

Family

Deaths

Dale E. Nudson

Dale E. Nudson, 64, of Levant, died Friday, April 2, 2004 in Levant. Mr. Nudson was born on Jan. 26, 1940 in Topeka and lived in the area for more than 37 years.

He retired from the Kansas Department of Transportation with 30 years of service and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie (Renne) Nudson; brothers, Steve Nudson of Georgia and Mark L. Nudson of Mission; his father, Gerald E. "Jerry" Nudson of Topeka and one grandchild.

Mr. Nudson was preceded in death by his son, Dusty Nudson (August of 2003) and his mother, Doretta Schutter Nudson (February of 1993).

Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, at Harrison Chapel in Colby with Pastor Jerry Vincent of Levant officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Memorials may be made to the Sean Nudson Education Fund and left at the chapel.

John C. Rogers

John C. Rogers, 79, died Saturday, April 3 in Denver.

Services are at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Pauls Funeral Home, 4th and Illinois, Selden, Kan. 67749.

Burial will be at Selden Cemetery in Selden.

Memorials may be made to the John C. Rogers Memorial Fund and left at the funeral home.

Happenings

Deadline Friday

for After 5 Club reservations
The High Plains After 5 Club will be in Colby on Saturday, April 17, for a special night honoring teachers and offering a guest night with men welcome.

Dinner and programs begin at 7 p.m. at the Colby Community College Student Union, organizers said. Kevin and Cindi Kriss of CK Lumber and Supply Co. will be presenting a program entitled, "U Want It, We'll Get It," the local Barber-shop Quartet will provide entertainment and the guest speaker is Larry Laas, Concordia, who was named outstanding high school teacher in 1985.

Reservations and cancellations are due by Friday, April 9 and those planning to attend can call either Carol Bohme, 462-2791, Janis Baken, 672-3809 or by e-mailing Teri Adams at: biohw@st-tel.net. Nursery is provided by reservation only. To inquire call Brandy Todd at 687-4465.

Weight management study planned Thursday

Thomas County Extension Office is hosting "The Weigh to Diet," Thursday starting at 10 a.m. in the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room. For questions, call Scholtz at 462-4582.

Artist's work on display at Colby College until Thursday

The featured artist at the Colby Community College Art Gallery is textile artist Mary Ewing of Cedar Bluffs.

Ewing's work includes a display of scrap quilts, quilted cloth-wool blankets with painted leather and baskets.

There is no admission charge and gallery is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. For special arrangements, call Cathy Gordon at 462-3984, ext. 310.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.92
Corn	\$3.20
Milo	\$5.39
Soybeans	\$9.85

County involved in bio-terrorism preparedness

The Thomas County Health Department is one of several across the state that has been busy the past year implementing a new bio-terrorism program.

The Northwest Bio-Terrorism Region (NW BT Region) has been formed by the Rooks, Phillips, Graham, Norton, Decatur, Rawlins, Cheyenne and Thomas County Health Departments. The region has hired Jennifer Braun as their public health preparedness coordinator.

Shakespeare Club talks about Shakespeare

Eleven members and three guests met at Fairview Estates for the Colby Shakespeare Club meeting on March 26. President Kathy Calliham opened the meeting with the reciting of the Collect and the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved as corrected and there was no correspondence.

Members then gave a quote from Shakespeare for roll call, and if they couldn't think of one, Clara Barrett's wonderful book was used to recite one. President Kathy reported that she had visited with Pi Gamma and let them know that the club will help with financing a HOBY participant. Under Old Business, high-way cleanup will probably be the third or fourth week of April because of the late Easter holiday.

Guests attending that day were Bessie Calliham, Carol Haselhorst, and Bernice (Bo) Curtin. It was moved and motion carried to adjourn to the program about Shakespeare given by two members, Clara Barrett and Lois Van Horn.

William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and died in 1616, and is generally considered the greatest playwright the world has ever known. By 1594, he had joined an acting troupe named The Lord Chamberlain's Men. He drew information for his plays from certain writers, among them Rafael Holinshed, and Arthur Brooke (Romeo and Juliet). He married Ann Hathaway and they had three children, Susanna, Hamlet, and Judith. The Globe Theatre was built in 1599 and was where

Healthy Haps

These counties have joined forces to effectively prepare for and respond to any potential public health emergencies resulting from bio-terrorism events or natural disease outbreaks.

The local health departments have received funding from the Kansas Department of Health and

Environment to implement this new program. Each local health department must participate in this regionalization effort to receive the funds. The financial support is used to create and improve the bio-terrorism program both at the county level and the regional level. Improvements include updating technology, training personnel, purchasing equipment and creating comprehensive plans to respond to public health emergencies that

could result from a bio-terrorist attack or from a natural occurring disease outbreak in our area.

The local health department will play a vital role if a bio-terrorism attack occurs in our area. They will be responsible for dispensing vaccines, antibiotics and medical supplies during an accident.

The health departments are implementing a disease surveillance system in each county to help track disease occurrences and outbreaks.

The surveillance system will aid in the early detection of a potential natural outbreak or a bio-terrorism attack.

Education and training are also a key part of the new bio-terrorism program.

It is important that all our medical personnel and public health professionals be trained to aid in the detection of a bio-terrorism attack. This includes emergency personnel and healthcare providers. The goal is to enhance preparedness for an response to bio-terrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks and other public health threats and emergencies.

For more information or questions, please call the Thomas County Health Department at (785) 462-4596.

Editor's note: The preceding column is provided by the Thomas County Health Department as a public service to the community.

Club News

Shakespeare's troupe performed most of their plays. Shakespeare wrote histories, comedies, tragedies, and sonnets. His plays sold like novels, and he was popular in his lifetime.

Lois then went on to explain her interest in what has become a very large festival every year, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She had gone to visit and celebrate her sister's 80th birthday last summer, and found more than the usual commotion in the town!

The Festival traces its roots back to the Chautauqua movement, which brought culture and entertainment to rural areas of the country in the late 19th century.

Ashland, Oregon saw its first performers in 1893, and in 1917 a round, dome-covered building was erected and later used as an Elizabethan Theatre.

Plays were given in conjunction with Ashland's Fourth of July celebration, and today this festival employs around 450 theatre professionals from all over the country, has a volunteer staff of nearly 750, and offers a school visit program which sends actors to more than 275 schools to offer workshops and performances in Shakespeare to more than 150,000 students in six surrounding states.

Their slogan, *Stay Four Days, See Four Plays with Shakespeare Under the Stars* has helped bring

VFW convention planned in Goodland during April

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

District Commander William Selby, Brewster, said 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.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, April 6

Kids and Kaboodle, 4 p.m. @ Prairie Museum of Art and History
Rebekahs, Betty Carney, 10 a.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
Rotary, Student Union, noon
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon (non-smoking)
Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 7

Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Colby High School
Genesis Thomas Countyp, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.
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) (800) 432-7422.
Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.
Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

the festival to national recognition. In 1963, the attendance topped 50,000. In 2002, the festival had an economic input of \$129,323,300 on the region. In June, 2003, *Time* Magazine listed the Festival in their picks for America's Best Regional Theaters. Clara Barrett then helped us on our answers for the Scavenger Hunt Quiz we were struggling with. Several members were closer than others with the correct facts about Mr. Shakespeare.

Members then enjoyed cheese-cake and coffee and reminisced about knowledge of Shakespeare. Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Barrett revived an interest in all of us for giving Shakespeare our respect and admiration. When and where is the closest performance of 'Shakespeares' — I'll be there!! The next Shakespeare Club meeting will be Friday, April 9 at Ruth Lowenthal's with Gerry Anschutz giving the program.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners of the first-ever
Fotogirl and S&T Children's Photo Competition



Dawson Ensign 4 to 6 years



Emmi Ensign
Newborn to 12 mo.



Riley (Pett'e) Stewart
1 to 3 years

Prizes included: •\$100 Savings Bond •\$50 Cash •Framed 16X20

Thank you to all participants
in this year's contest.

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(785) 460-0177

Our thanks to the Doctors Who Care, Dr. Slavens, the personal and the volunteers at the Family Center for Health Care and Citizens Medical Center for the excellent care to Harold this past year. Pastor James Mardock and Pastor Carol Rahn, United Methodist church ladies, and the Presbyterian church ladies. The Menlo Community Service Group our relatives and friends for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and memorials we received at the time of Harold Duffey's death. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered by us.

God Bless You all,

Lue Duffey
Cindy Duffey
Ray, Wynn and Cody Duffey
Denise, Mark, Jessica and Aaron Orth
Luetta, Jay, Jared, Andrew and Kaitly Flanagan

ATTENTION

Colby High School, Brewster High School,
and Golden Plains High School

Senior Parents!!



Hurry in parents!! 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.

•• Small Sample ••



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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Only one 2 hour session is needed for desirable results.

HealthAwarenessClinics.org
(210) 699-3600

Sign in 30 min. early

Monday Apr. 12, 7:30 P.M.
City Limits Conv. Center
2227 South Range
COLBY

Tuesday Apr. 13, 7:30 P.M.
Country Kitchen
3203 Vine St.
HAYS