

# Family

## Deaths

### Gale L. Wade

Gale L. Wade, 76, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Abilene. He was born Jan. 26, 1928 to Homer and Edith Wade of Gem.

Mr. Wade attended school at Colby Public Schools. He married Meredith Botoroff in Colby and they later moved to Las Vegas, Nev. The couple had five children and after Meredith died, he raised his children, later moving to Colby.

He was a diesel mechanic and in his spare time enjoyed hunting and fishing. In May of 1995 he married a former classmate, Mary Ellen Reed.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen; five children, Alice Wade of Oregon, Kristy Baker, Laura Wade,

Allan Wade and Vernon Wade all of Las Vegas; four sisters, Madeline Bond of Colby, Fern Mullin, Wichita, Glessner Roth, Phoenix, Ariz., and Bonnie Whetstone, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; two stepdaughters, Mara Dee Duke, Clewiston, Fla., and Debbie Couch, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, Rex, Morris, Dean and Max; and two sisters, Fawn Ramsey and twin sister, Gleness.

There was cremation with graveside services at Beulah Cemetery in Colby on Friday, April 9, with Rev. James Mardock officiating. Services were handled by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

### Loretta H. Woodall

Loretta H. Woodall, 76, of Colby, died Tuesday, March 30 at her home after battling cancer.

Services were held Friday, April 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby and burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mrs. Woodall is survived by her husband, James, of Colby; seven sons, Jim of Oakley, Chris, Gary and Rick of Colby, Kevin of Topeka, Ron and Mike of Rocklin, Calif.; four daughters, Marilyn Siruta of Midland, Texas, Yvonne Shoff of Topeka, Jolene Sumner of Abilene and Mindy Curry of Levant; one brother, Joe Kruse of Selden; three sisters, Germaine Weis of Dresden, Florence Zodrow

### Elizabeth Ellen Thayer

Elizabeth Ellen Thayer, 89, formerly of Rexford, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Prairie Senior

and Mary Ann Zodrow of Leoville; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Rita Kruse.

Mrs. Woodall was the fifth of six children and was born July 19, 1927 in Sheridan County to Bernard and Barbara (Geisinger) Kruse.

She was raised on the family farm near Leoville. After high school, she moved to Colby and married James W. Woodall on April 17, 1950. She worked as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone and retired after 25 years of service.

She was a member Sacred Hearth Parish and loved spending time with family and friends.

Living Complex in Colby.

Mrs. Thayer was born Oct. 19, 1914. Funeral services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

## Happenings

**Commodity distribution set**  
USDA commodities will be distributed Monday, April 26, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the RSVP office in

the Senior Progress Center.

For questions or to check income guidelines, call Withington at 462-6744.

# City, county plan special cleanup week

The Thomas County Commissioners are participating with a county-wide cleanup for the week of May 3-8, 2004.

The city will sponsor its annual City-Wide Cleanup during the same time, said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager.

"Area service clubs and church groups are asked to commit their organizations to clean public areas of the city," she said.

Individuals and businesses are also encouraged to make an extra effort during this week to spruce up their yards and share in the pride of having a clean city, she said.

Among the areas that need spe-

cial attention are parks, ballfields, and all roadsides and entrances in Colby.

If anyone is willing to volunteer their services to assist the elderly and infirm, please call Jo Strange, executive director to the city manager, at 462-4410 and leave your name.

"Those of you who need assistance should also call the city office and leave your names," Armstrong said.

The City will then try to match up those who can help with those who need help.

City crews will follow the regularly scheduled routes for yard

waste and trash pickup during the week; however, there will also be personnel available to handle the extra trash generated by cleanup week.

Trash should be boxed or bagged and placed at the street for pickup.

Appliances, furniture, and other large items which are cluttering yards can be removed during this week; however, you must call the city, also at 462-4410 to schedule a time to pick up these items. Any appliance which has contained or which does contain refrigerant must either have a certificate showing that a certified technician performed the removal of the refriger-

ant, or a fee of \$25 must be paid by the owner before the appliance is removed by the city and accepted by the landfill.

The Thomas County Landfill is not offering free disposal of waste tires this year; however, the city will haul tires to the landfill, but the regular tire disposal fees must be paid before they leave your property.

The cost for Car & Pickup tires is \$2; regular truck tires - \$4. The full list of tire disposal fees is available at City Hall.

"Please remember that this week is for cleaning up our outdoor areas only," Armstrong said.

## Teacher resigns amid concerns students given unfair advantage

OLATHE (AP) — A middle school math teacher has resigned and about 1,200 students have to retake the state math test after it was determined questions on practice tests too closely mirrored questions on the actual test.

Olathe School District Superintendent Ron Wimmer said the district quickly reported its concerns to the Kansas State Department of Education after discovering the similarities.

"We self-reported and got right on top of it," Wimmer said. "We took corrective action immediately."

Teacher Charlotte Keith, who had been a math teacher with the district for about 23 years and before that taught in the Hutchinson School District, resigned April 8. Her attorney, Doug Greenwald of Kansas City, Kan., declined to comment Saturday and said his client couldn't comment either.

Officials with the state education department said Keith's practice test compromised two of four ver-

sions of the math test. Multiple versions of the test are distributed to schools to reduce the chances of cheating.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.60
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Soybeans	\$9.06

## Community Calendar

### TUESDAY, April 20

Rebekahs, Betty Carney, 10 a.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday)  
Booked for Lunch @ Pioneer Memorial Library, noon  
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 21

Genesis Thomas County, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1 -4 p.m.  
Booked for Lunch @ Pioneer Memorial Library, noon  
TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)  
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.



We would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude for all the kindness shown to us during our mother's illness and at the time of her death. A special thanks to Dr. Gary Slavens for his wonderful care. Also to Hospice Inc., for their support and special care. To Fr. Dana Clark and Jeanne Solko for the beautiful services they had for our family. Finally to the many people in the community-we express our deepest appreciation for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, food and memorials. Thank you to all who have helped us through this difficult time.

The Loretta Woodall Family

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