

Family

Deaths

Melinda Struckmeyer
Melinda (Hansen) Struckmeyer, 28, of Holyoke, Colo., died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004 in an auto accident in Holyoke.

She is the daughter of Don and Twila Hansen of Imperial, Neb. and the niece of Ralph Hansen of Colby. Services are pending with Robert-Bauke Funeral Home in Holyoke.

Lois Nadyne Mai
Lois Nadyne Mai, 86, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and formerly of Russell died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004 at the Scottsdale Healthcare Center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mrs. Mai was born on July 12, 1917 in LeRoy, the daughter of Ernest and Aimee (Watkins) Ward. She grew up and went to high school in Burlington then attended Kansas State University where she studied art. She married Raymond R. Dumler, Russell, in 1938 and they had four children. After her husband's death in November of 1954, she married Louis M. Mai in December of 1959 in Russell. Mr. Mai preceded her in death in May of 1978.

While living in Russell, she was instrumental in bringing many industries into that area along with developing the Dumler Estates Mobile Home Park. She was active in the Russell Art League and won awards for her work. In 1979 she moved to Scottsdale and continued her artwork. Mrs. Mai loved scuba diving, cross country skiing, and traveled in Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean.

She is survived by two daughters, Judith Ann Dumler-Jenkins-Hyer of Paola, and Aimee Beth Dumler-Shumaker-Ward of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sons, Raymond Ward Dumler, Colby, and George Clark Dumler, Phoenix; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents, both husbands, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell with Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Interment will follow in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Russell. Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, at the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple St., Russell, Kan. 67665.

Cold weather is back; condolences noted

Here we go again—tomorrow is supposed to be in the 60s and in a few days the high is supposed to be in the 20s.

This has been going on all winter and even though it feels good to get warm these days, I can't help but thing it would be better to have the temperature more even. The weather has given us all a run for quite some time and it would be nice if we could get the moisture we need.

I want Maxine Nelson to know that we send her condolences on the loss of her husband Keith. May all your memories be treasures to brighten your days.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Tinker Keck is supposed to have another



Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

stint in the role of a policeman on "General Hospital" at 2 p.m. on ABC. It is the same role as the one at Christmas time, but this time, he is an undercover policeman. His mother, Jane Keck, said he told her not to blink, or she might miss it.

Yes, he has two scenes, but Jane didn't know if it would work into a recurring role. So, you'd better catch Tinker on television on the 28!

This weekend the town is slightly

deserted as several are in Dodge City for the basketball tournament and hopefully we will have a good report of the happenings next week. Brewster might be one of the smaller schools represented at Dodge City but I'll bet that people know there are some fans attending the games as there is an abundance of school spirit, which is really great.

There's still several that are recuperating from different ailments. Willard Moore will be undergoing some treatment at Hays in a week or so and then should be as good as new. His sister, Wanda Fulwider, is feeling much better and is getting out and about a little.

We are sorry to hear that Muriel Palmgren had a fall and has broken her hip.

She had surgery in Hays and will continue her healing at Colby. Lorraine Bear is doing better and hopefully she will be able to return to her home sometime soon. There is lots of sinus, colds and such and some have had bouts with stomach distress so I guess it's a typical year for these ailments.

Sometimes it seems that there is

getting more and more types of ailments but really, there are just different ways of doctoring the same ones. I've been battling allergies and such for so long that it seems that I'll never be able to take a deep breath but now they are trying a new treatment on me so maybe things will get better yet.

LaVelle Michael returned home Monday after spending several days in Oklahoma with his youngest son, Greg and family. While there, he was able to be on hand for the graduation from Basic Training for a grandson, Justin Michael, and for the wedding of his granddaughter, Jennifer Michael to Steven Vargas, in Claremore, Okla.

Markets

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Strangers perform act of kindness and deserve thanks

DEAR ABBY: My mom was running an errand at a local farmers' market and left my dad in the car.

When she returned, four people were standing outside the car waiting for her. They had tried to tell my dad that the car had a flat tire. When he didn't respond, they waited for Mom, and then changed the tire for her.

What they didn't know was that my parents were on one of their first outings since Dad's colon cancer surgery a few weeks before. The prognosis wasn't good. My dad's Alzheimer's disease had also spiraled downward. Mom is now sole caregiver because most of their kids live far away.

That those strangers went out of their way to help her and perform an act of kindness meant more to her (and me) than they'll ever know.

I hope they read this and know how much their help meant. I also hope that others will see that a single act of kindness can be a precious gift that's never forgotten.

— GRATEFUL DAUGHTER

DEAR GRATEFUL: You've said it very well. A good deed is like a pebble thrown into a pool of water. The ripples spread far beyond the point of impact. Thank you for the timely reminder.

ABBY: This year my in-laws sent me a peek-a-boo nightie with thong panties for my birthday. I've met them only once.

I am shocked that they sent a gift like this to me. They have never sent me a birthday gift before (and I am not complaining). But I do not wear thong underwear.

Obviously, I will thank them for thinking of me.

But how? And how can I tactfully suggest that they not send me something like this in the future?

— SHOCKED

DEAR SHOCKED: Try this: "Dear Folks, thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I admit I didn't expect to be



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

thought of in quite that way by my husband's parents! With love, your blushing daughter-in-law."

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Shot in the Heart," a 17-year-old young man who was in love with a 15-year-old "girl of his dreams."

His 18th birthday was approaching, and he was worried that he and his girl would have to separate because he would be an adult. He asked if there was anything he could do.

You advised that because his girlfriend's parents had not yet objected to the age difference, they probably would not—and told him to talk to them.

Abby, although your answer had merit and was logical, our laws are not always so.

In this country there are thousands of boys in prison who had this same problem.

If he has intimate relations with her, which could be as simple as kissing and touching, he could find himself in prison. The girl or her parents could have a change of heart. All it would take is for them to call the police.

There are many cases of parents allowing their daughter's boyfriend to spend the night, only to report the boy to the authorities later.

— EX-CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WHO HAS SEEN IT

DEAR EX: Thank you for an important letter. The implications are chilling. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Shot in the Heart's" story is a familiar one. Let me tell you what happened to my sister-in-law's nephew, "Nicky."

When Nicky was 17, his girlfriend, "Andi," was 15. Andi's par-

ents liked Nicky and were fully aware of her sexual relationship with him.

Andi was still 15 when Nicky turned 18. Then Andi got pregnant. When she told her parents the news (she felt she had very cool parents and could tell them anything), they filed charges against Nicky because he was now an adult.

The outcome?

The ruling of the court was that for the rest of Nicky's life, no matter where he moves, he will be required by law to register as a sex offender. (He is also forbidden to have any contact with Andi, whose parents made her get an abortion.)

The law enforcement agency that Nicky registers with is legally required to send out fliers letting Nicky's new neighbors know that a sex offender has moved into their area.

This will follow Nicky for the rest of his life. Everywhere he goes, people will regard him as a sick and evil person. They won't bother to

find out the specifics of what occurred.

"Shot in the Heart" needs to consider his future, get counseling, and above all, realize that it could happen to him!

Please Abby, spread the word. People need to be aware.

— FURIOUS IN FLORIDA

DEAR FURIOUS: That girl's parents were as much at fault for what happened as the young man was. That they would turn on

him, and that he must now carry the label of "sex offender" for the rest of his life, is wrong.

I have two letters on my desk from men responding to the letter from "Shot in the Heart," relating that they have been happily married for 48 and 50 years, respectively.

One man was 22 and the other 18 when they fell in love with their wives, both of whom were in their early teens. However, that was long ago, and times have changed.



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From: Eagle Eye, Old Faithful, Shersh, Dosh, and the Outlaw



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