oakley

For the next month, Kellie Wark, a Colby native and a fourth-year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, will get hands-on clinical training from Dr. Celeste Rain at New Frontiers Health Services in Oakley.



Kellie Wark

Wark, the daughter of Kevin and Susan Wark of Colby, graduated from Colby High School in 2001 and from the University of Kansas with degrees in human biology and psychology in 2006.

"I knew when I was in Junior High that I wanted a professional career," Wark said, "and I was sure it would be as a doctor."

The next step toward her goal will be a rural "preceptorship"

at the Oakley clinic from Monday to Jan. 29. While at the clinic, she said, she will be taking patient histories and giving diagnosis opinions to the attending physician.

She will head back to Wichita to complete a few more elective classes before her graduation in May.

Wark said after she graduates, her next move will be three years of residency in internal medicine, but is not sure where that will be.

After completing that, she added, she likely will spend another three years to specialize in hematology and oncology before settling down in academic medicine at a university hospital.

She said she will more than likely work somewhere in the Midwest.

## Ag signup starts Monday

The sign-up period for 2009 crop-year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments begins Monday, says Adrian Polanski, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

The program is one of five disaster programs included in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, better known as the Farm Bill, that help farmers and ranchers who suffer losses from natural disasters.

"We encourage farmers who suffered losses during the 2009 crop year to visit their county office to learn more about the disaster program," Polanski said.

To be eligible, a farm must have:

- At least a 10 percent production loss on a significant crop.
- A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all significant crops.

Anyone considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource

farmer may be eligible without a policy or plan, however.

Located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or a contiguous county under a disaster designation by the secretary of agriculture. Farmers in other counties may be eligible if the actual production is less than 50 percent of the normal.

Kansas counties that received a primary 2009 disaster designation include Cheyenne and Sherman in this area. Contiguous counties include Thomas Greeley, Phillips, Rawlins and Wallace.

For information, call 462-7671 or stop by the county office at 915 E. Walnut.

## Corrections

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.23
Corn (bushel)	\$5.36
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.21
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.44

**Oakley Country Club "Bowl Game Challenge"**

Join us for Bowl Season at the Oakley Country Club!

Fill out your winning choices on our bowl game ballot and be in a drawing for \$100, \$50 or \$25 gift certificates to use at the club!

If you not a member, \$1 membership fee now through the National Championship game on Jan. 10, 2011. (full social membership privileges included)

**5 High-Definition large screen TV's, great pub atmosphere, great food & company.**

**"Dog-gone" it.... I shoulda used the Classifieds!**

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## Senior Progress Center

Friday there will be a Wii game at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. pinochle game. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Rummikub. **Wednesday:** hot drinks day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 shuffleboard. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** Swiss steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, pears. **Tuesday:** brat, pasta salad with vegetables, peaches, bun, applesauce bar. **Wednesday:** paprika chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, gela-

tin with mixed fruit. **Thursday:** hamburger, potato rounds, cheesy broccoli, bun, fruit crisp. **Friday:** sausage gravy, seasoned carrots, citrus slices, biscuits, cook's choice complement.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75. Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Eagle ceremony Sunday

Colby Boy Scout Sam Kendrick will receive his Eagle Scout rank at a ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Colby United Methodist

Church. Kendrick is a member of Troop 141. His parents are Mark and Amy Kendrick of Colby.

## Lions rally goes international

Lions Club leaders from all parts of Kansas will hold their annual Mid-Winter Rally at the Courtyard by Marriott convention facilities in Junction City from Friday to Sunday, Jan. 28-30.

This year, the rally will take on a worldwide flavor as guests will be International Director Carl Young and his wife Elizabeth of Ontario, Canada, and Barry Palmer and wife Anne of Sidney, Australia. Palmer, a former international director, is a candidate for Lions International vice president.

A principal order of business will be the quarterly meeting of the State Council of Governors to evaluate practices and establish policies to guide Kansas clubs.

Governors of the Kansas districts are the Rev. Kerry Hookstra, Marilyn Sorenson, Michele Hufferd, Tom Smarsh and Tonja Wienck. Meetings will be lead by

State Council Chairman Bill Philippi of Marysville.

All three of the Kansas Lions Foundations will conduct quarterly meetings. Many state committees, including Youth Activities, Sight Conservation, Diabetes Awareness, Environmental Conservation, Lions Band Camp, Club Membership and Public Relations, will meet Saturday.

### Jim Morrison

Departed Nov. 24, 2010

God called my name he set me free

Now I am home for eternity

No pain or suffering can enter there

God's peace and love we all share

Don't weep for me I am free

Heaven's gate open wide

Welcome home child come inside

Remember the good times we all shared

The loving smile the tender touch

Little things that mean so much

When you cross the great divide

Loving arms open wide

Together again side by side

In loving memory of

**Jim Morrison**

By John Brannick  
Nov. 26, 2010

## Twins born in different years

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A northern Illinois couple welcomed their new daughter to the world in the last minute of 2010 — and a twin son in the first minute of 2011.

Ashley Fansler gave birth to Madisen Carin Lewis at 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Eve in Machesney Park, 85 miles northwest of Chicago. Aiden Everette Lewis was born a minute later, at 12 a.m. on New Year's Day.

The Rockford Register Star reports that Fansler wasn't due until the end of January but doctors at Rockford Memorial Hospital scheduled a cesarean section for Friday evening to avoid complications.

The father, Brandon Lewis, says one of the doctors was counting the minutes down before the births. Lewis says it was "definitely the best" New Year's countdown he's had.

### Some of Our Memories of

#### Roberta Horning Heaton

We only began to know you when you married our dad, Jack Heaton in 1991.

We remember your trips to Oregon to go gold-panning in the Siskiyou Mountains and walking barefoot in the sand on the coast. We have pictures of you being so happy picking blueberries and blackberries on the farm in Washington. We have fond memories of our times at the cabin on Trenton Lake.

We thank you for being in our lives.

The Heaton Kids

Deanna, Leslie, Gary

### Thank You

We want to thank all our family and friends for their outpouring of love and kindness during this most difficult time of Jim's passing.

Thank you to all who visited at the hospitals, called, sent cards and memorials, flowers or food. Pastors Steve Todd and Jim Mardock for their visits and prayers - all were appreciated more than you know. Thanks also to Pastor Steve Todd for the beautiful service.

May our good Lord richly bless you as you all have blessed us

Karen Morrison  
Jeff & Rachelle Morrison and Family  
Scott & Michelle Morrison and Family  
Lisa Morrison Petry and Family  
Karen & Eric Morrison

### James Frank Morrison

James "Jim" Frank Morrison was born in Colby, Kansas, on April 11, 1942. He was the second child born to L.W. "Pete" and Catherine Louise Buckner Morrison. He passed away on November 24, 2010, in Denver, Colorado, following a lengthy illness, surrounded by his family.

He graduated from Colby High School in 1960, and attended the University of Kansas from 1960-1964, majoring in biochemistry and physiology. He changed direction in his senior year and transferred to the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. Jim graduated in 1967 with a Doctor of Optometry degree.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Karen Carr, in 1963. To this union three boys were born: James Michael "Mike" in 1965, Dr. Jeffery Beckner "Jeff" in 1967, and Jon "Scott" in 1969. A daughter, Lisa Lee was added to the family in 1974.

Jim practiced optometry in Garden City, Kansas, before returning home to the Colby area. He opened his private practice, where he provided optometry services to many patients from 1965 to 1998. In addition to a private practice, Jim founded the Northwest Kansas Education Diagnostic and Referral Center for Children with Learning Disabilities. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and past chairman of the Kansas Optometry Association's legislative committee.

Jim was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Representative Don Crumbaker to the Kansas House of Representatives and was later elected to that office, which he held for 18 years. As the Representative of the 121st District (Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, and Graham counties), he was the chairman of the House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee, a member of the House Health and Human Services Committee, and the Joint Committee on Information Technology.

He lived his life without any reservations and an all-or-nothing attitude that wore many of us out. He was given numerous legislative, professional and personal honors and awards throughout his life.

Jim had many passions in his life - his family, computers, photography, ham radio, and broadcasting engineering to name a few. He was always up to date with the latest and greatest technology. His first computer still is in his home. Everyone knew to call Jim with questions about computers, televisions and wiring electronic devices.

He is survived by his wife Karen and son Dr. Jeff and Rachelle Morrison and family, all of Colby; son, Scott and Michelle and family of Topeka, Kansas; and a daughter, Lisa Morrison Petry of rural Thomas County, a daughter-in-law, Karen Sue Morrison of Tribune, Kansas, a brother, John and Judy Morrison of Algonquin, Illinois, and a sister, Ann and Dan Commerford of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his oldest son Mike in 1986.

Services were held on November 30, 2010, at the Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Todd officiating. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery, Colby, Kansas.

### Lola Marie Turrell Skiles

Lola Marie Turrell Skiles died November 25, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, KS. Lola, the oldest of six children, was born January 5, 1923 to Joseph and Avis (Phillips) Turrell on the family farm north of Rexford, KS. Growing up during the Great Depression, she attended Hopewell country school and worked on the family farm. Lola was a hard worker and kept herself busy working in her teens and twenties. Some of the jobs she had were helping on neighboring farms, being a nanny to a family of children in Russell Springs, KS and also in the local cafe where she enjoyed working as a waitress. During World War II she went to Denver to stay with an aunt and worked at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal helping assemble bombs.

Much to her surprise, in early 1951, she received a letter from a soldier who was a patient in an El Paso, TX Military Hospital. He wrote that he had seen her picture while one of her relatives was visiting another soldier in the hospital and decided to write to this Kansas girl. As it turned out, this soldier was the love of her life, Allen Skiles. After many more letters, a couple of phone calls, and visits, the two were married in Bartholomew County, Indiana on September 19, 1951. This was the furthest she had ever been away from home and her travels were just beginning. Not long after that Allen was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany and Lola soon followed. Their first two sons, Mike and Steve were born during Allen's tour in Germany. They would later be stationed in Ft. Hood, TX, where a third son, Frank was born. Lola also lived in Georgia and New Jersey following her husband while he was serving his country. While stationed in New Jersey, just ten short years into their marriage, Allen died in an army hospital in the Bronx of New York on August 15, 1961 of pneumonia.

Lola returned to Rexford with her three young sons to be near her family. She bought a house in Colby later that year, where she made her home until the time of her death. Being a young widow, she never remarried, instead devoting herself to her children. She sacrificed many things in her life so her children would not go without. When her boys were young, Lola worked in the school cafeteria, so she would have her summers off to spend with them. She enjoyed attending Bible studies and going to the Berean Church. At the time of her retirement she worked at The Good Samaritan Retirement Home as a housekeeper where she met many wonderful friends and even a future daughter-in-law, Bernice (Griggs) Skiles.

After her retirement she spent most of her time with what she considered her greatest accomplishments, her three sons, ten grandchildren and two great-grandsons who she loved very much. The grand kids were always excited to share in her many hobbies of gardening, going to garage sales and of course going to the U-Save shop. Lola was a selfless mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who loved nothing more than spending time with those she loved. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Lola was preceded in death by her husband Allen, her parents, sister, Blanche Cheney, and brothers Cliff, Clyde and Don Turrell. She is survived by her sons, Mike and wife Bev of Katy, TX; Steve and wife Jari, and Frank and wife Bernice of Colby; brother Billy Joe Turrell and wife Pat of Colby. She is also survived by grandchildren, LeeAnn Hopkins and Harry of Hickory Creek, TX; Kristin Barnett and Kerry of Lewisville, TX; Kayla and Karter Skiles and Sean and Rande Skiles of Colby; Chris Skiles and Sabrina of Hawaii; Stephanie, Samantha and Cody Skiles of Katy, TX; great-grandsons, Griffen Hopkins and Sawyer Barnett along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, with burial at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Pallbearers were Mike Skiles, Steve Skiles, Tom Turrell, Allen Cheney, Tim Rall, and Pat Martin.

In her honor the family suggests donation be made to the Citizens Medical Center Serenity Room.