

# Family

## Deaths

### Emma Lillian Desilet

Emma Lillian (Ellis) Desilet, 86, a retired teacher and mother of Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin, died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Mount Joseph Senior Village in Concordia.



Emma Desilet

She was born Dec. 17, 1924, in Dardanelle, Ark., the daughter of Jeff and Pearle (Miks) Ellis. She graduated from Dardanelle High School in 1941 and from the Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway (now the University of Central Arkansas) in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry.

She married Buford Marcel Desilet in Dardanelle in 1945 and the couple moved to Concordia, where she lived the rest of her life. With a severe shortage of teachers in the early 1950s, she started teaching first in country schools and then, after consolidation in the 1960s, at Notre Dame High School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School.

After the closing of the Catholic schools, she taught at the Concordia Middle School, retiring after 32 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic

Church, the Catholic Daughters and the American Legion Auxiliary. She moved to Mount Joseph after suffering a stroke about eight years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia (Steve) Haynes, Oberlin; and Marcella Marie (Rick) Cairns, Concordia; a brother, Jeff Ellis Jr., Newport, Ark.; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a step-grandson, Russell Cairns; and two sisters, Madelyn Curtis, Dardanelle, and Adele Crocker, Russellville, Ark.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Larry Letourneau officiating and burial in St. Concordia Cemetery.

A rosary and vigil will be held at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials to the church, cemetery or hospice can be sent in care of the funeral home, 325 W. Sixth, Concordia, Kan., 66901.

### Frederick L. Helm

Dr. Frederick L. Helm, 66, a veterinarian and retired U.S. Army colonel, brother of Ceanne (Martin) Rinehart, Colby, was found dead at his home in Hilo, Hawaii, on June 3, 2011.

He was born May 2, 1945, in McCook, Neb., the son of John Francis and Helen Margaret (Sughrue) Helm. His family lived on a farm in Decatur County and he attended grade school at Spring Branch, a rural school at Lyle. In 1963 he graduated from Norcatour High School.

After high school he attended St. Benedict's College at Atchison for a year and transferred to Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1967. In 1969 he graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State.

While attending the university he was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and enlisted in the army as a captain after graduation. His military service took him to Thailand and Vietnam as a

Green Beret. In 1981 he received a Masters of Science in Public Health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

While stationed in Washington, D.C., he provided veterinary care for Millie, the pet springer spaniel of President George H.W. Bush. He was stationed in Hawaii just prior to his retirement.

An avid reader, he loved farming and dancing.

Preceding him in death were his father in 2004 and a sister, Mary Helm, in 2010.

Survivors also include his children, Natasha Kukunaokala (Andrew) Sloan, Kernersville, N.C.; and Andrew Helm, Athens, Ala.; his mother of Cambridge, Neb.; three brothers, Jim (Yanis) Helm, McCook, Neb.; John (Pam) Helm II, Redmond, Wash.; and Mike (Deb) Helm, Norcatour; two sisters, Kathy Brashears (Robert Hezzy), Curtis, Neb.; and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.

Services in Nebraska and Hawaii will be scheduled later.

### Nea L. Johnson

Nea L. Johnson, 41, a Colby homemaker, died Monday, June 13, 2011, at her home in Colby.

She was born May 27, 1970, in Tucson, Ariz., the daughter of Raymond and Jackie Johnson.

She graduated from Kingman High School in Kingman, Ariz. Her first husband was Rick Best.

On Jan. 11, 2000, she married Albino Gamez in Rexford.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bradley Johnson, in

2005.

Survivors include her parents, of Rexford; her husband, Albino Gamez Jr., of the home; a son, Haydyn Best, Rexford; a daughter, Erica Best, Colby; two brothers, Wayne Johnson, Seattle; and Brett Johnson, Cupertino, Calif.; and one grandson, Evan Wayne Best.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation.

### Rex Christopher Schroeder

Rex Christopher Schroeder, 85, an Oberlin businessman for over 50 years, died Sunday June 12, 2011, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born Feb. 17, 1926, in Thomas County, the son of Emil C. and Bertie (Entwhistle) Schroeder. He grew up in Thomas County, attending school in Brewster.

He married Des Moines Stickle in 1947. In 1975, he married Ethel Stanley.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Ethel Schroeder; a son, Anthony Schroeder; and a brother, Glenn Schroeder.

Survivors include two sons,

Rod (Gwen) Schroeder, Hugo, Colo.; and Bob (Alice) Stanley, Oberlin; three daughters, Sherry (Bill) Arnott, Bluffton, S.C.; Judy Fritz, Hinesburg, Vt.; and Darlene (Mike) Johnson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a brother, Ray Schroeder, Andrews, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2011, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with Mr. Sid Metcalf officiating and burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

The family suggests donations to the Rex Schroeder Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers.

### Tiny school stays open

DUETTE, Fla. (AP) — The doors at what may be Florida's tiniest school will remain open this fall despite long odds.

Duette Elementary in the Tampa Bay area has just 13 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Opened in 1930, it bills itself as the state's last one-teacher school.

Manatee School District cut the school's funding two years ago. But 63-year-old Donna King has kept it afloat, running it without a paycheck as a charter school.

As a charter school, it has struggled to raise funds, but King says she'll fight to keep the school alive.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary

President Anita Thiel chaired the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars last Wednesday at the Post Home.

The meeting opened with prayer, patriotic instructions and flag salute. Prayers were offered for prisoners of war and missing in action veterans, hospitalized veterans and women veterans.

Minutes were read and approved; the treasurer's report was read and bills were allowed for payment.

Correspondence included a thank you note for poppies delivered to the nursing home, thanks from the Fort Dodge veterans' home for comfort items and congratulations from District President Linda Marshall and National President Cortina Barnes for the auxiliary's 65 years of service.

The poppy chairman reported 50 poppies taken to Colby Care Center and Prairie Senior Living Complex.

The hospital chairman reported 24 cover-up bibs were sent to the

Fort Dodge Soldiers' Home with walkers, caddies, lap robes and warmers. Twenty-four cover-up bibs were also made for the Winfield Veterans Home and three boxes of clothes were sent to Wichita for homeless veterans.

The veteran family and support chairman reported vendor coupons were sent to a base in Turkey for military personnel.

The auxiliary participated in Memorial Day services at cemeteries and the publicity chairman reported May meeting notes were published in the *Colby Free Press*.

Peggy Stupka was accepted for membership.

Members were encouraged to volunteer their help for the Make a Difference Day blood drive in July by notifying Thiel at (785) 694-2216.

2010-2011 officers were installed: President Anita Thiel, Treasurer Teri Cloe, Chaplain Lily Thieler, Guard Margene Griffin, Conductress Mary Weed and Secretary Hazel Duffey.

National Home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with ritual prayer.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, at the Post home.

### Kimberly Juenemann

Kimberly "Kim" Knudson Juenemann, 55, of Chetopa, peacefully passed away June 10, 2011 at her home in Chetopa, KS.



She was born on December 5, 1955, in Colby, Kansas to Jack and Dorothy (Cox) Knudson. Her childhood years were spent in Rexford, KS, graduating from Golden Plains High School. She then earned her Associate Degree from Colby Community College, Colby Kansas. She was awarded a BA in English Education with Honors and a MS in Education/Reading Specialist from Fort Hays State University. After graduation, she taught English, and coached girls volleyball and basketball at Colby Junior High, Colby Kansas. After three years, Kim began teaching High School English, Forensics, and Yearbook at Golden Plains High School in Rexford, Kansas. She became superintendent of schools in Jennings, Kansas, Herndon, Kansas and for USD 505 Chetopa-St Paul.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Lawrence "Larry" F., of the home; their son Lawrence Luke of Gem, KS, his wife Julie and their children, Jorja and Jemma; as well as their son, Theodore Jack of Pittsburg, KS, and his significant other, Mariah; her father, Jack Knudson and sister, Juliann Knudson, both of Atwood, KS; and brother, Thomas Korby Knudson and wife Pam of Colby, KS; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy (Cox) Knudson; and brother, J. Todd Knudson.

Kim will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, her passionate love of family, her constant striving for excellence, and her tireless work for the children and staff to whom she gave her support without reservation.

With her leadership, USD 505 Chetopa became USD 505 Chetopa - St. Paul which was a constant source of pride. She could be seen in virtually every school and community event. She was an ardent supporter for the towns of Chetopa and St. Paul and worked in many civic organizations promoting small town life.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at the Chetopa High School gymnasium.

A second memorial service will be held at 1:15 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2011, at the Rexford Community Church in Rexford, Kansas. A private family inurnment will be at a later date.

The family requests that contributions be made to the "Kim Juenemann Memorial Scholarship Fund". These may be left at or mailed to Bath-Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 346, Chetopa, KS 67336.

Online condolences may be left at [www.forbeshoffman.com](http://www.forbeshoffman.com).

## Daughter protests to lawmaker

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina lawmaker doesn't think it was right for his daughter and her third-grade class to write to him and other elected officials protesting possible cuts in state education spending.

Republican state Rep. Mike Stone says his daughter asked in her note to "please raise the budget, dad" and help keep two teacher assistants employed.

Republican lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Beverly Perdue are at odds over the budget that is on her desk to either sign or veto.

Some in education say the proposed spending plan could eliminate 9,300 positions in the public schools. Republicans have said those numbers are exaggerated.

Lee County Schools Superintendent Jeff Moss told WRAL-TV he didn't see the writing exercise as a problem.

Moss said students in other schools wrote to lawmakers and Perdue.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.59
Corn (bushel)	\$7.25
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.46

## 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.



To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of George & Phyllis Elliott to be held at the Colby United Methodist Church 950 S. Franklin, Colby KS

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## The Rotary - Chamber Golf Tournament

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Cakes donated by Virginia Umberger with Sunflower Kitchen Bakery

The Colby Rotary Club and The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of our sponsors, players, volunteers and the Meadow Lake Golf Course who have helped make this tournament a success.

We appreciate you and thank you for your continued support!!!



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