

# Family

## Death

### Thomas D. Mowry

Thomas D. Mowry, 76, of Colby, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. He was born April 30, 1931, in Penokee and lived in the area for the last 40 years.

Mr. Mowry was a retired oil driller and truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Margorie Mowry of Colby; son: Thomas Mowry, Jr. of Springfield, Mo.; daughters: Cindy Theimer and Lisa Rohr, both of Colby; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Sa-

cred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating.

Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

A prayer vigil and rosary will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, at Harrison Chapel. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, also at the chapel.

Donations may be made to Colby Sacred Heart Catholic Church and left at any bank or Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701.

### Milton E. Rebarchek

Milton Eugene Rebarchek, 52, of Monument, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Mr. Rebarchek was born Aug. 31, 1955, to Frank Milton Rebarchek and Norma Jean Russell Rebarchek.

He worked as a welder and laborer and was a lifelong resident of western Kansas.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, at the Logan County 4-H Building in Oakley with Pastor Rocky Schmied offi-

ciating. Inurnment will be private by the family at a future date with burial at Gaeland Township Cemetery in Gove County.

No visitation is planned. A memorial fund has been established in Mr. Rebarchek's name. Donations may be sent to Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements. (See related obituary information also on this page.)

### Rozanne Vohs

Rex Vohs, 52, of Lincoln, Neb., died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at his home and his mother, Rozanne Vohs, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008 at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Vohs was born in Colby.

### Dr. Mason M. Wolf

Dr. Mason W. Wolf, Sr., 85, of Colby, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Mr. Wolf was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Alma and was a retired optometrist.

He is survived by his wife, Merle M. Wolf of Colby; son: Mason W. Wolf, Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter: Tenley Glad of Colby; step-daughters: Della Cooper of Omaha, Neb., Kay Perez of Denver, Colo., Carol Hofman of Elwood, Neb., Cindy Sullivan of Mesa, Ariz., and Mandy Barnett of Alamosa, Colo., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10

a.m., Thursday, at First Presbyterian Church in Colby with Rev. Carol Rahn and Rev. Franklyn Schroeder officiating.

Visitation will continue until 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Burial will be at Jennings Cemetery in Jennings.

A memorial fund has been established to benefit First Presbyterian Church in Colby. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel is in charge of all arrangements.

# Meat scraps linger

By Heloise

*Hints from Heloise*

Dear Heloise: I read in The Washington Post the hint from a reader about putting shrimp shells in the trash. She said to put the shells in a plastic bag with a Here's my hint: After putting the shrimp shells in a plastic bag, take a kitchen spray cleaner and spritz a couple of times into the bag. This kills the fishy odor almost completely! Then, I put it into the freezer until trash pickup day.

— Sheron McCain, New Braunfels, Texas

**Speaking of food scraps, etc., here's a hint from Linda Alexander of Belmont, N.C. She says: "I label a zipper-top bag 'scraps,' then use it to dispose of any meat scraps (raw or cooked), shrimp shells, etc., that would cause an offensive odor in the garbage can. I store the bag in the freezer until the night before garbage pickup.**

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# Employers offer pet insurance

NEW YORK (AP) — At a time when employers are scaling back on costly health benefits, pet insurance is gaining popularity as an employee benefit.

Veterinary Pet Insurance, the nation's largest pet insurer, saw its corporate accounts balloon from 15 to 1,600 in the past six years. About 15 percent of Veterinary Pet Insurance's policies, or about 50,000, now come from its corporate accounts.

The growth of this perk comes as pets occupy an increasingly prominent place in the American home. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, pet owners spent an estimated \$9.8 billion on veterinary care in 2007, up from \$7.1 billion in 2001.

Pet owners are spending more on sophisticated care to give animals some comfort or a few extra years when illness strikes. The cost of a surgical veterinarian visit was \$453 for dogs and \$363 for cats in 2006, the most recent figures available, but treating a pet for an illness like cancer can cost several thousands of dollars.

Pet insurance is still relatively rare, with only about 2 percent of pets in the United States insured. Another major pet insurer, PetHealth Inc., expects that figure to grow to about 10 percent over the next decade as options for animal medical care grow. PetHealth, based in Oakville, Ontario, saw revenue from all policies jump to \$4.3 million in the third quarter, up 12 percent from the previous year. While corporate accounts are growing, the vast majority of policies are still signed up through veterinary offices, retail outlets and animal shelters.

Noninvasive procedures like MRIs, CAT-scans and endoscopies have become relatively common for animals.

# Quality brings teams back

From "TOURNAMENT,"  
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With the tournament, featuring eight girls and boys teams, now just a day away, it's full-go for Colby High staff and the many members of the community it takes to put on a tournament of this magnitude.

Staats estimates around 100-150 people will volunteer their time for this event.

Volunteer workers include gatekeepers, statisticians, clock operators, admissions staff and concession workers, just to name a few.

Most of that manpower will go toward maintaining the proper atmosphere at each of the 24 games on the docket, but the games are only a small portion of what goes on this weekend.

In addition to halftime performances from each participating school, the tournament highlights include a Federation of Christian Athletes Breakfast of Champions 9 a.m. Saturday at the community building, which is followed by this year's featured guest speaker, Blaise Forest.

Forest is an instructor at the Honor Academy in Garden Valley, Texas. who has had specific experience in wrestling and specializes in speaking to athletes.

A Super Shot Competition is also held Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., with a member from each school chosen to participate.

Prior to the championship games, an all-tournament and academic all-tournament team is announced and other awards are given away, including MVP and Off-the-Bench honors for both boys and girls.

The breakfast, guest speaker and awards are just part of what the school does to not only make teams feel welcomed, but to make their trip worthwhile.

Before the teams arrive, Staats sends out packets from the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, showing teams where restaurants and lodging destinations were in town.

Once the schools get to Colby they are greeted by a team host who serves as their go-between during their stay.

"If they need the gym open

in the morning to have a shoot-around or something, they'll tell the team host and that person will notify us," said Staats.

Financially, the school eases the burden on them as well.

Colby high sets up a hospital-ity room in the high school and community building open for officials and coaches, helps with gas and lodging costs for schools over 100 miles away and provides each player with a tournament t-shirt.

"If you want 'em coming back you need to provide a top-notch tournament," said Gabel. "I've been told by a lot of coaches they are honored just to be asked to participate. We don't lose teams very often."

Wichita South is one of the schools Gabel is referring to.

The Titan boys basketball team first came to Colby in 1988 and 20 years later they're still coming back.

Wichita South boys head coach Deon Allen is in just his second year at the school and has never been to Colby before, but has heard good things through the grapevine.

"I hear our fans say they like it a lot," said Allen whose 6A Titan team enters play with a 7-3 record.

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