

Death

**Harvey “Dean” Bastin**  
Harvey “Dean” Bastin, 78, of Selden, died Sunday at Hays Medical Center’s intensive care unit in Hays. Funeral arrangements are pending at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

**Gertrude Bertha Havel**  
Gertrude Bertha (Vrbas) Havel, 85, was born Oct. 16, 1917, in Newkirk, Okla., and died Thursday, July 31, 2003 at Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center, Denver. Mrs. Havel grew up on a farm and attended school near Beardsley. Her parents were Frank J. and Mary (Bartosovsky) Vrbas. She married Joseph Havel in 1942 and together they had six children.

The couple resided on a farm southeast of Atwood for most of their lives until the summer of 2002. She then moved to Fairview Estates Retirement Community in Colby.

Mrs. Havel was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Christian Mothers Altar Society, both of Atwood.

She enjoyed her family and their families. Her pastimes included game shows, card games, puzzles and making quilts.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sisters, Helen and Alice; and three brothers, Frank, William and Bernard.

Survivors include her husband, Joe of Colby; daughters, Jane Mentlick, Colby; Karen Willmore, Golden, Colo., and Mary Pate of McCook, Neb.; sons, Larry of Colby; Bill and Roger of Atwood; five sisters, Antoinette Horinek and Marian Ruda, both of Atwood, Adella Harry, Colby, Martha Soucek, Arvada, Colo., and Frances Ham, Brighton, Colo.; two brothers, Charles Vrbas, Palisade, Neb. and Raymond Vrbas, Hays; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

Services were today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood with Father Damian Richards officiating. Interment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Atwood. A vigil and rosary service was held Sunday, Aug. 3, at Williams Funeral Home, Atwood.

Pallbearers were Tony Mentlick, Troy Curtis, Chris Pate, Matthew Havel, Brandon Domsch and Ryan Luckert. Honorary pallbearers were Greg Mentlick and Eugene Neu.

Wayne Luckert was the lector, mass servers were Anthony Vrbas and Mark Bohme with eucharistic ministers, Helen Horinek, Loretta Studer and Pat Prochazka. Music was provided by Sacred Heart Choir and the congregation with Linda Ruda as organist.

Poster contest aims at raising awareness

Kids aged 1 to 14 are encouraged to enter artwork for a statewide poster contest focusing on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, a nationwide effort to reduce traffic fatalities by urging motorists to take extra precautions when driving. Oct. 10 is designated as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day across the U.S.

Three regional winners in northwest Kansas will receive a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart and a helmet donated by Kansas SAFE KIDS Coalition with one entry selected from each of the three age groups: ages 1-4; ages 5-9 and ages 10-14. Of the 18 regional winners across the state, one statewide winner from each age group will be selected. The statewide winners will receive a family package donated by the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City.

The regional event in northwest Kansas is Friday, Oct. 10 in Hays at Wal-Mart, 4301 Vine Street.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Aug. 29 to be eligible and should be mailed to: AAA Kansas, Safety Department, 3545 SW 6th St., Topeka, Kan. 66606.

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Congrats go to 4-Hers; schools to begin soon

August is here and the Thomas County Fair is over for another year. Congratulations are to be extended to all of those in 4-H who worked so very hard on their projects, to the Fair Board and Hometown Amusement Association. Many volunteers spent countless hours to bring the fair to you again this year.

Saturday was also the Thomas County EMS 8th Annual Nine-Run-Run and 2nd Nine Ride-Ride.

School bells ring in August and the sports activities will be in full swing soon. The Colby Community College Welcome Picnic will be

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held Monday, Aug. 18 in Fike Park. Businesses are welcome to set up a table and introduce themselves to the new students. If you would like coupons or flyers put into the welcome packets for the students, your materials must be in our office by Aug. 8. Mark your calendars for the

*Celebration on the High Plains* to be held Sept. 6 at Southwind Plaza. Highlight of the day will be the Sawyer Brown Concert at 8 p.m. Opening for Sawyer Brown will be Lip Riddle and No Parking bands. Tickets are needed for the evening concerts; daytime activities beginning at noon are free. Enjoy lots of food, musical entertainment, demonstrations, exhibitors and children’s activities. A Citywide Sidewalk Sale will kick off the day’s activities.

Work continues on the Colby Information Center near Exit 53 and

I-70. This building has been a dream of the Convention and Tourism Committee for several years. It is being built with transient guest tax dollars (those which are paid by guests staying in our local motel.s) which the committee has been saving towards building. In other words, local tax dollars are not being used but is being paid for by visitors. The building will be first class and staff extremely friendly and hospitable since it will be the first impression of many of our visitors. It is hoped that visitors will then stay in our community longer to visit the

museum, shop, and dine. The welcome sign which is on the same property was built with funds from the Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Tourism Committee. Those dollars were investments by the business community and guest tax dollars from our overnight guest.s in motels. We are grateful for the guest tax dollars collected. We are able to build for the future, market through brochures and billboards, advertise in publications, provide hospitality for visitors and those attending convention in our community and so much more.

Respite care grants available for families in Thomas County

The Alzheimer’s Association of the Great Plains (formerly the Sunflower Chapter) has been awarded an Administration on Aging grant to provide reimbursement for respite services for families dealing with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. This program provides financial reimbursement of up to \$500 per year to families or individuals caring for someone with dementia.

Respite is an interval of rest or relief. Respite is for the caregiver, care is for the person with demen-

tia. Respite care allows caregivers the time to do necessary and normal activities that make them better able to give quality care to their loved one.

The type of service and selection of service is the responsibility of the caregiver. Many service providers across the state have been notified of the program. Funds are limited and are available until June 30, 2004.

Counties covered by the grant include Thomas, Logan, Wallace, Gove and Russell.

Happenings

To use the program, applicants are required to enroll in the Respite Care Fund. There are no income requirements to enroll in the program and receive reimbursement.

For information or to enroll in the program, call 1-800-487-2585 and ask about the Kansas Respite Care Fund.

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**Art on display at Goodland**  
Hutchinson artist Jeanette Mull

will be featured at the Goodland Carnegie Arts Center’s gallery during August.

The show will open Aug. 3 with an artist’s reception at the center from 1 to 3 p.m. The show will be on display through Aug. 30.

Although her primary interest is plein air painting, she also enjoys figurative, landscape and still life subjects as well as drawing, watercolor, monotype printing and portraiture.

Admission to the arts center is free.

Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, August 6**

Enrollment of new students at Colby Public Schools, 8 a.m., respective buildings.

Genesis Thomas County, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1 -4 p.m. TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

Caregiver Support Group, Colby College Student Union, 7 to 9 p.m. (1st Wednesday of each month) - Jennifer Anderson, coordinator, (800) 432-7422.

Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m. Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.



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Ronald Dale Hess, 71, former Colby resident, died Thursday, July 24, 2003 at the Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo, TX.

Memorial Services were conducted on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 10:30 a.m., by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel with inurnment in Beulah Cemetary. Pastor Martin Russell, Lincoln, NE officiated. Organist was Mary Shackleton and soloist, Leon Woolfer. Dale’s brother, Dean, shared memories of his role as big brother. Tina Wingrove, Dale’s daughter, read a scripture and spoke about how on Saturday night, July 19, she witnessed her dad’s testimony of his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Dale was born in Hugo, CO on June 24, 1932, and moved to Colby, KS in 1937, at the age of 5. He graduated from Colby High School in 1950 and attended college for one year at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, MO. He returned from college and married Donna Marie Garrett on July 13, 1952.

He served two years in the Army and retired from the Army National Guard as a captain with a total of 20 years of service. After serving in the Army, he worked with his father and brother in a family owned business, Hess Lumber Company. He moved to Amarillo in 1993 and was employed by Canyon Drive Lumber Company until his retirement.

While living in Colby, Dale was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, High Plains Shrine Club, Legion of Honor, and Isis Clown Unit. He was also past Master of St. Thomas Lodge #306 AF&AM, and past Worthy Patron of Colby Chapter #442 Order of the Easter Star.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Elwood Hess and Carmen Ena (Hobble) Hess; and a granddaughter Sarai Wingrove.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; a son, Kirk Hess of Riverside, MO; three daughters, Dalene Hess of Forest Grove, OR, Tina Wingrove of Amarillo, TX and Mary Strayer of Kimberly, ID; a brother Dean Hess of Winfield, KS; and two sisters Marilyn Wiley of Scottsdale, AZ, and Wanda Davis of Colby; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 7201 Evans Blvd, Amarillo, TX 79106; or Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.