

Family

Death

James M. Mentlick
James M. Mentlick, 60, of Colby, died today at Presbyterian St. Lukes Hospital in Denver. Mr. Mentlick was born April 1, 1943. Arrangements are pending at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Baptism

Destiny Nicole Flipse
Father Dana Clark baptized Destiny Nicole Flipse on Sunday, March 21, 2004, infant daughter of Tyler and Mary Ann Flipse. Godparents are Tyler Engel and Cassie Zodrow.

Happenings

Goodland to host spring convention in April
The Ninth District VFW Spring Convention will be held at Goodland on Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18 with headquarters at the Post Home of Post 1133.

District Commander William Selby, Brewster, announced that State Junior Vice Commander McKinley Smith, Junction City, will be the state representative. Other officials attending will be Past State Commanders Kenneth W. Johnson, Glade; Charles E. Cook, Colby; Daryl C. Reeder, WaKeeney; Darrell F. Bencken, Topeka; Robert J. Sander, Victoria and Richard N. Weston, Benton.

District Auxiliary President Linda Marshall, Hays, announced that State Auxiliary President Barbara Monaghan, Merrian, will represent the state auxiliary.

Officers and delegates of posts throughout the district will assemble on Saturday to start the two-day session. Sunday, there will be a semi-annual business session with delegates discussing the membership, community service, youth activities and other programs of the VFW. In the afternoon, elections will be held to elect district officers for the 2004-2005 year.

World Missions weekend set
Dr. Mike Fullingim, professor and former missionary to Papua New Guinea, will speak on serving others globally during the morning worship service at Wesleyan Church in Colby. The talk will begin at 10 a.m., rather than the normal 10:45 a.m. time.

Hospital to give second scholarship

Citizens Foundation at Citizens Medical Center, Inc. has established an additional scholarship for 2004, said Tama Unger, fund development director. "The Citizens Medical Center, Inc. Health Care \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is beginning their career or wants to advance their career in health care," she said. Those applying must have graduated from a Thomas County High School or live in Thomas County or be an employee of CMCI receiving their education in health care. This scholarship is made possible by Citizens Foundation and the

hospital's auxiliary in Colby. The Colby hospital's health care scholarship will be given in addition to the Dr. Jeff Jennings Memorial Scholarship which is also a \$1,000 scholarship established in 2003. Those applying for Dr. Jeff's scholarship must have graduated from a Thomas County High School and wishes to begin or further their career in rural health care. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2004. For information or to receive an application form contact Unger at Citizens Foundation, 100 E. College Drive, Colby, Kan. 67701 or call (785) 460-1214.

Gardeners win when weeds lose, expert says

MANHATTAN — Weeding is a win-win situation ^ except, of course, for the weeds. The person doing the weeding wins because research has found gardening can be one of the best all-round exercises, promoting stamina, strength, flexibility, stress relief and even a more positive attitude. At the same time, weeders can set their own pace, as well as use adapted tools to counter many physical disabilities, said Chuck Marr, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. Weeding loosens the soil, too, allowing for improved air circulation and moisture penetration. "Naturally, it also reduces your ornamental and vegetable plants' competition for water, nutrients, oxygen, root space and sometimes sunlight," Marr said. As a control, however, the task generally is most effective if done while the weeds are small. "The temptation is to put off weeding, telling yourself your only real deadline is to get them out before they go to seed and produce more weeds," he said. "In the meantime, though, some will be growing a long taproot from which they can resprout again and again. Besides, given a few days of warm weather

and adequate moisture, weeds can mature amazingly fast, becoming much more difficult to remove." Beyond that, many perennial flowers and vegetable crops have roots near the soil surface. "You can't go in and till right next to them. You could damage their roots by hand-digging out a single large, well-established dandelion," Marr said. "But if you use care and the weeds are small, you usually can get the job done by lightly scraping the soil surface with a hoe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max George have been married for 60 years.

Couple to celebrate 60 years

The children of Max and Dora George request the honor of your presence at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Max and Dora are originally from Longford and were married April 10, 1944 in Junction City on Easter morning.

They have been members of the Colby community since 1949 and raised their three children Sharon Kriss, Doug George, and Ann Hoover in Colby. An anniversary reception will be held at the Colby United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Your presence is gift enough. For those who cannot attend, but wish to send a card, the address is Max and Dora George, 710 S. Grant, Colby, Kan. 67701.



Max and Dora George on their wedding day in 1944.

Winona families traveling

By **JEAN LOWE**
Winona Correspondent

Dianne and Susan Schertz, Fred and Jess attended a bridal shower for Anita Kemp, daughter of George and Joyce Kemp, in Cheyenne Wells, Colo. Sunday afternoon. Anita is a niece of Dianne Schertz. Dan and Ruth Smith and family spent the weekend in Hays with their daughter, Sarah, a student at Fort Hays State University. Their daughter, Susanna, played a flute solo in a Federated Music Club contest at the college. She was accompanied by Arla Homburg. Susanna received a first year certificate which will qualify her to be eligible for a scholarship the second year. There is a slim chance anyone from this area will be in Cork, Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone, but a good chance plenty of blarney in the air. As this publication "hits the streets," Illinois is celebrating St. Patrick's Day dyeing the Chicago River green. A tidbit from the American Profile stated, "Teams in boats spread a 40-pound canister of orange dye into the river, resulting in a deep emerald hue." Don't forget to wear green today. David and Judy Gfeller traveled to Marion to spend the weekend

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Happy 60th Birthday, Dave!

Community Calendar

- SUNDAY, March 28**
Better Living Home Show, noon to 5 p.m., Community Bldg.
Chautauqua Film Series, 2 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Library
Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.
Higher Ground, Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.
- MONDAY, March 29**
Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m.
Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m.
Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Mondays)
Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, (non-smoking), City Hall Basement, 8:30 p.m.

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