

Family

Deaths

L. Helen Couch Barcus

L. Helen Couch Barcus, 84, of Anthony, died Monday, March 31, 2003, in Sterling.

Services will be held at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Anthony on Thursday at 11 a.m. Rev. Fleenor will officiate. Burial will follow at Forest Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Barcus is survived by a daughter, Louann Zimmerman of Sterling; a sister-in-law, Gwen Young of Colby; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin R. and Nellie Alice Doerr Glover; her first husband, Clifton R. Couch in 1989 and her second husband, Howard B. Barcus in 1999.

She was born July 26, 1918. Mrs. Barcus was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church and P.E.O.

Memorials are suggested to the Anthony Hospital Foundation, the United Methodist Church of Anthony or the United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara, Calif.

John Weir Ostmeyer

John Weir Ostmeyer, 65, of Grinnell, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus, Father Roger Meitl will officiate.

Burial will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery in Angelus. Military Rites will be presented by the Wheatland VFW Post 2864.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the church with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Mr. Ostmeyer is survived by his wife Lori of Grinnell; his mother Alice of Grinnell; sons Chuck of Reedsport, Ore., and Chad, A.J. and Linc of Oakley; step-sons Lee Schrock of Salina and Ty Schrock of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; a step-daughter Yvette Vreeman of Evergreen, Colo.; and sisters Marilyn Surmeier of Colby and Phyllis Scheetz of Oakley. As well he is survived by eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred Ostmeyer.

Mr. Ostmeyer was born in Sheridan County on Jan. 26, 1938. He was a retired farmer and stockman and had lived in the area all of his life.

He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church of Angelus and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Assembly in Angelus. He was also a member of the Oakley County Club, Master Gardener and various agriculture and farm organizations.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Animal Shelter of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Alvin W. Lines

Alvin W. Lines, 93, of Quinter, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at Gove County Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Quinter.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Schmitt Funeral Home, pastor Keith Funk will officiate and burial will follow at the Quinter Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home.

Mr. Lines is survived by his wife, Ila of Quinter; a son Maurice of Colby; a daughter Rodena Hladek of Fort Morgan, Colo.; a brother Harry of Quinter and sisters Alice Gilbert, Wilma Ikenberry and Doris Simpson, all of Quinter. As well, he is survived by four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Addie Mae (Brandenburg) Lines.

Mr. Lines was a farmer, mechanic and substitute mail carrier and a member of the Church of the Brethren in Quinter.

Memorials are suggested to the Gove County Endowment.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.
Senior Citizens potluck, Meadowlark Manor, noon
Regional Music Festival at Oberlin
SAT test at Colby High School, 8:30 a.m.
FFA Livestock Invitational at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
Volleyball Serve-A-Thon at the Colby Community Building, 2 p.m.
Colby Community College presents "The Piep Piper of Cheeseville at the Cultural Arts Center, 11 a.m.

Former Colby woman honored

A former Colby resident, Connie Stephens of Springtown, Texas, received the number one Pacesetter award at Dillards Annual Banquet on March 26.

To become a Pacesetter for the department store, a person must achieve a yearly excess of \$350,000 in sales. This is Stephens sixth con-



Stephens

secutive year as a Pacesetter. She works in the furniture department and has sold over \$5 million in sales in the past six years.

The banquet was held at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth.

Her mother, Dorothy Stephens and Don Birzer of Colby attended the festivities.

Clubs

Colby Comets 4-H Club

The Colby Comets 4-H Club met on Feb. 6, at the Colby 4-H Building. Vice President, Jordan Hockersmith called the meeting to order. Kayla Hockersmith led the club in the flag salute. Roll call was answered by naming your favorite animal. There were fourteen members present.

Kayla read the minutes of the previous meeting. Leaders Kathy Lindberg and Terri Keck gave leader reports.

Four 4-H members gave presentations. Ryan Scholz gave a demonstration on the care and proper use of batteries. Kayla Scholz gave a talk about her dog project and Rachel Juenemann gave a talk about her market pig project. Matt Lindberg showed the members how to wire a power supply. Meeting was adjourned.

At the March 6, meeting, 15 members answered roll by giving their favorite day of the week. Andrea Dismang let the club in the 4-H pledge. Leaders announced upcoming events including an invitation to the model railroading meeting.

Several members performed their county club day presentations for the group. Rachel Juenemann and Emilea Finley performed their piano solos and Matt Lindberg his trombone solo. A dance routine was performed by Emilea, Katera Harter, Quinne Icke, and Rachel.

Andrea demonstrated how to make Hawaiian Fruit Salad and the club all got a tasty sample after the meeting. Kaylee Keck gave a demonstration on how to tie a fishing fly.

Ryan Scholz demonstrated how to make "Nut and Bolt" Jewelry. Kayla Scholz showed members how to make a polar fleece hat and scarf.

The Lindberg family were hosts for the evening.

Katera Harter is the reporter for the Colby Comets 4-H Club.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$3.11
Corn	\$2.45
Milo	\$3.95
Soybeans	\$5.34

Former teachers reminiscence at the 'Estates'

Irene Indorf and Velda Smith of Goodland spent Tuesday afternoon visiting with Lucile Long and Ardis Boersma at Fairview.

The four had taught school many years in the McDonald and Bird



Lula Thieler

• Fairview Estates Correspondent

City Schools. Sharing experiences was such fun!

Gordon and Norma Albrecht of Winona visited Mary and Emerson Lahman last Monday afternoon.

Edna Sloan, Lucile Long and Ardis Boersma attended the United Methodist Women's Cluster group of the Methodist Church, conducted by Edith Taylor. Pennies for Pledge Missions was collected.

Marjorie Paddock of Rose Hill is spending this week with her mother, Lula Thieler.

Charlene Beougher and her daughter, Cala of Downs, spent Wednesday afternoon with their grandmother, Freda Thieler. Charlene is head of a nursing home and Cala is a high school student.

Several from Fairview attended the birthday party honoring Helen Frahm at the Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon.

Luke and Jada Tubbs were dinner guests of Karen Hodson at Fairview Estates last Tuesday afternoon. Luke is a chiropractor and Jada is the director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Baby

Shawn Bradley Brown

Brad and Melissa Brown of Colby announce the birth of their son, Shawn Bradley Brown on Monday, March 24, 2003, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds and 11.7 ounces.

Grandparents are Jeff Bohr of Boise, Idaho, Sam and Shannon



Lucile Long hand quilted this quilt for her son-in-law and daughter, Gwen and Leanne Schultz of Selden. Long is formerly from Bird City and is now a resident of Fairview Estates. She is 96 and a retired school teacher. She says the residents love to tease her about being in the second grade for 43 years. Long has many quilts she has made over the years and considers this to be one of her favorite pastimes. She enjoys visiting with former students and has had over 189 visitors in the years she has lived at Fairview Estates.

Required reading for anyone who knows a kid.

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Sizzix Ideas (1:00 to 5:00 pm)

Glass-Etching (9:00 to noon)

KSU/KU Ideas (9:00 to noon)

Wilton/Candy Ideas (1:00 to 5:00 pm)

Homemade Cookies and Punch
Drawings
Sales
Sign up for new craft classes

Lyle L. Smith
Lyle L. Smith, a longtime insurance agent and civic leader in Sherman County, Kansas, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Smith was born April 26, 1929, at Beardsley, Kansas, the son of Ethel (Lavell) and John J. Smith, and grew up on the family's wheat and milo farm. He graduated from high school in Stratton, Neb., and attended McCook Junior College at McCook, Neb., for one year.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1950, and was honorably discharged as a yeoman second class in March 1954, having served in California, Rhode Island and Japan. His commanding officer at the time of his discharge, Lt. E.A. Wagner, wrote that "Smith possesses a quiet, friendly personality and is very well liked by all of his associates. The moral standards he has set for himself are of the highest....He has my unqualified recommendation in whatever venture he undertakes upon his return to civilian life."

On March 25, 1955, he and Marsha C. Wallace were married at McDonald, Kansas. They would have three children: Tony, Sheila, and Joni.

Mr. Smith farmed from 1954 to 1958, raising wheat, corn, cows and sheep. From 1958 to 1962, he worked in various posts with the Boy Scouts of America, first in Omaha, Nebraska, as a district executive and director of training, and then in Hutchinson, Kansas, as a district executive. Beginning in 1962, he held management posts at Wiley's department store in Great Bend, Kansas, rising to manager for all store and restaurant operations there.

In June 1966, Mr. Smith and his family moved to Goodland, Kansas. Mr. Smith became an agent with the New York Life Insurance Co., which he served for more than 30 years. Mr. Smith also sold crop insurance.

It was in Goodland, especially, that Mr. Smith became extensively involved with civic and church activities. He was a member of the Methodist church in every community he and Marsha lived, and taught Sunday school and served on a number of committees at his final church, the Goodland First United Methodist Church. He also was part of the special Stephen Ministers of the church.

Mr. Smith also was elected to the Goodland City Council in 1969, and the Sherman County Board of County Commissioners in 1972 and again in 1976. Mr. Smith continued his involvement with Boy Scouting. In 1992, he ran unsuccessfully for a

representative post to the Kansas State Legislature.

Mr. Smith also was active in shaping health care in northwest Kansas, saving as a trustee of the Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center and on the advisory board of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center. Recently, he also also was president of Rural Health Ventures which sought to provide doctors and other experts to Goodland and Sharon Springs, Kansas. In addition, Mr. Smith served on the board of the Kansas State Quarter Horse Association, and was a well known horseman for some years.

He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Goodland Elks Lodge, Goodland Chamber of Commerce, and the booster club Goodland Ambassadors, which he helped start and served as its first president. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and its Scottish Rite, and had earlier belonged to the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha C. Smith, at home in Goodland; a son, Tony, and his wife, Tina, of Guymon, Oklahoma; and daughters Joni Smith, of Goodland; and Sheila Cunningham and her husband, Douglas, of Milford, Pennsylvania. His grandchildren, on whom he doted are Taos, Tucson and Tekoa Smith, and Olivia, Benjamin and Sophie Cunningham. In addition, survivors include one sister, Marlene Schoonover, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, her former husband, Leo Schoonover, of Scott City, Kansas; one brother, Duane Smith, and his wife, Verla, of Burlington, Colorado - two sisters-in-law, Verda Smith, of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Kay Smith Howard, of Fairfield, Montana; and several nieces and nephews. Lyle and Marsha's beloved dog, Jake, also remains at home.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three brothers, Eldon, John and Veryl.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. (mountain time) Wednesday, April 2, at the First United Methodist Church, Goodland, with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial will follow at the McDonald, Kansas Cemetery at 4:30 p.m. central time.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (mountain) Tuesday at Koons Chapel, and again from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, or at the church before the service.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Goodland or to Boy Scout Troop 142 of Goodland; all may be sent to the Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland for further distribution.

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