

Family

Deaths

Charles R. 'Bud' Luckert

Lifelong Thomas and Sherman County resident Charles R. "Bud" Luckert, 86, Goodland, grandfather of Ryan Luckert of Colby, died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born April 3, 1925, in a sod house on the family farm near Edson, the son of Frederick Gottlieb and Emma Rose (Held) Luckert. He attended school at Edson.

From November 1944 through August 1946 he served in the Army in Europe.

On April 17, 1950, he married Theresa Catherine Hafner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. They lived in Brewster, where he farmed and worked with cattle. In 1997, they moved to Goodland.

His memberships included Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his wife, on Oct. 30, 2010; two sons, Clark Richard Luckert and Charles Anthony Luckert; and

three sisters, Flo Harris, Marie Platt and Vi Stein.

Survivors include a son, Wayne (Debbie) Luckert, Brewster; a daughter, Janet Ewing, Eaton, Colo.; four brothers, George (Roberta) Luckert, Brewster; Ernie Luckert and Petie Cutsinger, Perry, Okla.; Frank (Judy) Luckert, Norwich; Bill Luckert, Topeka; three sisters, Freida (Elmer) Roberts, Lamar, Colo.; Grace (Gene) Pyles, Loveland, Colo.; Beulah (Edgard) Barbosa, Campinas, Brazil; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Friday, July 1, 2011, at the church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal and the Rev. Dana Clark officiating and burial with military honors in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central) at Koons Funeral Home in Goodland, with vigil and rosary at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Tyler P. Wozniak

Tyler P. Wozniak, 26, Oberlin, formerly of Colby, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born May 25, 1985, in Colby, the son of Gary and Marla (Van Pelt) Wozniak, and was raised in Colby.

He worked for Poe Well Service in Oberlin.

Preceding him in death were three grandparents, Ross Van Pelt and George and Gertrude Clyde.

Survivors include his parents, of

Oberlin; a grandmother, Dorothy Van Pelt, Oberlin; and a brother, Tanner Wozniak, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

There will be a graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2011, at the Oberlin Cemetery, with Mr. Sid Metcalf officiating.

There will be no visitation.

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

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met on June 21, at the home of Jerry and Kathy Arensdorf for the summer Ann and Andy event. Twenty-five members and 17 guests attended the picnic.

President Nick Wells recognized and thanked members who had served on the board the past year. Janet Wells, Terrel Harrison, Eric Griggs and Marla Crumrine won the door prizes.

The rest of the evening was spent visiting and enjoying the view of Arensdorf's yard and the Villa High Lake.

On Tuesday, the Colby Rotary

met with 23 members and guests Monica Kane and visiting Rotarian Art Mai from Sharon Springs in attendance.

President Nick Wells had the program. He presented an overview of the year with a Power-Point presentation on the club's service projects and activities.

Carolyn Armstrong won Roto-Lotto.

Colby Rotary meets each Tuesday in room 106 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.

— Relda Galli

Flooded-out animals visit Wichita for drier vacation

WICHITA (AP) — Several zoo animals displaced by the flooding in North Dakota are settling in for what might be a long stay at a Wichita wildlife park.

The Tanganyika Wildlife Park is hosting three giraffes, two lions, two tigers and two Amur leopards from the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot.

The animals arrived in Wichita in the first week of June after Dakota zoo officials realized that the Souris River, which flows through the zoo, could flood.

Park owner Jim Fouts says it

appears the animals will be staying in Wichita for some time. He says Roosevelt Park officials believe it will be well into fall before the Minot zoo can reopen.

Fouts told *The Wichita Eagle* that the animals have settled in nicely at the park.

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.

Blossom-end rot has various causes

If you have tomatoes with a sunken, brown leathery patch on the bottom of the fruit, you probably have blossom-end rot.

Though most common on tomatoes, blossom-end rot can also affect squash, peppers and watermelons. Not a disease, this condition is caused by a lack of calcium in the developing fruit. Does this mean there is a corresponding lack of calcium in the soil? Not necessarily, especially in Kansas. Most Kansas soils are derived from limestone, which is partially made up of calcium.

So what causes blossom-end rot? Actually, there are a number of possible causes, especially on tomatoes. Let's look at some of them.

- Tomato tops often outgrow the root system during cooler spring weather. As long as it is cool, the root system can keep up. When it turns hot and dry, the plant has a problem, and water — with the calcium it carries — goes to the leaves and the fruit is bypassed. The plant responds with new root growth and the condition corrects itself after a couple of weeks.

- Heavy fertilization, especially with ammonium forms of nitrogen, can encourage this condition. It encourages more top than root growth and the ammonium form of nitrogen competes with calcium for uptake.



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- Anything that disturbs roots such as hoeing too deep can encourage blossom-end rot. Mulching helps because it keeps the soil surface cooler — a better environment for root growth.

- Inconsistent watering can be a factor. Keep soil moist but not waterlogged. Mulching can help by moderating moisture levels over time. You should also avoid damaging roots and watch fertilization.

But there are some years you do everything right and the condition shows up due to the weather. In such cases, remember that blossom-end rot is a temporary condition and plants should come out of it in a couple of weeks. You may want to pick off affected fruit to encourage new fruit formation.

Soils with adequate calcium will not benefit from adding additional calcium. If your soil is deficient in this nutrient, add 1 pound gypsum

per 100 square feet. Gypsum is calcium sulfate and will not affect pH. Though calcium raises pH, sulfate lowers it and the two cancel each other out. Even if not needed, gypsum will not hurt anything.

We have also found that spraying plants with calcium doesn't work. The fruit's waxy surface doesn't allow absorption of the material and calcium does not move from the leaves to the fruit.

The best way to know what nutrients you have in your soil is to get a soil test.

In my office I have a soil probe available for checkout for you to sample your soil. I can assist you in guiding you on how to take samples and may be available for demonstrations at your place. Samples can be sent through the Thomas County Extension Office to the K-State Soils Lab starting at \$6 per test.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at the Extension Office at (785) 460-4582.

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Practice fire safety with grill, fireworks

The summer months are a time when families enjoy outdoor activities; it's also when barbecue grills and fireworks cause residential fires and serious injuries to children.

According to the United States Fire Administration, each year almost 5,000 Americans are injured by grill fires.

Fireworks send 3,000 children under the age of 15 to emergency rooms each year in the U.S. And sparklers, typically viewed as relatively harmless for children, cause serious burn injuries, accounting for one-third of the injuries to children under five.

Unfortunately, many fireworks injuries are not even reported.

Statistics show most grill fires on residential properties happen from May through August. On Independence Day, far more U.S. fires are reported than any day of the year, with fireworks accounting for 22,000 fires in 2008.

Safe Kids Kansas urges parents to reduce the risk of a fire or a trip to the emergency room and ensure this summer is a safe one.

Grilling Safety

Only use the grill outdoors; po-

sition it away from siding, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches and a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

- Keep children and pets away by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.

- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because flames can flashback into the container and explode.

- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill.

- When cooking food, use long-handled grilling tools to give plenty of clearance from heat and flames. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited when the grill is hot.

- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

- Dispose of hot coals properly — douse them with water, and stir to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

- If you smell gas while cooking on a propane gas grill, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

Fireworks Safety

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.

- Always have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

- Do not carry fireworks in your pocket or hold them close to your face.

- Do not modify fireworks or use homemade fireworks.

- Light fireworks only outdoors on smooth, flat surfaces, and aim them away from spectators, buildings, dry leaves, and flammable materials.

- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water

and dispose of it.

- Fireworks are intended for use by adults in open spaces and children should watch from a safe distance with plenty of adult supervision.

- Keep a phone handy, and know first aid for burns.

Gasoline Safety

Never use gas to start a fire.

- Keep gas out of reach of children. Out of sight isn't enough, for any age. Store your gasoline where children cannot get to it in a well-ventilated area outside your vehicle and living space, such as a detached garage or outdoor storage shed.

- Use gasoline containers with a spout and automatic shut-off that will prevent overfilling fuel tanks.
- Never use old soda bottles or other makeshift containers to store gas.

- Keep gas away from any source of heat, spark or flame. Even household appliances like water heaters and clothes dryers can ignite gas vapors.

For information about summer fire safety, call Safe Kids Kansas at (785) 296-1223 or (785) 296-0351, or visit www.safekids.org.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

12:35 a.m. — Welfare check.

7:52 a.m. — Caller reported man staggering while walking southbound in the 100 block of S. Franklin. Not found.

7:58 a.m. — Possible theft.

8:54 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew on call.

10:35 a.m. — Caller reported theft of prescription medicine. Report filed.

11:05 a.m. — Recovered purse from vehicle stolen Thursday.

11:11 a.m. — Subject had questions about buying a foreclosure house with tenants still there. Civil matter.

12:46 p.m. — Caller advised former tenant left belongings and dog behind. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter. Contacted mother to

get dog.

2:28 p.m. — Report of theft of mail. Spoke with subjects.

7:12 p.m. — Caller reported aggressive dog in the area of 1150 S. Franklin. Spoke with subject.

10:15 p.m. — Caller reported dogs barking continuously. Spoke with owner; dogs were taken inside.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

12:22 a.m. — Subject came to Law Enforcement Center reporting boyfriend holding her mail. Spoke with subject, no report at this time.

10:17 a.m. — Subject came to station about theft of belongings from residence. Civil matter, re-

port filed.

11:05 a.m. — Larry Leroy Mayer arrested on Ford County warrant.

12:36 p.m. — Assisted stranded motorist in the 2400 block of U.S. 24.

3:04 p.m. — Jayla Jean Bennett arrested on warrant.

8:25 p.m. — Booked Kirt Alan Dugger.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for June 21, were Sarah Jane Barrett, first; Elaine Ptacek, second; Cookie Koenig, third; Alvin Koenig, fourth; Jean Snyder, fifth; and Mary Molstad, sixth.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.78
Corn (bushel)	\$6.53
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.04
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.08

Our family is overwhelmed by the amount of calls, cards, and facebook expressions of love from across the country following the sudden passing of our mother, sister, daughter and grandma, Nea Johnson.

Thank You

You are invited to a **4TH OF JULY**
FREE Hot Dog & Watermelon Feed
 4-H Building Thomas Co. Fairgrounds • 6 p.m.
 Coin Toss Game • Jewelry raffle • Bingo
 Music • Entertainment
 Sponsored by the Colby High Plains Lions Club

The Colby RC Flyers would like to thank the following businesses and people for their contributions to the 2011 Fun-Fly:

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Pizza Hut	Mabel's Cafe
Wal-Mart Stores	Radio Shack
Stan's Automotive	Bamboo Garden's
Kansas Quick Lube	Vap Distributing
Cummins Central Power	Foley Tractor
Sears Stores	KXXX/KQLS Radio
S & W Supply	Gambino's Pizza
Village Inn Restaurants	

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CLOSED Monday **JULY 4th**
 to observe Independence Day
(there will be no paper on this day)
 We will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, July 5th.

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