

# Family

## About Town

### Neighborhood party held

The Wight Sims annual neighborhood party was held at the Sims residence on April 30.

It was also an 80th birthday party for Wight Sims. His five children were in attendance along with four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They came from Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Arizona, Missouri and Kansas.

## Babies

### Gianna Alisa Mares

Greg and Valerie (Brown) Mares of Tucson, Ariz. announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Alisa Mares on Sunday, April 17, 2005. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has one brother Tristan Mares, age 9.

Grandparents are Allen and

Also attending were numerous other relatives and the people in the neighborhood and people who had lived their in years gone by. More than 90 people were in attendance and a great time was had by all. They came from Oakley, Colby, Monument, St. Francis and Bird City. Next year's is tentatively set for the first Saturday in May, 2006.

Debbie Brown of Hays; Greg Mares Sr., of Phoenix, Ariz. and Dina Mistretta of Tucson, Ariz.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Pansy Barton and Jim and Marj Brown of Colby; Mary Estrada and Gilbert and Eva Davila of Tucson, Ariz.

## Happenings

Reva Eicher of Colby is currently in the intensive care unit at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Her mother, Irma, said Reva would ap-

preciate cards, letters and get well wishes. They may be sent to Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside St., Wichita, Kan. 67214, ICU 419.

# Vietnam veterans recognized for service and sacrifice

The Veterans of Foreign Wars designated May 1-7 as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week.

More than 3,403,000 American military personnel served in Vietnam and Southeast Asia during the war. The service of armed forces reflected the true dedication they held to America, to freedom and to human rights.

Vietnam veterans will tell you

they fought for one reason: freedom.

Vietnam veterans often bore the brunt of a nation angry and divided by the war. Despite being treated with disrespect and derision upon returning home, and slighted by a nation that appreciated victory more than honorable service, Vietnam veterans proudly knew they fought the good fight and their

cause was a just one.

Vietnam veterans can be proud of their legacy, especially the vow they made to ensure that future generations of veterans will always receive the assistance and appreciation they earned.

Notwithstanding the stereotypes sometimes depicted in Hollywood and the media, the majority of those who served in Vietnam returned home and put the war behind them. Some became doctors or lawyers. Some became teachers or social workers.

Some chose to run for political

office. All in all, they made a decision to make a difference, to do what they could to make the world better.

The contributions Vietnam veterans have made to America and to society are endless.

They deserve nothing but respect and admiration for their dedication to service and country.

## Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars announces state convention

The Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual state convention June 2-5 in Topeka.

State Commander Larry Graham of Tribune and Ladies Auxiliary State President Roberta Perue of Topeka, state officers and members from around Kansas will meet at the Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 S.W. Topeka Blvd., to conduct meetings about their many civic and patriotic programs.

State committee meetings begin Thursday evening. The regular business meetings begin at 9 a.m. June 3. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4. Business meetings will continue all day on June 4 and the annual banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the hotel.

Meetings will conclude on Sunday with the nomination, election and installation of the 2005-2006 state officers.



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**WHERE:** Levant Community Church (7 miles west of Colby) Children's entertainment and babysitting provided onsite.  
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**SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**  
*WHAT: The Summer Youth Program is a unique mixture of mini-classes designed to entertain, creatively occupy, and stretch the minds and hearts of all involved*  
*WHO: Youth Ages 8-13*  
*WHERE: United Methodist Church of Colby.*  
Classes are limited to 15-20 children. Cost is \$5.00 a week per class.

**Classes June 5-11**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Photography: Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Yoga for Youth: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30 (June 5-16)  
Funky Flip Flops: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes June 12-18**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Scrapbooking: Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, Countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Yoga for Youth: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Cooking with Oreo Cookies: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes June 19-25**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Custom Frames: Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, Countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Body Ball Rolling: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Custom Matte Design: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes June 26-July 2**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Percussion and Rhythm: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, Countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Boday Ball Rolling: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Simply Super Summer Science: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes July 3-9**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Percussion and Rhythm: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
Kite Construction: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**July 10-16**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Building and Launching Rockets: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Digital Photography: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes July 17-23**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Building and Launching Rockets: Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, Countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
Web Page Design: Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:00  
**Classes July 24-30**  
Chess Club: Tuesday 1:00-2:00  
Web Page Design: Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:00  
Beginning Spanish, Language, Countries, & People: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30  
**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Open House from 2:00-4:00**  
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