

Family

Deaths

LoRee Kuska

LoRee Kuska, 85, Salinas, Calif., died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, after a brief illness.

She was the widow of George Kuska, architect of the Thomas County Prairie Museum of Art and History, and son of George and Nellie Kuska, former residents of Colby, who gave their entire multi-million-dollar collection of 28,000 artifacts and books to the museum.

She was born to Percival and Dora Kraus Grumbein on Dec. 13, 1923, in McCracken, and graduated in 1945 from Fort Hays State College with a degree in business. That same year, she began teaching at Ellis High School.

On June 24, 1951, she married George Kuska of Colby, and moved to Salinas, where he was beginning his career as an architect. LoRee taught business at North Salinas and Mount Toro high schools, the Salinas adult school and Hartnell College for 35 years.

She was president of the Salinas American Association of University Women, president and treasurer of the Salinas PEO chapter and a member of the Salinas Women's Club. She had been a Cub Scout den mother and Camp-fire Girl leader.

Mrs. Kuska was active in the Salinas First Presbyterian Church, where she led women's Bible

study and was involved with the Clipper Club and Friendship Club and taught kindergarten Sunday school for 25 years.

She volunteered with many organizations. She was a member of the Valley Guild and a volunteer at the John Steinbeck House. For more 20 years, she was a volunteer at the Steinbeck Library, and delivered books to shut-ins.

She would dress up and tell stories to elementary students in Salinas. Her favorite characters were Mary Poppins, Feather Dust-er, Mother Goose, LoRee-cycle, and Witch-R-Rec.

She was proceeded in death by her husband in 2003 and a brother, Percival Grumbein Jr., in 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Kraig (Nancy) Kuska, Salinas, and Kim Kuska, San Mateo, Calif.; two daughters, Karen (Tom) Shepherd, Salinas and Karol (Mark) Hernandez, Pomona, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009, at the church in Salinas.

The family requests no flower and suggests donations to the Prairie Museum, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701, the church building fund or to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to www.struveandlaporte.com



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Spring is puppy time



CYNTHIA HAYNES/Colby Free Press

Playing in the water running down the gutter, A.G. Howell was encouraging Coco, his Pembroke Welsh corgie puppy to get wet on Tuesday as temperatures soared into the high 70s.

Babies

Rhett Ryan Post

Rhett Ryan Post, son of Lance and Krista Post, was born March 11, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Grandparents are Norman and Darlene Post and Christine Nickelson of Hill City, and Don and Kim Nickelson of Penokee.

Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The meeting of the Solomon Valley 4-H club was called to order by Abbie Reed at the 4-H building on Nov. 10. The flag salute was led by Chandler Comfort.

The 4-H pledge was led by Kelly Sloan. Lander and Quinlee Niblock and Reed led the song. Nineteen members were present.

Project talks were given by Jay Ziegelmeier about what he is taking to the fair, James West about his goat, Brent Wilson about weaning baby calves and Kurt Sloan about what he is going to take to the fair.

Danita Comfort had some things to hand out from the Achievement Banquet. The club received \$20 for third place in herdsmanship at the fair. Sally Wilson and Kayla Ziegelmeier got an award for camp counseling. Lindsey Wilson received her 10-year membership pin.

Comfort explained the pizza sale. Prizes will be awarded for the top three sales people.

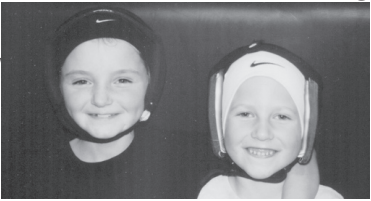
The meeting was adjourned and recreation was playing tag. The

hosts were the West and Niblock families.

— reporter, Brianna Thummel

Good Luck Brayclen and Kensey at Girls State Wrestling!

'Take em' to the mat!



Love, Holly & Jerry Lynn and Grady & Lindsey Garret



The **Colby Area Barbershoppers** will present *Back to the Roots of Barbershop* on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 at the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center.



The Featured Quartet is the 2005 International Champions, **REALTIME**. There will be 2 shows: 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets in Advance: \$10.00



Tickets at the Door \$12.00

Tickets can be purchased from any chorus member or by calling 800-269-7059 or 785-462-2474. Tickets may be held for you at the window.

The friends of Moritz Nauer Are holding a **Card Shower** for his **91st Birthday** on March 21st. Cards may be sent to: 400 S. Franklin #35 Colby, KS 67701

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You do NOT have to be a producer to be a member!

- Norton – March 13, 7:00 p.m., Norton 4-H building, 126 Parks St.
- Lacrosse- March 16, 7:30 p.m., Lacrosse Sale Barn
- Colby – March 17, 7:30 p.m., Colby Community College Student Union Room 106, 1255 S. Range Road
- Atwood – March 18, 7:30 p.m., Midwest Energy Community Room 303 Main Street
- Saint Francis – March 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Public Library, 121 N. Scott Street (Use North Door)
- Hays- March 20, 7:00 p.m., 1232 240th Ave, KSU Ag. Research Center
- Sharon Springs – March 23, 7:30 p.m., Community Activities Building CAB on the Fairgrounds
- Leoti – March 30 7:30 p.m., Wichita Co. Business Care Center, 102 W. Broadway (corner of Hwy. 96 & Hwy 25)
- Phillipsburg – March 31, 7:30 p.m., KSU extension office 784 6th St. (behind the Chubby Pickle)
- Russell – April, 6, 7:30 p.m. – 4-H Building (North Room)
- Plainville – April 7, 7:00 p.m. – Plainville Sale Barn
- Oberlin – April 8, 7:00 p.m., The Gateway Room 3



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