

Family

Deaths

Marion E. Keller

Marion E. Keller, 92, of Monument, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Logan County Manor in Oakley. Mrs. Keller was born May 24, 1914, in Barton County to John Henry and Carrie Dale Cofer Donovan. She moved to Monument from Barton County in 1932.

She married Alex Keller Aug. 15, 1932, in Hoisington. She was a homemaker.

Also, she was a member of the Country Chapel, Oakley, and Monument Mother's Club.

Mrs. Keller is survived by four daughters, Bernice Nickel and husband Roy of Oakley, Kathryn McKellips of Andover, Elsie Wolf of Norton and Jennie Wolf and husband Daryl of Monument; 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, John and Carrie Donovan, husband Alex Keller in 1974; a daughter, Twila Hawkins in 2001; brothers-in-law Dale McKellips and James Wolf; brothers Dale Donovan, Jerome Donovan and Winfred Donovan and two infant brothers; two sisters, MaDora Quick and Eudora Donovan and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, in Oakley with Pastor Mike MacWhinnie officiating. Burial will be at Oakley Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Kennedy Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Memorials are suggested to Logan County Manor and Country Chapel of Oakley and may be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Babies

Hailey Renee Bolyard

Lance and Dana Bolyard of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Renee Bolyard, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Hailey weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Dewey and

Pam Augustine of Colby and Vertie Bolyard of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Floriene Whisnant of Colby, Freda Beckus of Ogallah, Neb., and Leonard and Tillie Augustine of Ellis.

Hailey was welcomed home by brother Heath.

Mariah Rae Mildenerger

Matt and Misty Mildenerger of Oakley announce the birth of their daughter, Mariah Rae Mildenerger. She was born Sept. 10, 2006, at Gove County Medical Center.

Mariah weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Kathy Dunn; paternal grand-

parents are Larry and the late Tami Bley, Ed Mildenerger and Donita Sparks, all of Oakley.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Estelene Mitten and the late Rex Asbridge and Muriel Miars and Louise Asbridge, all of Oakley and Nadine Bley of Palisade, Neb.

Maria was welcomed home by sister MaKenzie.

Clubs learn about Colby tourism

By Kathy Calliham

The combined meeting of Pi Gamma, Shakespeare and Sorosis was held at Pioneer Memorial Library Oct. 13.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the club collect.

Twenty-six members were

present to hear an informative program by Leilani Thomas, Colby tourism and activities director. Leilani talked about the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau. It has been recognized as one of the best in the United States.

With the grain bin being made part of the building, it shows to the people stopping here, this is an ag-

ricultural community. Photographs from "A Day in the Life of Thomas County" are shown around the circular bin. The grounds around the building are beautifully landscaped.

People from all over the United States and foreign countries stop here and Colby can be proud of this building and the volunteers running

it give a very good first impression of Colby. What makes this building even nicer is that it is paid for with tourism tax.

Four members present are volunteers at the visitors bureau — Lee Fleckenstein, JoAnne Vaughn, Fritz Ostmeyer, Sorosis Club and Susan Haines, Pi Gamma.

Leilani had these volunteers relate some of their experiences.

Events coming up are: Santa City will open the day after Thanksgiving and the Christmas parade theme is "The Magic of Christmas," and it will be the first week in December.

Leilani then lead the group in a discussion on the needs of our community. The group then agreed we have so much to be proud of, but there still are problems that need to be addressed and members gave some suggestions. We thank Leilani for being such a good ambassador for Colby.

Lois Starns was the hostess and served delicious bars and cookies. The next combined meeting will be "Topeka Update" with Sheila Frahm at Pioneer Memorial Library Nov. 10.

Couple weds in Colby

Lisa Marie Davis and Matthew Eric Ritter were married Jan. 1, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby. Rev. Carol Rahn performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Loyde and Connie Davis of Colby. The groom is the son of Steven and Helene Ritter, of Chesterfield, Mich.

Karen Davis of Colby, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kyle Tholen (Atlanta, Ga.), Tracy Broderick (Omaha, Neb.) and Laura Brooks (Kansas City, Mo.). Nicholas Marsack (Detroit, Mich.) was the best man. Groomsmen were Miguel Garrido, and the groom's two brothers, Christian and Jason Ritter (all of Detroit, Mich.). Ushers were the bride's brothers, Andy and Chris Davis of Colby.

Alexander Ritter of Detroit, Mich., nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer. Katie Jo Sale of Kansas City, Mo., cousin of the bride, was the flower girl and provided violin music along with her sister, Kayla Sale. Music and vocals were provided by Sheree' Stoppel, aunt of the bride; Kaleb Stoppel, cousin of the bride; and Nicholas Stoppel, cousin of the bride all of



Lisa and Matthew Ritter

Osage City, . Candle lighters were Rachel Stafford of Detroit, Mich., and Blake Stoppel of Osage City. The guest book was attended to by Jill Elliott of Hill City.

A reception was held at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. After the reception the couple took a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean islands.

Davis is a graduate of Emporia State University where she received a bachelor's degree and University of Kansas School of Law where she received a juris doctor degree. She

is currently practicing law in Texas.

Ritter is a graduate of Lake State University, Sault Saint Marie, Mich., where he received a bachelor's degree and University of Kansas where he received a master's of geology degree. He is currently working for the Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in The Woodlands, Texas, as a geologist.

The couple resides in Spring, Texas.



Thank You!

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits while I was in CMC, for the good care and concern of Dr. Slavens, Dr. Rose, all the staff, and those who have helped me since being home.

Deborah Stepper



Late fall the time to fight iris pests

MANHATTAN — Their tough nature and lush, colorful flowers aren't the only reasons irises have long been popular in the central High Plains — from farmstead to industrial site.

Irises also tend to develop just two common problems. Plus, in-the-know landscape owners can help keep both in check by simply cleaning up iris beds in late fall, said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The first problem is a fungus-caused disease called iris leaf spot. The second is an insect named iris borer. Both go on the attack in spring.

"But, the fungus survives in iris beds year-round," Upham said. "It overwinters in the dead foliage and then spreads when the weather gets warm again - usually carried by splashing water."

"The borers only leave iris beds behind during late August or September, when they enter their adult moth stage. As larvae, they mine iris leaves while they're young and small in spring. Then they mine iris rhizomes as they grow to 1.5 to 2 inches long during summer."

The moths start the next generation of borers by laying eggs on old iris foliage and flower stalks.

The eggs overwinter there and hatch at the start of the next growing season.

"That means the best time to start measures to prevent or control either pest is now," Upham said. "Removing leaves and other garden debris from iris beds will also reduce any pest populations."

The horticulturist said other non-chemical prevention or control methods can include keeping iris beds uncrowded, smashing small borers detected as they burrow down a leaf toward the rhizome, not watering iris from overhead, working not to overwater irises, removing and disposing of spotty leaves, and cutting away and disposing of any borer-infested rhizome parts — which often will be soft and slimy, too, due to bacterial rot — when dividing iris plantings every few years, to keep the beds uncrowded.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$4.98
Corn	\$3.24
Milo	\$5.30
Soybeans	\$5.38

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