

Jacque Cooper and her son's Jesse, 6, and Tristan, 3, sat in the shade of a net filled with balloons Monday during Memorial Day services at the Goodland cemetery. The balloons were released to end the service. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Holiday is for honoring loved ones

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Memorial Day's traditional purpose was to honor and remember veterans who died fighting for their country, but for many it has come to include all veterans, living and dead, and all who have died.

Darby's grandfather, who died in 1981, served in the Army, but she said he didn't fight in a war. Her father managed to survive the Vietnam

Darby said she sees the holiday as a time to honor her grandparents' lives and her father's service and, of course, remember those who died in every

she said. "I miss them. Even though I gathered at the south end of the cemremember them on other days, this day is kind of for honoring their lives."

Joe Diaz and his family, many of whom live in Denver, come from the grandparents, aunts and other departed family members at the cemetery.

Diaz said his father, also named Joe, brought his children to the cemetery every Memorial Day to pay homage to relatives buried there. He said the fam-ily would arrange fresh flowers in glass nothing like fresh,'" Diaz said, "so, relatives buried there. He said the famvases and use metal stakes to attach the vases to the ground around the headstones.

Although his father died last year,

etery after the ceremony Monday, where the father Joe Diaz is buried next to his sister.

Demetri Nasios, who is married to west every year to visit their father, Diaz's sister Consuelo, cut and arranged the fresh flowers while other family members carried vases to the headstones. Joe Diaz, who spends most of his summers in Goodland, said his father insisted that the flowers be fresh.

> we'll always do the real McCoy. He said his father told him that vis-

iting once a year was plenty. "You guys just come out here once a

Diaz said, he and his siblings plan to year and see me," Diaz said his father "I grew up with my grandparents," keep the tradition alive. They were told him. "That's good enough forme."

Man killed south of Colby

A 44-year-old Hill City man was killed and his passenger critically injured when their pickup went off a highway south of Colby on Sunday morning, one of five holiday weekend fatalities reported in the state.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said that Gary L. Roeder was northbound on K-25 about six miles south of Colby when his 1978 GMC pickup went into the west ditch, struck a guard rail and went into a culvert about 7:30 a.m.

Roeder, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was trapped under his vehicle

ger, David Stephen, 35, Ness City, was a tree near her home late Saturday of taken by Thomas County ambulance to early Sunday, according to Nemaha Citizens Medical Center and airlifted to St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, where he is listed in critical condition, Lopez, 20, both of Wichita, were killed said Maria Loving, a hospital spokesperson

Other fatalities during the long holiday weekend included:

Hilda Behle, 89, Abilene, who died about 1:30 p.m. Monday when her car collided with a pickup truck at the intersection of a city street and K-15. Ardella Becker, 58, Corning, found in 1973.

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ing rainy, relatively cool springs. It is to avoid accepting plants, either in

Downy mildew starts out as light or azoxystrobin (Heritage) may help

ing beds.

won't help much.

ag notebook

By the Associated Press and was dead at the scene. The passen- dead Sunday morning after her car hit County authorities.

Arnoldo Fernandez, 22, and Javier Sunday morning when Fernandez's can went off southbound I-235 in the city and overturned, throwing both men out, the Highway Patrol said.

Last year, five people were killed on Kansas roads during the 78-hour Memorial Day holiday period. The record for a 78-hour counting period is 19, set

> drop off. Extensive defoliation may

weaken the plant,

especially during

the transplant pe-

The best way to

control this disease

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the nursery or home, that show symp-

suppress the disease in nursery hold-

Once you get these plants home, it

is too late. Most of the damage has al-

ready occurred, and fungicide applica-

tions after transplanting probably

and dry conditions will stop this dis-

Fortunately, high temperatures

Applications of fosetyl Al (Aliette)

toms of downy mildew.

Roses could have downy mildew

can cause significant damage in

holding areas in the nursery or gar-

yellow blotches on the upper surface of the leaf. The fungus produces a

sparse tuft of growth on the bottom

surface of the leaf just beneath the yel-

low discoloration. But this fungal

growth is difficult to see and often

Leaves eventually develop light tan,

den center.

After Mother's Day, we always receive questions about rose diseases and declines.

If you recently planted a rose and notice all the leaves are scorching and falling off, it may be a result of a disease called downy mildew.

This fungal disease is almost always introduced on infected, newly purchased roses grown out of state.

In fact, Ned Tisrat, K-State plant pathologist, says he does not recall ever seeing downy mildew on roses established in gardens for more than one year.

It does not appear that the fungus survives our winters or maybe we don't have the right weather conditions to initiate the disease.

Although we don't worry much overlooked. about this disease in older plants, it can be a serious problem on recently angular scorched areas that correspond transplanted roses, especially dur- to infected areas and will eventually ease.

Money awarded for wrongful death

woman killed in a 1997 traffic accident has been awarded more than \$1 million in a wrongful death case.

Jurors returned the verdict late Friday afternoon in Ellis County District Court after deliberating five hours.

It awarded the family of Gladys Dreiling \$653,314 for economic damages and \$408,333 for mental anguish.

Dreiling was killed in October 1997 in a crash north of Victoria. Her family sued Gerald Crawford, driver of the pickup that collided with hers, and Berexco, the company Crawford worked for at the time.

Jurors found Crawford 85 percent at fault and Dreiling 15 percent at fault, while also determining that Berexco was liable for Crawford's negligence.

District Judge Ed Bouker said after the jury's verdict that he will ren-

HAYS (AP) — The family of a now have some closure," said John on company business when the acci-Bird, attorney for the Dreiling family.

Crawford's attorney, Craig Kennedy of Wichita, and attorneys for Berexco had no comment.

Kennedy and Berexco's attorney, Jay Greeno, both said that Dreiling had some blame for the accident.

They also said an economist, testifying for the plaintiffs as an expert his pickup. witness, overestimated Dreiling's economic importance to her family.

Greeno also contended that Crawford was on his way to work and not ing on the well.

dent occurred.

The fact he had parts in his pickup to repair an oil well didn't mean he was under the company's control at the time, he argued.

Bird reminded the jurors that the accident report shows Crawford's work number as the cellular phone in

He said that showed Berexco had the ability to call Crawford back to the office if he was not to be work-

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT		
WILLIAMS FOODS, INC.,)	
on behalf of itself and all others	ý	Case No. '99C16680
similarly situated,	j	Court No. 4
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Plaintiff	Ĵ	K.S.A. CHAPTER 60-223

Uncertainty hangs over Garden City GARDEN CITY (AP) — Like the would be at least another year before getting very tough for them. We're seesmell of smoke that lingers long after the plant would reopen. a fire is extinguished, uncertainty

hangs over hundreds of Garden City workers have moved on to other elsewhere."At Wal-Mart, the real imresidents affected by the Christmas ConAgra plants, Fox said, although pact of the fire hits home on Sunday some had to return to Garden City be- afternoons, manager Chad Rohr said. Officials of the Greeley, Colo.-based cause they couldn't find housing.

ing a good number of people who have Around 20 percent of the displaced not been able to find employment

"That's the day of our biggest drop

company have yet to disclose their plans for the heavily damaged meatpacking plant where 2,300 people had worked until five months ago.

night blaze at the ConAgra plant.

Meanwhile, unemployment benefits are running out for those among the displaced workers who had qualified for the aid, social services officials say. School officials wonder how much enrollment will drop in future years as families leave town to seek jobs elsewhere. The manager of the local Wal-Mart has noticed a drop in sales.

"We're just plain on hold, like we have been," Carol Meyer, president of the Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce, said last week.

"It's a clear matter of ConAgra running the numbers, and we're waiting patiently to see if ConAgra relocates here," she said. "We hope it's too valuable a property for them to lose, but we're considering what else we could do with 965 acres with original water rights."

ForConAgra, a decision about whether to rebuild the plant — about one-third of which was destroyed — has proved to be as challenging as the fire itself, which took more than 18 hours to extinguish.

"We haven't put any sort of a time frame on it," ConAgra spokesman Bret Fox said last week. "We're not going to." Fox cited a growing list of questions that have to be answered before Con-Agra determines if rebuilding in Garden City makes financial sense.

Factors include the slowness of collecting on insurance, compiling a variety of engineering plans to rebuild the plant and, perhaps most significantly, the probable loss of many of the company's 2,300 workers.

"There are an awful lot of factors going into the insurance side," Fox said. "The claim is a very important part of the process. We have to know what resources we're looking at.

"Then, it takes time to develop all of our options and detailed plans for a variety of rebuild options. They are definitely linked, and each one has its own unique complexities. I know it has taken time, but people should understand that there's a lot going on, that there's a lot of very talented people working on a solution."

Even if ConAgra announced a rebuilding plan in the next few days, it

Company officials have focused on in business," he said. "For the most der a decision later on the \$408,333 retaining a "core group" of managers, part, we've hung in pretty decent. But awarded for non-economic loss, supervisors and others whose knowledge and skills would be needed if the business reopened in Garden City, Fox said.

Many families have already left town, some for jobs at other packing companies, and more departures are expected.

"A lot of my kids are planning to | leave because their parents can't find a job," said Melissa Sanders, a counselor at Garden City High School. Some people have been able to \blacksquare change occupations, and that helps. But so many of them don't have a high Safety Curtains • SMV Mounting Brackets school diploma, so they'll have trouble landing. They'll have to move on."

In many cases, the students have been attending Garden City schools for years "and they like what's offered as far as the curriculum," she added. "But leaving is a necessity and they understand having to make this move because of financial necessity.'

About 500 ConAgra families have been served so far by United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican American Ministries in Garden City.

"Things are getting a little desperate," executive director Penny Schwab said. "Especially those families where two members worked at ConAgra, it's

off, and they were in here shopping. We damages. miss them."

Deflectors

those folks, that was one of their days since state law sets a cap on those

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TO: ALL INDIRECT PURCHASERS if the Court approves the settlement, the OF SORBATES OR PRODUCTS CON-TAINING SORBATES IN THE STATE OF KANSAS BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1979 AND DECEMBER 31, 1997.

Defendants.

This Notice is to inform you that a hearing will be held on July 25, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom No. 207 of the Honorable Gerald T. Elliott at the Johnson County Courthouse, 100 North Kansas Avenue, Olathe, Kansas for the purpose of determining whether the settlement totaling \$1,025,000, relating to alleged price fixing in the sale of Sorbates (potassium sorbate and sorbic acid) should be approved. The most common uses of Sorbates are in dairy products (natural and processed cheeses, cottage cheese, sour cream, cheese spreads dips and yogurts), baked products (cakes and cake mixes, pies, doughnuts, baking mixes and yeast leavened baked goods) fruit and berry products (wines, juices and fruit drinks, jams and jellies, dried fruit); vegetable products (packaged salads, pickles, olives, and relishes) and a variety of other products (including diet drinks, semi-moist pet foods, mayonnaise. and salad dressings). The amount of Sorbates used in these products is typically very small, ranging from 0.02% to 0.3% concentrations in final products

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OF SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

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DATED: MAY 11, 2001 By order of the Court

The Honorable Gerald T. Elliott Tenth Judicial District Court of Johnson County, Olathe, Kansas