

Deaths

Donald E. Thieler

Donald E. Thieler, 87, a retired Colby mechanic, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center.

He was born March 17, 1925, in Goodland to Harold E. and Beulah Blanche (Pierce) Thieler. He grew up in Levant and moved to Colby in 1946.

In 1943, he joined the Army Air Corps, serving in China, India and Burma for 3 1/2 years during World War II. He received a Good Conduct Medal and the China, India, Burma patch before his discharge in 1946 as a sergeant. He received his high school diploma after his return from the war.

On Dec. 5, 1948, he married Lily May Trybom, and they were married for 64 years. He was a member and deacon of the First Christian Church. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Morris Thieler and Harold LaVern "Bud" Thieler; and a sister, Anita Trybom.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Cynthia (Ronald) Schoenberger, Enders, Neb., and Betty (Jerry) Inkelaar, Wichita; a brother, Kenneth Thieler, Colby; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and a step-great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial including military honors at Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the church, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Edwin Doyle Hume Jr.

Edwin Doyle Hume Jr., 57, Colby, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2013, at his home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1955, in Arkansas City, to Edwin Doyle Sr. and Barbara Hume and later adopted by Virgie Hume. He attended school in Salome, Ariz., where he received a General Equivalency Diploma.

On Sept. 5, 2009, he married Janet Roach in Las Vegas.

He served in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion. A truck driver and mechanic,

he enjoyed playing the guitar.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, of the home, a son, Joseph Hume of St. George, and a brother, Wesley Hume.

Inurnment services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery in WaKeeney.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Roberta Jean Buhl

Roberta Jean Buhl, 66, Colorado Springs, a former Colby Walmart employee, died last Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, at her home in Colorado Springs.

She was born in Colby on Jan. 30, 1947, to Robert J. and Zelma (Turner) Adams. She attended school in Gunnison, Colo., and Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1965. She enjoyed acting in plays, public speaking and cheerleading.

She attended Colby Community College and Fort Hays State College and graduated from Wichita State University in 1976. She enjoyed being with people and used her social skills in a variety of

jobs, including working a number of years at Walmart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Aaron Michael Sweeney.

She leaves two daughters, Kelli (Dan) Huelsman of Colorado Springs, and Jennifer Buhl (Steve) Tschetter of Garden City; a son, Robert Jay (Darla) Buhl of Colby; a sister, Mary Ann Lowry of Wichita; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial has been established to Colby High School, 1890 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Private services will be later at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

High Plains Art Club

High Plains Art Club's first meeting of 2013 was Jan. 8 at the Colby United Methodist Church, with 16 members present. Past President Bev Kern opened the meeting and introduced the new officers: Marlene Carpenter, president; Margaret Denneler, vice president; Alice Wolf, secretary; Shirley Baker, treasurer; and Marge Brown, historian. Following introductions, Carpenter conducted the meeting.

Notations on the December Christmas get together and minutes of the Nov. 13 meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

The family of Fritz Ostmeier donated her art supplies for club members to share. The items were on tables in the foyer to split up after the meeting.

A question arose about the status of the "Art Friendsy - Chair-ish Your Library" fundraiser chairs the club had agreed to paint. Carpenter said her chair was finished and someone from the library had picked it up. Kern had just begun on hers and the chair that was to be a cooperative effort of the other members was being taken care of

by Denneler. Individuals can bid on them by silent auction through the month of February at the library. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, March 12.

Appreciation of Kern's efforts in organizing and scheduling the Christmas luncheon was expressed. Several members brought their Christmas Projects to show.

The paperwork for the pegboard grant has been signed and sent in.

Carpenter shared a flyer about the McCook Art Guild Spring 2013 Photo Show. Kathy Peyton followed up on the Oakley visitors and convention center possibility for showing the club's art. It will be checked into further.

Marilyn Surmeier gave a program on R.C. Gorman, the first recognized Native American artist. She also served refreshments after lunch.

There will be another pastel workshop at the church on Saturday, March 9, conducted by Sheila Reilley. Cost will be \$20 for members of the art club and \$25 for non-members.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 12.

- Alice Wolf, Secretary

Coalition offers help for quitters

One of the activities of the Thomas County Coalition is to work toward a reduction in tobacco use and its deadly effects. The coalition has information on how to help reduce tobacco use and help people who use tobacco quit.

Many have made resolutions to quit tobacco use in 2013 and the coalition is encouraging them to get free help and support from the Kansas Tobacco Quitline online www.KSQuit.org or by phone (800) QUIT-NOW.

The Tobacco Quitline is a service provided at no cost to Kansas residents. Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except major holidays) online or by phone.

A counselor works with participants during e-mails, live chats or one-on-one phone calls to prepare for a quit date and create a plan to

fight cravings and face other challenges. Follow-up e-mails, live chats or phone calls are arranged around participants' schedules. Studies have found that using a tobacco Quitline can more than double a person's chances of successfully quitting tobacco.

The coalition also has information about quitting which can be picked up at the Thomas County Health Department, 350 S. Range in the Thomas County Office Complex.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Tobacco Use Prevention Program provides resources and technical assistance to communities for development of local tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives. For information about the program, go to www.kdheks.gov/tobacco.

Consumer Corner: Don't fall for e-mail scams

E-mail messages have become an important part of our daily routines, making communication easier and faster in both our personal and professional lives.

But not all e-mail messages are what they appear to be. Scammers are out to make a quick buck by distributing e-mails in which the sender purports to be someone known to the recipient and is asking for money to be sent to them.

Sometimes, the e-mail sender will try to convince the recipient that a friend or family member is in danger or is stranded with no money. There are countless stories that can be told in an effort to increase the chances of the e-mail recipient responding.

The Kansas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division warns Kansans to watch out for such e-mails. Don't be fooled by a criminal trying to take advantage of your generosity or sympathy.

We have heard about con artists posing as an acquaintance traveling abroad who has supposedly been robbed and is stranded in need



Derek Schmidt

• Attorney General

of cash. Other scammers pretend to be a relative in need of immediate money for bail or lodging fees. Approach these situations with caution. Never give out personal or financial information. In most cases, it is wise to completely avoid responding to suspicious e-mails.

Con artists use a number of convincing and effective schemes to get your money. One of the most common of these schemes involves the use of money wire transfers. Money transfers are preferred by scam artists because, once the transfer is initiated, the funds are available immediately for pick up anywhere in the world and are untraceable. By following a few simple tips, you can avoid becoming a victim.

• Always know who you're wiring money to. Be suspicious of any request that requires you to wire money to a stranger. Even if the request appears to come from or on behalf of a friend or relative, be skeptical.

• Avoid wiring money to anyone outside the country. Verify "emergencies" with other family or friends before you wire money. Once the money is sent, it is virtually impossible to cancel the transaction and recover your money.

• Immediately delete all suspicious e-mails, and never open e-mail attachments or click on links from unknown sources.

• Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, as well as a firewall, and update them regularly. Some e-mails contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the Internet without your knowledge.

For information about consumer-related issues, or to file a complaint, visit www.ag.ks.gov or call the Consumer Protection Division's hotline at (800) 432-2310.

Colby Comets 4-H Club

On parent's night, President Angela Zimmerman called the regular monthly meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club to order Jan. 21 at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Alex Zimmerman led the Pledge of Allegiance and 19 members answered roll call with "Your favorite month and why."

Reporter Abigail Wetter read the article from the November meeting in place of the minutes. Treasurer Samantha Lindberg gave the treasurer's report. Club Leader Angela Zimmerman reminded members about making pizzas and other upcoming dates. Alex Zimmerman told the group about the Wichita Shoot and other shooting sports competitions coming up.

In new business, the club is responsible for County Club Days.

The group decided to do a model meeting at County Club Days. For a service project, it was decided to serve pies to the nursing homes.

Song leaders Cassandra Zimmerman and Melissa Zimmerman led "Yankee Doodle." Project talks were given by Madison Zimmerman on shooting sports and Evan Olson on his projects. Demonstrations were given by Olivia Wetter and Annette Wetter on a pillowcase and Karissa Singer on tissue paper flowers for Valentine's Day.

Recreation leader Hayden Reinert led in the game "Freeze Tag." Vice President Shawn Reinert announced the date of the next meeting. Following the 4-H pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

- Abigail Wetter, reporter

Corrections

The "On the Road Again" column, "It's time for tourism meetings," on Page 5 of the Thursday, Jan. 31, *Colby Free Press*, included incorrect information on getting tickets for "Chocolate and All That Jazz" event. The tasting and concert, at 7 p.m. Valentine's Day at the Pioneer Memorial Library, is free and does not require a ticket. The mistake was due to incorrect information given to the *Free Press*.

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Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
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Band to tap history Sunday in Quinter

Jeff Davidson and the Trail Riders Band will present a "19th Century U.S. Historical Panorama" at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Quinter High School Auditorium.

Combining a unique blend of songs, history and pictures, the group will revisit the history of the West and its influence on the shaping of the economy, ideology and heroism of this country.

The West drew early explorers who traversed parched plains as they explored the vast Louisiana Purchase. It beckoned to the traders on the Santa Fe Trail, and to pioneers on the Oregon Trail. The West did not escape the heartbreak of the Civil War, but the post-Civil War cattle drives created the greatest American hero - and



Jeff Davidson

the symbol of the West - the cowboy.

The group will lead audiences through the history of the West from the time of Coronado to the end of the 1800s.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, adults \$20, students \$10.

Helicopter use checked

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - State officials are investigating the use of a Department of Justice helicopter at a high school homecoming football game in Northern California.

KCRA-TV reported (bit.ly/WZmrlG) Jan. 31 that top officials at the department did not know the helicopter - usually flown for drug busts - was being used to hover over the game in El Dorado Hills.

The incident was caught on video and uploaded to YouTube. The station says it showed a department agent dropping a football from the helicopter to his son, a player, on the field.

The cost to taxpayers for use of the chopper was between \$900 and \$1,300 for the stunt, not including the cost of personnel used

to fly the aircraft.

Larry Wallace, director of law enforcement for the department, said he will now personally approve any authorized use of the helicopter.



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Sharon Marie Frahm Steele

Sharon Marie Frahm Steele celebrated her last Kansas Day Jan. 29, 2013. She died the next day. Sharon was born April 30, 1935 to Albert and Helen Frahm in Thomas County, Kansas. She graduated Colby High School in 1953. In August of 1954, she married Paul Steele. The couple moved to Lawrence to attend the University of Kansas, where Sharon earned a degree in mathematics. She walked "Down the Hill" at the University with her class in 1957, but officially finished her degree in 1959 while juggling life as a new mother. She graduated with honors and qualified as a Phi Beta Kappa.

Sharon and Paul lived in Dodge City, then Colby, where the mother of three became Kansas' biggest cheerleader, getting involved in farming and community support. She was active in the United Methodist Women, and served on a building committee for the Methodist church in Dodge City and later in Colby served a similar function as chair of the building committee for the Colby United Methodist Church board of trustees. Colby succeeded in completing its new church in 1989.

She was active with the American Association of University Women and also tutored students in mathematics at Colby High School and Colby Community College.

Sharon was active in the Kansas Ground Water Management District, where she advocated for balancing farming needs with water conservation and local control of the Ogallala Aquifer. She served on the Colby Tree Board and organized the tree nursery. She was a master gardener in the Kansas State University Extension in Thomas County. She served on Colby's planning commission. She also served on a Colby committee to raise money for a larger auditorium when Colby High School was built in the 1990s. Sharon sang in the church choir and Sweet Adelines barbershop. She played oboe in the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra.

Sharon delivered "Meals on Wheels" to shut-in senior citizens for decades until the year before her death.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother and father, two brothers, David and Ronald.

Sharon is survived by her husband Paul of 58 years, two brothers, Ken and Sheila Frahm and Bruce and Janice Frahm. She is also survived by three children; Jerrilee and husband Phil Shuman of Colby, Jean and Cathy Steele of Southlake, Texas, and Jo and husband Dana Kraus of Hays, Kansas; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held at The Colby United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 9, 2013. Inurnment will follow at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Friends & Family are invited to attend and share in a celebration of her life.

A memorial fund has been established to The Thomas County Community Foundation -- Donations in care of Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel -- 745 S. Country Club Dr. Colby, KS 67701.

Heart disease risk significant

February, American Heart Month, is a good time to know the following information provided by the American Heart Association.

Stroke is the No. 4 killer and a leading cause of disability in the United States. Each year, about 795,000 Americans have a new or repeat stroke (1 every 40 seconds).

Heart disease is a killer that strikes more women than men

and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. Since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen.

African-American women are disproportionately affected by heart disease and its risk factors. They also confront poorer health outcomes.

50th Anniversary

Dan & Shirley Bourquin celebrated their Anniversary on January 25 in Kansas City with their children Chad & Tami Bourquin, Bret & Jennie Bourquin, and grandchildren Micah, Mikala, Bret, William, and Olivia Bourquin

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