

Family

Death

Sister Rosalie Cersovsky
Sacred Heart parish will have a memorial mass for Sister Rosalie Cersovsky on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Sister Rosalie died Sunday, March 14, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Concordia.
The funeral was Thursday, March 18, in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel with burial in the Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery.
All are welcome to attend the memorial mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1065 W. 5th St., Colby.

Elna V. Larson
Elna V. Larson, 97, of Oberlin, died Sunday, March 21, 2004 at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.
She was born on Oct. 16, 1906 in rural Ludell to Axel and Anna (Hoagland) Larson.
Ms. Larson attended Ludell County School through the 8th grade and two years of high school in Minneapolis, Minn. She resided in Ludell until 1975 when she moved to Oberlin. She was a homemaker and lay minister.

Her memberships included Herndon Covenant Church in Herndon and she enjoyed gardening and music.
Preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, Edler and David Larson.
Survivors include many cousins.
Services are planned for Tuesday starting at 2 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Visitation is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Visitation will continue Tuesday from 11 a.m. until service time at the church.
Burial will be at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery.
A memorial fund has been established to benefit either the Herndon Covenant Church or Cedar Living Center.

Court Notes
Friday, Feb. 6
Samuel J. Stevens of Englewood, Colo. paid \$120 for speeding 85 in a 70 zone.
Lori J. Vettraino of Englewood, Colo. paid \$126 for speeding 86 in a 70 zone.
Lee V. Koehn of Sharon Springs paid \$90 for an illegal u-turn.
Monday, Feb. 9
Antoine Barber of Bonner Springs paid \$204 for speeding 96 in a 70 zone.
Stephen D. Bouchard of Crystal City, Mo. paid \$150 for speeding 90 in a 70 zone.
Kurtis C. Henderson of Jacksonville, Fla. paid \$186 for speeding 94 in a 70 zone.
Edward T. Loy, III of Clayton, N.Y., \$168 for speeding 92 in a 70.

Barbara J. Bauer of Hixson, Tenn. paid \$186 for speeding 94 in a 70 zone.
Madison C. Moseley of Avery Island, La. paid \$126 for speeding 86 in a 70 zone.
Lynn A. Galetti of Liberty, Mo. paid \$150 for speeding 90 in a 70 zone.
Gerald W. McAlister of Ada, Okla. paid \$132 for speeding 87 in a 70 zone.
Daniel M. Noriega of Imperial, Calif. paid \$204 for speeding 96 in a 70 zone.
Patrick F. Loop of Imperial, Neb. paid \$185 for overweight load.
James H. Pousson of Calico Rock, Ark. paid \$102 for speeding 82 in a 70 zone.
Christopher Biddison of Balti-

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, March 24
Storytime @ Pioneer Memorial Library, 10 a.m. for toddlers
Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.
Colby Middle School parent advisory meeting @ noon
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.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon (non-smoking), 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Former Colby youths serving in Marines, Army

The sons of Butch Herbel, Colby, and grandsons of Jean Herbel, Colby, are now serving in Iraq.
Lance Cpl. Austin Herbel, who is a 2001 graduate of Colby High School, is with the Marines and will be in Iraq for at least seven months.
Spc. Alex Herbel is with the Army National Guard and will be there for 12-18 months.
They would very much like to hear from friends and neighbors back home, their parents said.
The address for Lance is:
Lance Cpl. Herbel, Austin T. USMC
3rd BN, 7th MAR, LIMA CO
FPO-AP 96426-1590

Alex's address is:
SPC Herbel, Harold A.
CCO. 1140th ENG BN
OSA-ADDER,
APO, AI 09331



Compensation laws favor employer, study says

TOPEKA—A study prepared by the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University shows that Kansas workers are at a higher-than-average risk of suffering a workplace injury or illness.
The study also shows that injured workers in Kansas receive among the lowest benefits in the nation, according to the information released recently.
The 42-page study, "Workers Compensation in Kansas," was commissioned by the Kansas Coalition for Workplace Safety, a group of more than 30 organizations representing nearly half a million working Kansans.
"The study clearly demonstrates that Kansas work comp laws favor employers and insurance compa-

Historian to visit Oberlin in April

OBERLIN — Plans are underway for a program on author Ralph Moody to be held on Sunday, April 25, at The Gateway.
Moody is the author of several books on his life, including "The Dry Divide" which includes memories when he lived at Cedar Bluffs.
The day's activities are geared for families and will begin with a chuck wagon lunch of barbecued brisket, chips, beverages and peach cobbler at 12:15 p.m.
The meal will be cooked and served by Larry Hannon of Garden City at the concrete slab east of The Gateway.
Golf carts will be used for transportation if needed. In case of inclement weather, the meal will be served inside.
Children (and maybe adults) will have the opportunity to try to rope "Woody," the steer. Prizes will be

awarded and wagon rides will be available.
John Stansfield, storyteller, writer, teacher and Ralph Moody historian, will present an entertaining program at 2 p.m. in Morgan Theater, which will feature Moody's early years.
Following his presentation, Sharon Wurm of the Decatur County Museum, will present a Power Point presentation of early Oberlin photos.
Those attending will include relatives of people featured in Moody's books about the area.
Tickets for the afternoon events will be available on site. Prices will be \$6 for Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket holders; \$10 for individuals; or \$25 for families (parents and their immediate family through grade 12). Tickets will include both the meal and program.

more, Md. paid \$120 for speeding 85 in a 70 zone.
Bradley E. Howard of Waynesville, Ohio paid \$90 for speeding 79 in a 70 zone.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Ghalib M. Alhonsi of St. Louis, Mo. paid \$168 for speeding 81 in a 70 zone.
Brian C. Crowley of Gladstone, Mo. paid \$159 for speeding 91 in a 70 zone.
Jesus H. Saldivar-Esobedo of Salina paid \$195 for speeding 95 in a 70 zone.
Christopher B. Burns of Holcomb paid \$250 for his load being 3,800 pounds overweight.
Melissa Barzso of Lakewood, Colo. paid \$177 for speeding 93 in a 70 zone.

—For every dollar earned in workers compensation premiums in 2002, insurance carriers paid out approximately 58 cents in benefits.
—Kansas ranks third nationally as one of the most favorable environments for workers compensation insurance profitability.
• Kansas' benefits for injured workers are lower than benefits in most states.
—Injured workers in Kansas receive the 7th lowest benefits in the nation.
—Benefits for injured workers in Kansas are the lowest in the five-state region comprising Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.
• Workers compensation insurance is profitable in Kansas.

—The rate of nonfatal injuries and illnesses in Kansas was 7.3 per 100 workers versus the national average of 5.7 per 100 workers.
—Work-related fatalities in Kansas rose to 53 in 2002, up from 44 in 2001.
"The timing of KCCI's proposal is very curious," said Roberts. "Kansas employers already pay the fourth lowest workers compensation premiums in the nation, and Kansas has been ranked as one of the top three places for insurance profitability."
"Yet, they want to take away more benefits from their injured workers? Proponents of this bill have given a new and ugly meaning to the phrase 'getting the most out of your employees.'"

Reservations are encouraged. For details or reservations, call Connie at (785) 475-2400; Mary at (785) 475-3329; or Ella at (785) 475-3557. This is the second Ralph Moody program presented by these groups.
Sponsors include Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Decatur County Museum.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.67
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Roberts and other members of the Coalition for Workplace Safety hope that this new study will underscore the need for enhanced safety in Kansas workplaces as well as improved benefits for injured workers.
"In the case of workers compensation, prevention truly is the best medicine," said Roberts.
"But when workers are injured on the job, they need to know they won't be left financially devastated. Workers are not disposable commodities."
A copy of "Workers Compensation in Kansas" is available through the Kansas Coalition for Workplace Safety Web site: <<http://www.ksworksafety.org/>>www.ksworksafety.org/

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Senior Parents!!

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Deadline is May 3rd!!!**

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has really changed over the years!

Call Crystal @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

TANNER B. BROWN




I will attend Hutchinson Community College.

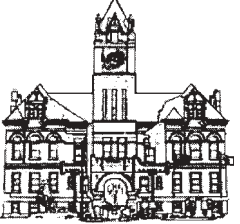
PARENTS:
Mike & Jeanene Brown

Tanner Brown - Way to go! We're so proud of you. "May you live all the days of your life" Love, Mom, Dad, Chanda and Cassie

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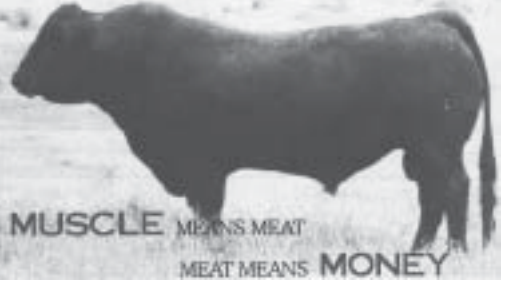


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