

# Family

## Death

### Vada Marie Pancake

Vada Marie (Glasco) Pancake, 87, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at Lantern Park Manor in Colby. She was born July 1, 1918, at Gem.

Mrs. Pancake was a lifelong resident of northwest Kansas and a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Sam Pancake, Takoma Park, Md.; two brothers: Glenn Glasco, Bird City and Rex Glasco, Tucson, Ariz.

Services are at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at Harrison Chapel, Colby, with Pastor Gene Rothfuss officiating. Visitation is Monday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will be at the Lone Star Cemetery north of Gem.

Memorials may be left to benefit the Berean Church, Colby, with contributions left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan. 67701.

## Renner and Kejr engaged

Bob and Connie Renner of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Nicole, to Brent David Kejr, son of Larry and Susan Kejr of Salina, Kansas.

The future bride is a graduate of Oakley High School and Manhattan Christian College with a degree in Family Ministry.

She recently returned from a one-year internship with Ibero-American Ministries in Chile, South America. Robin is the granddaughter of Dorothy Renner and Armella Kruse, both of Oakley.

The future groom is a graduate of Southeast of Saline High School and Kansas State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently attending Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Robin Renner and Brent Kejr

The wedding is planned for Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the Oakley Christian Church.

## Babies

### Creed Charles Leeper

Cade and Jody Leeper of Wilmore, announce the birth of their son Creed Charles Leeper on Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at Pratt Medical Center in Pratt.

Creed weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Doug and Joan

Todd of Rexford and Kim and Sharon Leeper of Wilmore. Great grandparents are David and D.A. Leeper and Marjorie Webster of Protection, Betty Youvon of Turon, and Norrene Harker of Burlington, Colo.

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# 4-H centennial highlights young people

Since their introduction as boys' and girls' clubs in 1905, Kansas 4-H programs have served nearly 490,000 Kansas kids - almost half a million.

That's reason enough to celebrate Kansas' 4-H Centennial, which began Sept. 10 and will continue through National 4-H Week, Oct. 2-8, 2005, and into next year before concluding at the 2006 Kansas State Fair.

About one in four children in the state have participated in 4-H programs, said Pat McNally, Kansas State University Research and Extension state 4-H leader. McNally herself is a former 4H member from Barber County.

4-H programs were developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 4-H community club concept was introduced in rural areas as a way of offering supplemental educational programs for rural children who didn't always have the educational advantages associated with urban areas, she said.

The delivery process used the state's Extension system, which still extends research based educational concepts from the state's land grant university to its citizen constituents.

The youth development program continues to evolve and prides itself on serving children, teens and families in all parts of the state with opportunities for education and per-

sonal growth - in essence, the building life skills - as its goal, McNally said.

By 2004, only 14 percent of those who participated in Kansas 4-H programs were from farms.

Eighteen percent were from rural areas, but not farms; 23 percent were from cities with populations of 10,000 to 50,000; 12 percent were from suburban areas; and 33 percent from cities.

Community club programs remain strong, she said. Currently, 866 4-H community clubs in Kansas offer children and families a way in which to get better acquainted with their community and to meet others with similar project interests.

Being a club member is not required to benefit, however. Research-based - and proven - 4-H educational curricula are being used to add value to after-school

programs, other groups and clubs and to serve as a foundation for school enrichment programs and project-specific groups - which can range from aerospace project groups to bug clubs.

"Kansas 4-H also is working with the United States Army and Air Force to develop Operation Military Kids," McNally said.

"The goal is to develop and offer educational programs to help National Guard and reserve families who have a parent who has been activated and deployed.

"4-H programs are now established at Army posts and Air Force bases across the country, including Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth and McConnell Air Force Base.

The availability of the programs in a new environment can make settling in and getting acquainted easier."

4-H programs typically serve

boys and girls from ages 7-19, McNally said.

4-H currently offers more than 30 project topics, including a self-determined project that can be customized to build on personal interests, such as student government or a career in social service.

Last year, Kansas 4-H'ers completed 181,673 projects and programs, with the greatest participation in the foods and nutrition. Rounding out the five most popular projects in the state were arts and crafts; clothing and textiles, which includes buyinship (evaluating clothing, managing money and building a workable wardrobe); beef; and photography.

To learn more about opportunities for children and teens with educational 4-H programs, Kansans can contact the Thomas County Extension office or visit Kansas' 4-H Web site: [www.kansas4h.or](http://www.kansas4h.or)

## Thanks!

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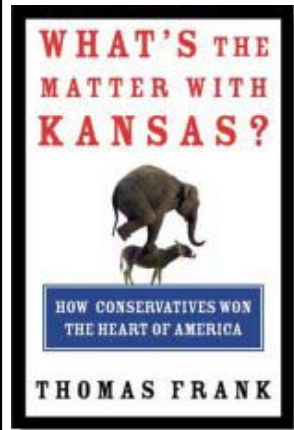
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