

Family

Death

Mary A. Vette

Mary A. Vette, 91, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 in Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Vette was born Jan. 29, 1917 in Climbing Hill, Iowa. She was a retired retail clerk. Her husband, Charles Vette, preceded her in death in 1967. Survivors include her son, Charles Vette, Wauneta, Neb.;

Barbara L. Lauterbach

Barbara L. Lauterbach, 77, of Littleton, Colo., died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008. She was born June 30, 1931 in Wichita. A graveside inurnment at Beau-

daughter, Barbara McCoy, Fort Wayne, Ind.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Visitation is from 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday.

Iveda Ruth Hoffeditz

Iveda Ruth Hoffeditz, 87, of Hoxie, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Mrs. Hoffeditz was born Jan. 13, 1921 at Oranogue to Orla and Nelle Ringgenberg McCabe. She married William (Bill) Hoffeditz in June 1966 in Las Vegas, N.M. They lived in Hoxie all their married life and she worked on Treasure Island Naval Base in the postal department during WWII. She was a secretary for Bainter-Reichart Construction Company and later for Gene Smercheck, attorney.

Mrs. Hoffeditz was an honorary board member of Western Plains Arts Association, member of Hoxie Christian Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries and superintendent for Sheridan County Fair. She was also a homemaker. Survivors include her husband; two sons: John Courtney and wife, Boob, of Alliance, Neb. and James Courtney and wife, Betty, of Pell City, Ala.; two daughters: Georgia Briery and husband, Ronnie, of Norton and Mary Behan and husband, Jim, of Rolla, Mo.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rexford News

New business opens; resident turns 103

By Vicki Allison Rexford Correspondent

I would like to welcome the recent opening of Jokers, a new business to our town, formerly the Country Store, owned by Dick Kyle. Kyle moved to Texas and Chachi Ochoa and Alan and Sally Jones are the new owners. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and closed on Sundays. A weekly noon special is offered Monday through Friday. The garage is serviced by Irvin Ramsey and he can help with automotive needs. “Lula Thieler will celebrate her 103rd birthday on Monday, Sept. 1. A card shower is being held in her honor. If you would like to send her a card, it will reach her at: 1625 S Franklin Ave, #303, Colby, Kan. 67701.” The community welcomes Jim and Lois Jones who recently moved to Rexford from Denver, Colo. Golden Plains Community Outreach will be holding A-Look-at-

the-Book Day, a presentation of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Community Building on Main Street. This will be an opportunity for the public to view the books the children have been receiving in the Golden Plains School District and a chance to sign up children under 5 years of age for a free monthly book. The Outreach Program has been working on expanding to reaching all of Thomas County. Call Evelyn Johnson, (785) 687-3925 for information. The group would love to have your involvement. The City of Rexford held its monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 13. The discussion of an all-terrain vehicle ordinance has been tabled for six months. If you have an opinion concerning the use of all-terrain vehicles or golf carts, talk to any council member or Mayor Dennis Allison. Public comments are encouraged. The Golden Plains 2008 year-book is available to purchase for \$30. Call the Rexford School at (785) 687-3265 or stop by the school.

Family Reunion

The 60th annual Anderson Reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 10. In attendance from Salina were Ray, Becky, Jesci and Cassie Tappendick, Randy Brown and Rodney Brown. From Colby were Eileen Dible, Joe and Marlene Friesen, Georgia Anderson, John Anderson, Loyall and Barbara Nichols, Dawn and Aaron Nichols, Darla Nichols and Lorna Nichols. Others included Lee Nichols of St. Francis; Joan Hancock of Ankerly Iowa; Deanna and Lyle Lionburger, Los Cruces, N.M.; Tom and Margaret Black, Independence; Andy and Marguerite Black, Ron and Janette Dible all of Rexford; Jerry, Rhonda, Jael, and Jerry Nichols, Dathan, Sarena, Nathaniel and Joslyn Nichols all of Winona; Lance and Ashley Friesen of Wray, Colo.; Merlin Nichols and Paul Nichols of Culbertson, Neb.; Jullie Black of Hays; Denise Packard of Grainfield; Cheree Swaney of Minneola; Benny Berry, friend, of Dodge City; David, Nancy, Reno, Connor and Audrey Berens of St. John; Rodney Brown of Salina; LeRay and Dee Faulk of Formosa and Marc, Kaitlyn and Annika Nichols all of Bunker Hill. The 61st annual Anderson Reunion is planned one year from now (Aug. 9, 2009) at the Colby Community Building. Officers were elected John Anderson, president; Jerry Nichols, vice president; and Marlene Fri-

esen, secretary/treasurer. Decorations were provided by Becky Tappendick in memory of her mother, Sandy Hanson, and given to many of the older members of the family. A rose vase, small bucket with the date on them and flag rapped mints and a miniature Swedish Flag. The meeting was adjourned so that family could visit for the rest of the afternoon.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I was just reading about the woman who uses her digital camera to take pictures of items in various stores. I used mine recently when visiting a very large fair. I was with my daughter and her infant. Parking was plentiful, but it was a long way to walk. Light posts had letters on them so you would know what row you were parked in. I was a little concerned that after a long day, with temperatures around 90 degrees, we would not remember where we had parked, so I took a picture of the letter on the post, along with the row, so we wouldn't be wandering around later with aching feet and a crying baby. — Carol Charbonneau, Wolcott, Conn. Carol, fab hint! This would be good when vacationing families go to theme parks, too. — Heloise

**Fast facts**

Dear Readers: There are many uses for our good old standby shampoo. Here are a few for you to consider:

- When traveling, shampoo can be used instead of laundry detergent.
- It's a great way to launder delicate hand-washables.
- Works as a cleanser on the sink, tub and shower walls to remove soap film and dirt (note:

Mix a little baking soda with the shampoo when extra scrubbing is needed).

- Can be used as a body wash.
- Baby shampoo makes a good bubble bath.
- Serves as a laundry pretreatment for stains or ring around the collar.
- It's a good substitute for dishwashing liquid when hand-washing dishes.

— Heloise

**Color-coding socks**

Dear Heloise: I love to color-code socks. My husband and I have a few pairs of socks that are the same brand and color. I baste a little dot of pink thread at the cuff of mine so we can sort them easily. -- A Reader, via e-mail

**Handy egg dipper**

Dear Heloise: I enjoyed your recent article on candle safety. You suggested using a metal blade to push wicks down to extinguish them. In a catalog, I saw an expensive “candle dipper,” which does that. It was simply a piece of wire with a loop. I reached in my junk drawer and pulled out an “egg dipper” from last year's Easter dye. It is perfect for pushing the wick down, and the loop pulls the wick right back up so I'm ready for the next time. — Geraldine

Mann, San Diego

**Sound off**

Dear Heloise: My complaint is businesses (doctor's offices, vets, shops, etc.) that don't pay attention to a customer when you walk in. I get a “hello” and then am ignored. They don't say, “Working on your order,” “getting your file” or anything. I am just left to stand or sit there wondering what's going on. How would they feel if I walked in and just stared at them or sat down and ignored them? — Grumpy in Texas

**Cards Not Such a Gift**

Dear Heloise: Not all gift cards are as good as they might seem. My husband bought me several \$50 gift cards for a trip I was taking, so I did not have to carry a checkbook or other credit cards. We would only be out that amount, if stolen. However, I have had nothing but trouble using them. They are constantly declined. Only occasionally did I find a vendor who would use them. I now have four cards with small amounts of money left that I can't seem to use. I have called the company several times. I keep being told to try this or that, and I get put on hold forever. Very frustrating! I will never buy these gift cards

again. — Marlene, via e-mail

Marlene, some cards are like this. One of my assistants had a couple of gift cards and wasn't able to use the last little bit of cash that was on them. She found that she had to buy something exactly the amount that was on the card for it to work. If the charge was more, the cards would not work. So, please read up on the terms of the agreement before purchasing. Know what you are buying. — Heloise

**Geneology hint**

Dear Heloise: Genealogists and family-history researchers, help may be just around the corner. For genealogical researchers of all levels, forgotten places for help and resources may be at your local or county genealogical and historical societies. Many have local collections and access to state, national and international resources that will help in your research. Genealogical societies are experienced in assisting and identifying where to research and which source documents are useful in your area of research, plus much more. As with all hobbies, there are steps that should be taken to make your research a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. — Le Juan Shrimplin from Kansas

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