

# Family

## Deaths

### Charles Davis

Charles Davis, 77, of Colby, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, in Colby. Mr. Davis was born Nov. 9, 1929 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was a area resident in his early years and returned in 1988. He was a land developer and retired reporter and editor. He was a member of Rotary, VFW Post 6882 and St. Thomas Lodge No. 306, A.F. & A.M. Mr. Davis is survived by four daughters, Anna C. Baker of Colby, Julie Ginter, Cerritos, Calif., Lisa Meakim, San Diego, Calif. and

### Deborah A. Foss

Deborah A. Foss, 55, of Colby, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 in Colby.

Laura Tuscano McCovey of San Clemente, Calif.; and eight grandchildren. Services will be Saturday, 10 a.m. at Harrison Chapel in Colby. Burial at Beulah Cemetery. Visitation is Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Harrison Chapel. Memorials are suggested to either the Thomas County Historical Society, Pioneer Memorial Library, or Colby Community College Endowment Association and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

Services are pending with Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby.

# Underwater rehabilitation is good treatment for pets

MANHATTAN — Dogs and cats may find themselves under water for rehabilitation at Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Introduced to K-State's veterinary program in spring 2006, underwater rehabilitation treatment uses a combination of swimming, underwater exercises and an underwater treadmill to improve range of motion or coordination for small animals. "The idea behind underwater rehabilitation treatment stems from the human field of aqua therapy," said Dr. Walter Renberg, associate professor of clinical sciences at K-State. "Rehabilitation is as important for animals just as it is for people." While patients of underwater rehabilitation treatment can suffer from a variety of diseases, most come with two general needs, according to Renberg. "The bulk of our patients are usually dogs with orthopedic or neurologic conditions," he said. "Patients may suffer from a myriad of diseases, but most utilize underwater treatment to strengthen muscles, improve coordination or to increase/improve range of motion in joints." Though fairly new to the veterinary profession, underwater rehabilitation has quickly grown in popularity, Renberg said. "Underwater rehabilitation treatment was introduced to the profession about five years ago," he said. "It is still a growing area of interest for many professionals within veterinary medicine because it has been quite effective." While underwater rehabilitation is an exciting opportunity for small

animals in need of treatment, Renberg cautions pet owners to remember it is only part of the rehabilitation process. "It's all about balance. There is certainly a high degree of usefulness to underwater rehabilitation, but it is not a cure-all treatment," Renberg said. "Equally important are things such as stretching, massage and exercise — including things done here at K-State's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and exercises done at home." Additional rehabilitation treatments available at K-State's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital include therapeutic ultrasound, neurological muscle stimulation and a dry treadmill. Home exercises such as walking up and down the stairs can also contribute to your pet's continued rehabilitation, Renberg said. Almost one year after K-State's underwater treatment debut, Renberg said he is glad K-State took the plunge. "We as a university need to be providing this service," Renberg said. "Underwater treatment provides an excellent opportunity for small animals to get the rehabilitation they need." For more information about underwater rehabilitation, contact K-State's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at 785-532-5690. Both medically referred patients and local patients are accepted for medical treatment. Prices vary with condition and duration of treatment, but complete rehabilitation treatment for several weeks for an average dog is estimated at about \$300.

## Babies

### Caleb Robert Buster

Alan and Jolene Buster of Goodland announce the birth of their son Caleb Robert Buster, Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Caleb Robert weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.   
  
Tori Ann Kuhlman   
Todd and Sherri Kuhlman of Oakley, announce the birth of their daughter Tori Ann Kuhlman, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Tori weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.   
Grandparents are Ken and Joan Denton of Mounment and Larry and Nancy Kuhlman of Oakley.

Caleb's grandparents are Richard Buster of Hutchinson, Sandy Murphy of Liberty, Mo., Henry and Lori Wallace of Hutchinson.   
Caleb is welcomed home by brother Alan Wayne Buster Jr.

# Storm leaves many stranded



### Vicki Allison

● Rexford Correspondent

The first place winners at the American Legion sponsored Pinochle Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 17, were Darlene Robben and Bob Renner. Dallas Koerperich and JR Albers came in second and Deb Stepper and Grace Cheney took third place. There were 18 participants. Visiting Vesta Roth over the weekend were her three grandsons and son Rick. During their visit they moved snow and tackled some odd jobs for Vesta. Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper traveled to Wichita Saturday, Feb. 10 to visit Cleda's sister-in-law, Mary Minnick, who was a patient at a Wichita Hospital. The Church asks that if you would like to send a card to Lonnie Ketchum or Glendora Bastin, their addresses are as follows: Lonnie Ketchum, 855 S. Grant, Colby, Kan. 67701 and Glendora Bastin, 770 N. School Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. The City of Rexford held its primary election, Tuesday. On the ballot the city has three candidates for mayor: Dennis L Allison, Michael L. Johnson and William J. Dible. Royal Neighbors Lodge met at the Senior Center with Betty Carswell as hostess. Other members present were Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper. Social Hour met at the Red Barn Wednesday, Feb. 21. Members present were Sondra Barnett, Cleda Moeder, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper. Golden Plains Class of 2007 will host a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Rexford, Saturday, March 24th, grade levels 3rd through high school girls and boys. Contact Orba Smith at 386-4559, 386-4201, or to: orbadee@ruraltel.net. At the Red Barn: There were 16 at Bingo, Saturday, Feb. 17 Those attending Barnswal-

lows, Thursday, to play pinochle, were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Lawrence Horinek. Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Evelyn Proffitt, Eunice Sanford, Darla Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett.

## Markets

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