

# Family

## Deaths

### Brett Daniel Spresser

Brett Daniel Spresser, 21, Sharon Springs, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at Weskan after a grain elevator accident.

He was born May 22, 1989, at Colby, the son of Daniel Joseph and Annette Marie (Juenemann) Spresser, and grew up at Gem. He graduated from Golden Plains High School in 2007, attended Garden City Community College and graduated with his associate degree from Colby Community College. He had been working at United Plains Ag in Weskan.

On July 25, 2009, he and Niki Renae Welsh were married in Sharon Springs. On June 9, 2010, their daughter Zuri Jae Spresser was born in Tribune. He loved his family very much.

Surviving family includes his wife and daughter, of the home; parents Daniel and Annette

Spresser of Gem; two sisters, Niki (Brent) Moss of Colby; and Hailee Spresser of Gem; two brothers, Rilee Spresser and Grant Spresser, both of Gem; father-in-law Darrell Welsh of Weskan; and mother-in-law Chris Welsh of Sharon Springs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Wallace County School Gym, with Rick Dewees officiating and burial in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. (Central) today at the gym.

Memorials may be designated to the Brett Spresser Memorial, to be used for his family. They may be left at the service or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735-1555.

### Kathleen Ann Schiltz

Kathleen Ann (Bergin) Schiltz, 51, of Hoxie, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at her home.

She was born Sept. 9, 1958, in Great Bend, to Edward J. and JoAnn (Langenberg) Bergin.

On June 16, 2007, she married Kevin Schiltz in Hoxie. She had lived in Hoxie since 1982.

She was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Hoxie High School until her resignation due to illness. She was a member of the St. Frances Catholic Church and Elks Lodge, Hoxie, and the Kansas National Educators Association.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; her parents, of Omaha, Neb.; four brothers, Tim (Barbara), Ames, Iowa; Dan, Lebanon, Tenn.; Tom (Kim), Riverton, Wyo.; and John (Fiona), Chicago; five sisters, Karin (Tom) Re-

nard, Ellsworth; Colleen (Mark) Schiltz, Bixby, Okla.; Mary (David) Stringfellow, Denham Springs, La.; Beth (Todd) Carlson, Gretna, Neb.; and Carol Bergin, Hoxie; three stepdaughters, Jackylee Schiltz, Katelyn Schiltz and Merit Schiltz, all of Oakley; and a stepgranddaughter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 2, 2010, at St. Frances Catholic Church, Hoxie.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, July 1, at the Hoxie High School Auditorium, followed by a rosary service at 7 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Kathy Schiltz Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent in care of the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Box 235, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

## High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions met Monday night for their last meeting of the Lions year. July starts a new club year with new officers. The evening began with a potluck dinner. Guests included Past District Governor Bill Beamguard of Atwood, Kelli Burrus, and Tyler Kanapp of Fairbanks, Ala. Club members sang "Happy Birthday" to Norman Whittaker.

Beamguard conducted the induction ceremony for new officers. They are: president, Justin Burrus; vice-president, Roger Herren; second vice-president, Mary Hurtt; secretary, Sheryl Brenn; treasurer, Larry Brenn; membership, Roger Hale and Virgil Jones; first-year director, Norman Whittaker; second-year director, Melinda Morton; tail twister, Francis Britton; lion tamer, Caroleta Herl; song leaders, Mary Hurtt and Sheryl Brenn; chaplain, Elmer Lawyer. It was pointed out that High Plains Lions is the only club in the

state with an elected chaplain.

Assignments were made for the Fourth of July free hot dog and watermelon feed. The *Colby Free Press* will have the coin toss, with \$234 being given to a lucky participant. There will be free bingo for prizes and a raffle for gift items, as well as local and non-local entertainers. If anyone wants to participate in the entertainment, let Sheryl Brenn know. Hot dogs will be served starting at 7 p.m. The club event will be followed by the Kiwanis fireworks display.

Melinda Morton announced that the Thomas County Fair Amusement Association will set up rides the night of Tuesday, July 13. The club will help the association with the concessions. The fair is the week of July 27-31.

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, at the Colby Community College Student Union.

## Forester fined for turkey shoot

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The chief forester in Wisconsin has turned himself in and paid a \$263 fine for shooting a hen turkey out of season.

Paul DeLong says he made a mistake this spring when he mistook a tuft of feathers on the bird for a beard. He thought it was a male that could be shot legally.

DeLong heads the Department of Natural Resources' Forestry Division, which manages Wisconsin's forests.

Chief Warden Randy Stark says DeLong turned himself in. Stark says a member of the public likely wouldn't have been cited, but he decided to cite DeLong because he was a department employee and DeLong asked to be treated like any other agency worker. The department says he won't be reprimanded, though.

DeLong says he wanted to take responsibility for his error.

# Independence deserves attention

Wow, this year is going by so quickly! On Sunday we will be celebrating the Fourth of July, the day we declared independence from Great Britain.

As I prepared for this column, I took time to quickly read afresh the "Declaration of Independence." It says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." I used the infamous Internet to be able to easily provide this information to you ([www.earlyamerica.com/earlyamerica/freedom/doi/text.html](http://www.earlyamerica.com/earlyamerica/freedom/doi/text.html)). If we continue in this document, it discusses the exact grievances that the founding fathers held against the king.

Sometimes I fear that our nation is becoming so divided that we could end up with some willing to dissolve our current union. As free and endowed citizens of the United States, we are the ones who individually make up a governed people that can make a difference. With this in mind I offer a few books you might like to consider.

Today, there is a lot said about reading books written in the 18th and 19th centuries. This is due to the fact that it helps the reader gain a historical perspective on the interpretation of history and how



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### Library Links

issues should be viewed today. So let me recommend that you consider the four-volume set written by Washington Irving, "The Life of George Washington." This is a work written around the turn of the 19th century. If you want to read it online you can download a free pdf copy at Internet Archives website ([www.archive.org/details/worksofwashingto01irvi](http://www.archive.org/details/worksofwashingto01irvi)).

A second book is "A Patriot's Handbook: Songs, Poems, Stories, and Speeches Celebrating the Land We Love," selected and introduced by Caroline Kennedy. This book is filled with materials that surprised me, the first being the Pledge of Allegiance (p. 7); a song written by George Frederick Root in July 1882, "The Battle Cry of Freedom" (p. 8); and a poem by Henry Holcomb Bennett written c. 1863-1924, "The Flag Goes by." It also contains the Constitution of the United States (pp. 125-146), the Constitutional Convention, Abraham Lincoln's first Inaugural Address (p. 150), and more. Some of the chapter topics are: The Flag, Visions of America, Portraits of Americans, Rule of Law, Freedom, Freedom of Speech and the Press, Freedom of Religion, The Right to be Let

Alone, Equality, The Individual, War and Peace, Work and Our Land.

I offer a few new books with no opinion on them. I believe it is your job to read, decipher, and make the informed decisions you choose. These books are: "Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative Manifesto," by Mark R. Levin (print and audio book format); "Faith and Politics: How the 'Moral Values' Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together," by John Danforth, Senator; "Listen Up, Mr. President: Everything You Always Wanted Your President to Know and Do," by Helen Thomas and Craig Crawford; "Comeback America: Turning the Country Around and Restoring Fiscal Responsibility," by David M. Walker.

Books that we will have on display describing lives of those in the revolutionary times are: "Washington's Crossing," by David Hackett Fischer; "1776," a Pulitzer prize book by David McCullough; "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation," by Joseph J. Ellis; "Founding Mothers," by Cokie Roberts (print and audio); "Revolutionary Mothers," by Carol Berkin; "Patriots in Petticoats," by Patricia Edwards Clyne; and "A Battlefield Atlas of the American Revolution." Other books on display will be "Booknotes: Stories from American History," by Brian Lamb; "The American Presidents," by Philip Kunhardt Jr., Philip Kunhardt III, and Peter W. Kunhardt;

"The Mothers of American Presidents," by Doris Faber; and "First Fathers," by Harold I. Gullan.

A book about great American war generals is "15 Stars: Intersected Lives: Eisenhower, MacArthur, Marshall," by Stanley Weintraub. This book helps the reader understand how each man's life and leadership was affected by and contributed to the others. It also gives us an understanding of how each was looked to for the possibility of a presidential term. Weintraub asserts that these three generals "... saved the American Century (Front cover)." Also, I know I've written about this book, but in regards to the recent resignation of General Stanley McChrystal and his replacement by General David H. Petraeus, you must read or at least skim the book "The Fourth Star: Four Generals and the Epic Struggle for the Future of the United States Army," by Greg Jaffe and David Cloud. It outlines Petraeus's development and rise in the military.

Remember to get your movies, audio books and books by Saturday. The library will be closed in celebration of the Fourth of July on Sunday and Monday.

We will be back to our regular summer hours Tuesday. They are: 9 to 6 Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. If you need to renew an item, please do not hesitate to call us at (785) 460-4470. We'd love to help you.

## Foundation to replant trees lost in national forests

The Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member in July through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign by planting 10 trees in forests that have been destroyed by insects, disease, and fires. A membership costs \$10.

The foundation works with the U.S. Forest Service to determine which forests will receive the trees based on the greatest need. They have identified a 1-million acre backlog that needs replanting mainly because of record wildfires in recent years.

"Americans can help the planet through the simple act of planting trees in our National Forests," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We rely on our forests to help clean the air we breathe, clean drinking water for millions of Americans and provide habitat

for many species of wildlife. It is vital to the overall health of the Earth to plant trees."

To join, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, or go to [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## Bridge Club

Tuesday winners at Meadow Lake Bridge Club were first, Lyle Worthy; second, Jean Snyder; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Margaret Denneker; fifth, Mary Molstad; sixth, Gail Vacca.

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.41
Corn (bushel)	\$2.95
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.80
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