

Family

Deaths

Richard A. (Rick) Brown

Richard A. (Rick) Brown, 63, of Brewster, died Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Mr. Brown was born May 8, 1943, in Goodland to Leslie and Esther (Lister) Brown.

He was a graduate of Fort Hays State University.

He married Lynette (Franz) Jones Nov. 3, 1978. He owned and operated Chanrick Farms, Inc. with her.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Lynette; three daughters, Chanelle McDaniel and Sara Bowen, both of Wichita and Stacey Schillig and husband Steven of Stratton, Colo.; one son, Eric Brown and wife Danielle of Salina; two sisters, Donna Vohs of Wellington and Janis Fraser of Tuc-

son, Ariz.; brother James (Jim) Brown of Holyrood; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Central Time Monday at Brewster United Methodist Church. A private family burial will be at the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be in the afternoon and evening Saturday at the family farm, 650 County Road V in Brewster.

Memorials are suggested to the Brewster Community Development Fund in his name, and may be left at Harrison Chapel in Colby, Sunflower Bank of Colby or Farmers National Bank in Brewster.

Harrison Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

High Plains Lions meet

The last meeting of the month for the High Plains Lions Club was held March 26 at the Prairie Skillet. Lion President Hazel Estes called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Lions with guests were Lion John Sanders, introduced Karin Rasmussen. Lion John Mead introduced his son, Aaron, April McAdams, April Severson, Lion Wally Severson, and his daughter Mindy Mead. Lion Virgil Jones introduced Justin Burris and Tyler Knapp.

Following a buffet dinner, Lion Sanders, program chairman for the evening, introduced Karin Rasmussen.

Karin is the director of assistive technology for Kansas and works through the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. She gave a very informative talk on the program she directs. She has many different grants that she works with in getting aid to all who need assistance for living. Her services are offered to 19 school districts and 34 counties. Karen said, "People interested in assistive technology for education, work, play, or daily living can call me for assistance. There is no limit on age, income, or nature of disability. I can help with the laws and regulations, technological services, special equipment, communications skills to individuals, groups or employers."

She works with vocational rehab in helping people in employ-

ment services. There is an agricultural project for farmers in cooperation with K-State. There is a TAP program that provides special telephones for those who need them.

Karin asked, "Did you know 55 cents is collected every month from your phone bill to help the hearing impaired have special telecommunication equipment?"

She also works with a project called the Kansas Equipment Exchange. Kansas provides special equipment for those who need it as long as they need it. Mrs. Rasmussen displayed several items of technology that she can provide. Her office can be reached by phone at 1-800-526-3648 or e-mail nkescat@st-tel.net

In other business conducted, the ham and bean feed at Orschelns Farm and Home store will be April 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The Lions club will be assisting the Celebration on the High Plains again this year by parking cars. The club will be picking up trash on east Highway 24 April 2 and 3. Lion Larry Koon reported for the nomination committee the new slate of nominated officers for the upcoming year.

Lion Elmer Lawver reported that his daughter-in-law, a nurse in Iraq, had requested no more cookies but they were in need of DVDs. The club elected to purchase \$100 worth of DVDs for the Iraq wounded heroes.

The next club meeting will be April 9.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Easter egg hunt, Colby Assembly of God Church, 245 W. College Drive, 1-2:15 p.m.

Center extends thank you for event

By Emma Rogers

Senior Center

A great big thanks goes out to everyone that participated in the potato bar at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. We appreciate all the workers and those that came and ate and joined in the festivities.

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of April 9-13, including Blue Monday. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesday is Lollipop Day. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Friday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and don't forget it's Denim and Orange Day.

Senior Center

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Anyone under 60 years of

age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday - Sloppy Joes, seasoned carrots, pineapple, bun, cook's choice complement. Tuesday - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn with green peppers, rolls, applesauce. Wednesday - chicken and rice casserole, confetti coleslaw, mixed veggies, bread, Mandarin oranges. Thursday - Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, baked potato, mixed fruit, bread, pudding. Friday - ham, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, lime Jell-o with pears.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information or

lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment.

Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

Auxiliary hears about activities, makes plans

Barnett Auxiliary 6882 met March 13 at the Post home with President Elva Livingston presiding. Roll call was read and opening prayer offered. Patriotic instructions were read followed by the flag salute. National Anthem words were read with heart salute by members.

POW-MIA prayer was offered with a lit candle.

Membership petition for Peggy Ohlrogge was read and accepted with unanimous vote of consent. Invitation scheduled for April 13 meeting.

Minutes were read and approved and treasurer's report heard. Bills were presented and allowed for payment.

Correspondence read was General Orders, president's message, thank you from Fort Dodge soldiers home, excerpt from fall convention minutes, thank you from Kenneth Messamore family, and health excerpt from monthly mailing about stroke symptoms.

Committee Reports

Chaplain reported death notice sent to national for deceased member Ethel Cooper.

Hospital reported 50 dozen cookies and comfort items sent to Winfield and Fort Dodge soldiers homes.

Community Service

Reported 779 hours of volunteer work by members in November and December.

Legislative

Noted calls made, letters sent and thank yous sent to legislators.

By motion and second a monetary donation was allowed for veterans and family support program for unmet needs.

Charter was draped per ritual in

memory of Ethel Cooper and monetary donation allowed to cancer aid and research for a memorial.

National home prayer was offered and meeting closed per ritual prayer. Next meeting will be April 13 at the post home at 2 p.m.

As of last year VFW Operation Uplink broadened its focus to become a communication tool for active duty military and hospitalized veterans. VFW Operation Uplink provided free phone calls for service men and women in remote areas in Iraq where they couldn't use phone cards to call home. Over 260,825 calls with over 3,134,000 minutes of talk time was provided. The Free Call Days are done through OpenBands 191 Internet in cafes in remote areas of Iraq. OpenBand is in the process of deploying 60 more sites for Free Call Days to a total of 251 sites in Iraq to connect even more service people and families.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$4.22
Corn	\$3.47
Milo	\$5.69
Soybeans	\$6.63

Shrubbery can cause problems

MANHATTAN — One reason to plant shrubs is to hide a landscape's "uglies" — trash bins, gas meters or the like.

Central air conditioning units often top homeowners' list of things to hide. The units typically are the hard-edged, metallic-looking sore thumb that's too big to ignore and right next to the house.

"Some people have the mistaken idea that because shrubs create shade, they also can help cool an outdoor condensing unit or the air it uses. The fact is, however, unless you get the spacing right, planting shrubbery next to an air conditioner will cause problems," warned Bruce Snead, residential energy specialist with Kansas State University Engineering Extension.

The problems all trace to a single

fact: An air conditioning unit has to expel all of a home's heat.

"So, unless you leave enough room for good air circulation, the temperature near the unit will rise — sometimes by quite a bit," Snead explained. "This, in turn, can damage or kill the shrubbery."

"Plus, the higher temperature will reduce the air conditioner's capacity."

The unit will not only have to work harder but also provide less cooling."

If shrubs form a wall around a unit, their mature size should provide at least 5 feet of clearance, he said. Even if they don't form a continuous "hedge," nearby shrubs should allow 3 feet of clearance.

At that, however, homeowners will still need to ensure that dropped

leaves or plant residues don't block the coils where the unit pulls in air.


"Unfortunately, people often underestimate the mature size of shrubs as they're planting," Snead said. "Then, they either have to do some drastic pruning or try again with their plantings."

Editor's note: More information about pruning shrubs, conserving energy and other topics is available at any county or district K-State Research and Extension office. The Engineering Extension Web site is at <http://www.engext.ksu.edu/>.



Serving Traditional
EASTER BUFFET
Sunday, April 8th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations are recommended.
462-6565

1st Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 7, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.
Colby Care Center
105 E. College Drive
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• 1st grade • 2nd grade
• 3rd grade
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