

Family

Deaths

Roy V. Elshire

Roy V. Elshire, 83, of Dresden, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at his home in rural Sheridan County.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Pastor Tim Morris officiating. There will be no visitation because Mr. Elshire was cremated. Inurnment will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Mr. Elshire is survived by his nieces Judy Schmidt and Joyce Schroeder of Colby.

He was born Feb. 10, 1921 in Sheridan County. He was a farmer.

Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Museum and may be left at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Douglas William Seymour

Douglas William Seymour, 46, of Minneapolis, died Saturday, March 6, 2004.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bird City Immanuel United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Bird City Cemetery.

Mr. Seymour is survived by his wife, Julie Pargman Seymour; children Annie M. Seymour of Abilene, Breanna M. and Brian M. of the home; his mother, Vivian Seymour of Bird City; two brothers, Garry of Bird City and Craig of Ames, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to the children's education fund at First National Bank in Bird City or Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton St., St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Card Shower

Francie Zoberst turns 89

Francie Zoberst will turn 89 on Wednesday, March 17. Her friends are requesting a card shower. Greetings and cards can be sent to 1860 S. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.39
Corn	\$2.91
Milo	\$4.85
Soybeans	\$8.95

Winona residents thankful for the rainy weather

Even though the groundhog predicted more winter, it was the sound of spring when rain was falling Sunday morning.

Conversations on the street concerning the amount of moisture from the rain concluded with the average total being approximately .55 inches in Winona. A light snow fell later in the day and Monday morning dawned with a light dusting on the ground.

It was soon gone and the wind blew a gale all day Monday. Again Wednesday a.m. the landscape was transformed into a ground cover of white; however south Logan Coun-



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ty reported only rain and no snow. As the weekend draws near the actual inches of precipitation is not of as much significance as the fact that the entire area has received some type of moisture nearly every day this week.

Jason and Mollie Lamb and Maddie of Russell Springs went to

Hays where Jackie Wright joined them to travel to Westmoreland for a visit with Ty and Mary Phifer. They were Sunday overnight guests of Ty and Mary. Monday, Jason, Mollie and Maddie attended the Lyons Ranch Angus bull sale in Manhattan.

Jason had been employed at the Lyons Ranch while he was a student at K-State.

Weekend guests of Marshall and Tammy Fulton were Darrin and Jaclyn Fulton of Manhattan. Darrin and Jaclyn are both students at K-State.

Darris Lewallen and Brooklyn of

Hays spent Saturday night, Feb. 21 with Darris' parents, Mark and Pam Lewallen. Sunday they all met Mary Lewallen and Don and Jackie Teeter in Oakley for dinner. Darris, Mary and Brooklyn returned to their home in Hays after spending the weekend with their parents. The weekend of Feb. 29, Mark and Pam Lewallen were guests of Darris and Mary Lewallen and Brooklyn in Hays. They also visited their daughter, Kalin, who is a student at Fort Hays State University and her friend, Daniel LaBarge. Mark, Pam, Darris, Mary and Brooklyn spent Sunday in Salina. Mark and

Pam returned to Winona Sunday night.

Lloyd and Ruth Theimer enjoyed a recent visit with their former neighbors, Ronald and Becky Bolze and Sadie, now living in Omaha, Neb. The Bolze family was in the area on business and spent an afternoon with the Theimers.

Seven elementary and two high school Triplains students sitting in row three in the Colby High School auditorium were just a few of the captive audience fortunate enough to see "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" Thursday evening. Mrs. Arla Homburg and Ruth Smith accompanied the group. Several WPA members and others from this area also attended.

As they turn their calendar pages to a new month, WPA members peruse their program books and mark their calendars so as not to miss the excellent entertainment coming in March. Thursday evening, March 11, our own CCC Sunflower Singers and Jazz Ensemble will delight their audience in the St. Francis High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Many have already made plans to travel to Quinter Sunday, March 14 to hear the group named Glen Road. They will present traditional Irish music.

Pinochle group meets

Monday Barnswallows had 12 to play pinochle. We were all thankful for our nice rain.

Wednesday the Social Hour Club met in Colby at Fairview Acres. Eileen Dible was the hostess. The afternoon was spent playing robber bingo.

The bingo prizes were won by Clea Moeder, Vesta Roth, Jeanette Dible and Sondra Barnett.

Betty Nickols returned home after spending several weeks in Colorado Springs with her brother Jack Kiefer.

Happy to have her back.

The "Come on Down" pinochle group had nine players on Thursday.

Friday the Coffee Klatch had eight who were present. Grace



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Cheney, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth, Berneda Zoberst, Margaret Arasmith, Clea Moeder, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett.

Clea Moeder and Deb Stepper went to Colby High School to see the stage production of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

They said the production was awesome.

Thank You

The family of Carol Denny Gardiner takes this opportunity to thank the community for the love and support shown to us at the time of her death. The telephone calls, food, sympathy cards, donations to the Historical Society in her memory and the many wonderful comments about her has helped ease the pain of our loss.

Ted & Kate Gardiner
Connie & Jim Kremer & family
Janice & Harold Linville & family

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

are God's way of proving He doesn't want us to walk alone.

Without all of you, we would not be on the road to recovery from our accident. Returning your kindness and constant assistance is the only way we can thank you for your expressions of love and concern.



Ross & Tawney Stover

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

at Immaculate Conception Church

Grinnell, KS

Sunday, March 14

11:00-1:00 following 10:00 Mass.

Adults - \$6.00; Ages 6-12 - \$3.00; 5 & Under - Free

Chances are being sold for a beautiful handmade quilt and many prizes. There will be a Country Store with homemade crafts and food items for sale.

Funding Public Schools

Legislators: Your School Work is Late...Again!

Children see things in very simple ways. Children are not known for their patience. Every moment spent in debate or conversation is another opportunity lost.

If Kansas kids are thinking about school finance, they're probably getting pretty impatient.

The education of young Kansans is not about being a Democrat or a Republican. It is not about the

Governor's plan or the Republican Leadership plan. It is all about the half a million students whose future depends on a quality public education today.

It is time to focus more on doing what needs to be done to solve the funding problem and less about who gets the credit.

For years the legislature has been playing games while the need for school funding grew to nearly a billion dollars. As a result, one of the best public school systems in the United States dangles by a thread as programs and positions are cut. Teacher salaries have sunk to 41st in the nation and affordable health care grows ever more elusive, making it difficult to attract and retain new teachers and administrators.

Third-grader Susan goes to school in a district that can no longer afford to fill vacancies. Larger class sizes, which offer Susan less attention, have become a reality. Susan and her parents don't care which political party advances a plan but they expect their legislators to make good decisions and to make those decisions

wisely. Susan, along with her parents and grandparents, feels an urgency that those decisions be made now!

Carlos lives in a Kansas town that depends on the high tech development and research industry. Business leaders are looking for high school graduates who understand today's technology and are prepared for the technology of tomorrow. But plans to upgrade the technology in Carlos' school have been

scrapped in the latest round of budget cuts.

Where will those businesses turn for a highly skilled workforce? If they can't find it here, will they stay here in

Kansas? If Carlos and his classmates must wait another two or three years, will they be able to compete for the jobs of tomorrow? Carlos can't wait for a Supreme Court ruling. Carlos needs help now!

For Susan, Carlos and half a million other Kansans, the time to address school funding is now! Our kids are only 7, 10 or 16 years old once. They don't get "do overs."

It is time for an end to the reign of partisan politics. We cannot wait until after the elections or until another court rules. The economic health and security of our great state are at risk. The time for action is now because every day we wait is another opportunity lost.

Call your legislators. Encourage them to stop wasting time and opportunities. Tell them to fully fund our children's public schools!

Kansas National Education Association



They're here!!!!!!

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