Family

Deaths

Brewster congratulates its boys and girls season

Howard Koons Howard Koons, 87, of Colby, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Sister Rosalie Cersovsky

Sister Rosalie Cersovsky, 75, Colby, died Sunday, March 14, 2004 at Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia.

Sister Rosalie was a sister with St. Joseph's for 55 years.

She was born on March 8, 1929 to Frank and Helen Mergenmeier Cersovsky, the oldest of four children and was baptized Frances. Her parents and one brother proceeded her in death. She is survived by two brothers: Paul and Maurice, both of Colby. On March 19, 1949, Frances received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia and was given the name Sister Rosalie. She pronounced first vows on Aug. 15, 1950 and final vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

Sister Rosalie received a BME in music education from Marymount College, Salina in 1966, and a masters in music from Emporia State University in Emporia in 1972. She was a music instructor, teaching in schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Cawker City, Tipton, Salina, Beloit and Colby. She also taught music in Silver City, N.M. Due to ill health, she moved to

Concordia in February of 2004.

Funeral mass will be Thursday with Rev. Curtis Van Del, SJ, presiding. Burial will be in the Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery. Chaput-Buoy Mortuary, 325 W. 6th St., Concordia., Kan. 66901 was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials for Sister Rosalie may be given to the Sisters of St. Joseph Health Care/Retirement Fund or the Apostolic Works of the Sisters; P.O. Box 279, Concordia, Kan. 66901.

Clarence John Bruggeman

Clarence John Bruggeman, 78, of Oberlin, died Thursday, March 11, 2004 at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 15 at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Leoville.

Visitation was Saturday and Sunday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and a vigil service was held at the funeral home on Sunday.

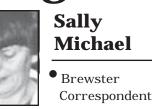
Mr. Bruggeman is survived by his wife, Helena Bruggeman of Oberlin; two sons, Larry Bruggeman of Colby and Gary Bruggeman of Oberlin; two daughters, Regina Stanley of Oberlin and JoAnn Shuler of Oberlin and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Anna (Wolf) Bruggeman; brother Francis Bruggeman and sisters Laura Olson, Rose Mary Berls and Rita Heim. Mr. Bruggeman was born June 18, 1925 in Leoville. He was raised in Leoville and lived on a farm near Leoville until moving to Oberlin the summer of 1999. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Oberlin. He married Helena Baalman on Oct. 7, 1952 in Leoville. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin, Mt. Calvary Cemetery fund, for masses or hospice.

The basketball season has ended for Brewster and personally I think the kids made a very good showing for their teams and congratulations to both the Bulldog boys and the ladies for an exciting season. Now as far as I have heard, the little kids one night season will be played on traveling kids all left Sunday Tuesday, March 23.

definite date and for those that wouldn't want to miss this game, I verify. This annual event, sponsored by the Lions Club, has given us a preview of the "stars of tomorrow," which is where many of those that played in the regionals and substate tournaments this year got their start. (And it doesn't seem that many years ago!)

We had another "grandma and grandpa" day on Sunday in Hays. We thought it was time for the follow-up blood test for Roger through the VA. Guess what, we were a month early so that means another trip there next month! Yes!

Anyway, Brian, Michele and Sam and Hannah drove over from Bennington; Barry had to work in Salina but Kim brought Rebekah and Andrew and we all enjoyed time at Beth and David's home. With their kids Nathaniel and Corrine we had half our grandchildren on hand. And like I've said before, they



evening but on Monday, Roger and I will emphasize that this is not a I and Beth and David had lunch at a new restaurant in Hays called the Mongolian BBQ. It was a very good will suggest you call the school and meal and we highly recommend it. On Monday evening we returned home and stopped in Oakley for a light supper with some of the folks from church and so it was an enjoyable trip all around. And as I said, we get to try it again next month. Hope the kids aren't busy.

Barbara Springsteen spent a day or so with her son, Greg, in Garden city as well as her grandkids. She returned home on Tuesday afternoon and said she had some quality grandkid/great-grandkid time while she was there, including a great hide'n'seek game with a 3year-old. Sounds like fun.

Willard Moore stopped by the Senior Center on Tuesday and it was great to see him. He said he is a little weak but pretty much back to regular shape.

On April 4, he will be treated to a 90th birthday celebration. I believe he said the main event will aren't staying small. It was good to take place on Saturday, April 3. see them all and the weather coop- Maxine will have her birthday on erated for a lot of outside time. The March 26 so there might be a little

Scouts plan to sell more cookies

celebrating for her too.

Ruth Jones stopped by the Center today and she is feeling pretty good but is going to take it easy for a while. I think she will be fine if she doesn't push herself too much. Anyway, it's good to see her up and around and I know she wants to thank all the folds who have helped her get through this session with bronchitis. That's wicked stuff, right?!

The report about Rene Faber is very good and I am certain she will be back to her normal bubbly self before long. I'm not sure whether she is home yet or not but I hope she doesn't rush herself getting back to the usual activities.

On Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, Pam Bremenkamp will have a preview of the Avon products for spring. She will be on hand from about 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. so be sure to stop in and see what's new at the Senior Center.

We will also have our usual potluck meal on that day, too.

We had some good moisture last week and the report says more might be on hand by Saturday so we sure hope there is more in the rain gauge by this time next week. We noticed that things are just a little greener at Hays and usually they are way ahead of us. There are a few sprigs of green grass poking through the brown so it will probably be a pretty spring.

Saw my sister-in-law, Kay Smith

Markets

Wheat

Corn

Milo

Soybeans

Quotes as of close of

previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

to see her and I think she and Harriet it doesn't seem like I am the only are getting a time for us to have one having problems in this area. A lunch worked out. It will be good to nice rainy spring will help all of sit and visit for a while and hope- these little annoyances, I'll bet. fully we will all be in tiptop shape. That's it for now, so all of you, stay Kay was worried about my red eyes safe and I'll see you next time.

at Wal-mart last week. It was good and I hope they clear up soon too but



Funding Public Schools

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

hildren see things in very simple ways. Children are not known for their patience. Every moment

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

Girl Scout Troop #110 will be at the Barn March 20 to sell Girl Scout cookies from 9 to 11:30 a.m. They will be in Selden from 1-3 p.m. They will be happy to sell a lot of cookies.

The Rexford Bridge Club met March 10 with Val Wark as hostess in Colby.

Helen Karls was a guest. Prizes were won by Joann Vaughn, Deb Stepper and Barbara Young. Marguerite Edmondson will be hostess on April 4 in Colby.

Rex and Betty Carswell have a new great-granddaughter, Zoe Lee. Her parents are Lance and Maisha Dible. Grandparents are Robert and Peggy Dible. Great-great-grandmother is Lula Thieler. She arrived March 9.

The Royal Neighbors met March 11 at the Community Hall. Those present were Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, Marg Leh, Betty Cars-

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the help of these sponsors, the Job Olympics could have never taken place.



well, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper and Zula Horinek. Marg Leh was hostess and had a St. Patrick's theme. She served a very delicious lunch

Cleda Moeder and Vesta Roth made a trip to Hays to see a dermatologist. they also shopped while there

Friday Coffee held at the barn had



Sunflower Bank of Colby **Donelan Jewelry** Palace Drug Store **Twisters Bar & Grill** Kansas Quick Lube Jim's Electric **Colby Hi-Plains Lions Club** Bonnie's Needles Larry Brenn Hot Topics Sports Shoppe Warta Chiropractic **Horlacher Jewelers Atwoods Lions Club Dillons Store Tracy & LeAnn Rall** Dr. Washburn **Grainfield Lions Club** Colby His Shop McDonald Lions Club



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



Christy Levings, an elementary classroom teacher in Olathe, is the elected President of the 25,000 teaching, support, student and retired members of the Kansas National Education Association. kneanews@knea.org

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!

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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

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