

Family

Deaths

Virginia Banbury

Virginia Banbury, 92, Scottsburg, Ind., formerly of Colby, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at Hampton Oaks Health Campus Assisted Living in Scottsburg.

She was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Leo and Ella (Been) Schisler.

She graduated from Goodland High School in 1937 and from the Halstead Hospital School of Nursing in 1944.

A veteran of the Women's Army Corps, she served as a nurse at a military hospital in Pasadena, Calif., during World War II.

In 1946, she married Evans E. Banbury in Palo Alto, Calif. They lived in Colby from 1955 to 1993.

After her husband's retirement as director of the Kansas State University Experiment Station here, they moved to Oklahoma

City in 1993, and to Scottsburg in 2002.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Scottsburg United Methodist Church, the Widow's Tea Club and the Scott County Humane Society.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, in 2007; a brother, Jamie Schisler; a sister, Leola Ihrig; and a great-granddaughter, Camryn Howset.

Survivors include a daughter, Melanie (Erle) Foster, Scottsburg, a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, at the church. Visitation will be after 9 a.m. Thursday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of Collins Funeral Home, 465 W. McClain Ave., Scottsburg, Ind., 47170.

Mary Margaret Helm

Mary Margaret Helm, 63, Tucson, Ariz., sister of Ceanne (Martin) Rinehart of Colby; died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Hospital in Tucson.

She was born May 24, 1947, to John Francis and Helen Margaret (Sughrone) Helm. The family lived on a farm in Decatur County.

She attended Spring Branch rural school until it was disbanded in 1960, going to Norcat for eighth and ninth grades. After a year in Concordia, she returned to Decatur County High School in Oberlin, living with the family of Roy and Ann Shobe.

When she graduate, she went to Stormont Vail nursing school in Topeka on a Smick Memorial Scholarship. After graduating as a registered nurse in 1965, she worked at the Oberlin hospital. She worked at other hospitals in Kansas before becoming a director of nursing in Albuquerque,

N.M. While there, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She later was transferred to a position in Tucson.

Preceding her in death was her father, in 2004.

Survivors also include her mother, Cambridge, Neb.; four brothers, Jim (Yanis) Helm, Danbury, Neb.; Fred Helm, Hilo, Hawaii; John Helm II, Redmond, Wash.; and Mike (Deb) Helm, Norcat; and two other sisters, Kathy (Robert Hezzy) Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.

Cremation. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb. Father Tom McGuire will say the Mass and Father Robert Barnhill will give the homily.

Contributions to her memorial may be sent to Helen Helm, 1205 Nelson Street, Apt. 13E, Cambridge, Neb., 69022.

VFW Auxiliary

Anita Thiel, president of the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, opened the Aug. 11 meeting with prayer, patriotic instructions and the flag salute, followed by the national anthem.

Thank-you notes were read from Santa City and Special Olympics.

Community Service reported 22 projects completed and 104 hours of volunteer service performed for June. The July report was for 16 projects and 103 hours. The hospital chairman reported a box of coupons sent to a military base in Turkey.

Membership reported contact had been made with 12 prospective members.

Monetary allowances were made to purchase men's socks for hospitalized veterans and to the department treasurer for women

veterans.

President Anita Thiel reported auxiliaries are asked to help supplement finances at Fort Dodge since their budget has been cut. A donation was approved.

The Voice of Democracy theme will be "Does Patriotism Still Matter." Schools will be receiving information for this youth essay contest.

The district president will make her annual visit to Colby on Wednesday, Sept. 8, with supper to follow the meeting.

Hays will host the fall convention Sunday, Oct. 24, and a coffee tour will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, at the post home.

The meeting closed with ritual prayer. Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the post home.



Jason Bahe and Brittinnee Morris

Couple to marry at bed and breakfast

Jason Bahe of Goodland and Brittinnee Morris of Glendale, Ariz., plan to marry on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at the Black Forest Bed and Breakfast in Colorado Springs.

Parents of the bride are Amber Morris of Phoenix and Kirk Morris of Round Valley, Ariz. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Dunlap of Phoenix, Patricia Dunlap of De Beque, Colo., and Hubert Morris of St. Johns, Ariz.

Parents of the groom are Mike

and Denece Bahe of Goodland. Grandparents are Loren and Tamara Bahe of Goodland and LaVelle and Erma Palmgren of Colby.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of the Arizona Academy of Science and Technology in Phoenix. She is the administrative secretary at the Goodland Housing Authority.

The groom, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High School, works for Cure Farms.

Benefit fun shoot planned to help hospital

Shooting enthusiasts will have a chance to practice their skills beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at an all day benefit fun shoot at the Colby Gun Club.

The club is four miles west of Colby on U.S. 24, 1 mile south and another mile west. The benefit will feature a full day of trap, doubles and skeet shooting, plus an opportunity for novice shooters

to learn.

Over a hundred "rock" and lunch are included in the \$50 registration fee. Money raised will benefit the foundation for medical equipment purchases, education, and where ever else there is a need.

For information, contact Tama Unger at the Citizens Foundation, (785) 460-1214.

Golfer sparks fire in California

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Forget "Fore!"

"Fire!" was the cry of the day for a golfer whose off-target swing sparked a 12-acre blaze in Southern California.

The golfer at the Shady Canyon Golf Course in Irvine landed a shot in the rough Saturday.

On his next swing, his club

snagged a rock, causing a spark that lit the rough ablaze and eventually attracted 150 firefighters.

Fire officials say the fire burned through the rough and over two dry, brushy hillsides.

Rexford siren passes when repairs tested

The city's siren sounded during the week, not due to inclement weather but as a test. Several months ago, the siren had quit working and after an evaluation, the city was told that the motor was "fried."

Thomas County Emergency Management coordinator Susan McMahan told the mayor and City Council the cost for a replacement would be \$16,339. Several options were presented: the siren would not be replaced, the city would be responsible for all costs, or the Thomas County Community Foundation would donate \$500, the city to pay 7 percent (\$1,106) and the county would make up the difference.

Mayor Dennis Allison attended a county commissioners' meeting and though they hadn't made a final decision concerning the siren, they proposed to give \$4,500 for the siren with Rexford paying \$11,349.

The City Council did not like the idea of burdening residents with another cost increase and decided not to accept the county proposal. Instead, Bill Scott, city supervisor, decided to see if the motor was repairable. He had taken it to Don's Electric and Rewind in Ellis. The motor was repaired for less than \$150, so the Thomas County Community Foundation will have to be contacted about the grant money.

Thank you, Mayor Allison and City Council for keeping the inter-



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ests of your residents a top priority.

The Golden Plains School District began the year Aug. 25, so the traffic in Rexford has increased. Students driving to and from school, please obey the standard traffic rules, and pedestrians, be aware of the increased traffic.

On Friday evening, the Rexford Lions and Golden Plains Booster Club sponsored a Back to School Barbecue, serving close to 200 people after the volleyball and football scrimmages. A thank you to the members for contributing their time to an evening of excitement, as we all anticipate great things during the school year.

I apologize for not having news items for the past few months. We all have seasons of life we sometimes need to endure, and I needed a season of time to be spent on my own personal issues, which took away from other activities, including the submission of Rexford News.

So, Rexford residents, if you have news you would like to have mentioned in the column, please call me at 687-2525 and leave a message, or e-mail it to vallisson56@yahoo.com.

Bummer the Drummer leads off for Arts season

Bummer the Drummer and the Kansas City Street Band will appear at 3 p.m. (Central Time) on Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Goodland High School auditorium.

The first presentation of the Western Plains Arts Association for the 2010-2011 season, the show will include a rock 'n' soul concert of soul music, jazz and blues.

Glen "Bummer the Drummer" Ward studied music as a youngster and, along with clarinet, sax,

and sousaphone, picked up the drum kit, conga drums, resonator bottleneck acoustic guitar, electric guitar and electric bass.

He started "The Kansas City Street Band" in 1977, developed a reputation as a top-notch "rock 'n' soul" act and has toured all over the United States.

Admission is by season ticket or \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

Corrections

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Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$5.52 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.70 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$6.00 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$9.20 |

MOVIES

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Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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John H. Ostmeyer

March 16, 1923 - August 25, 2010

John Henry Ostmeyer was born on the family farm north of Grinnell, Kansas on March 16, 1923, to George H. and Christina Fromme Ostmeyer. He attended St. Paul's Catholic Grade School in Angelus, Kansas and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1941.

He grew up in the Catholic Church and lived his faith. He loved people and was always there for the down and out with a second chance, a job, a place to stay, a meal, gas money or bus fare. When he visited friends and family in the hospital or nursing home, he would roam the halls stopping to visit anyone else he knew. Friends and strangers alike knew his generosity.

That great big Ostmeyer family was a source of love and pride. Growing up on the farm his parents, George and Christina, were the center of his world. His brothers and sisters, Butch, Wilf, Doss, Chuck, Mercedes, and Gene, were not only family, but friends and business partners, his best friend was cousin Henry Ostmeyer, Jr. Numerous cousins were classmates and life-long friends. He married Fritz Struckhoff on September 18, 1947, and they instilled that love and pride in their four children; Cathy, Mark, John Charles, and Diane. Their marriage, spanning 63 years, was filled with close family, good friends and good times. They were blessed with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John never met a stranger and he loved a good time. His sharp mind, quick wit, and easy smile made him a natural salesman; there was nothing more satisfying than a successful land sale. He owned and operated the International Harvester dealership in Sharon Springs, Kansas, farmed in Thomas County, and sold and appraised farm real estate all over Kansas, collecting hundreds of friends along the way. He worked hard, took care of his family, taught his grandkids to drive, earned a good living, and always had time for a game of cards, a drink at the sale barn, dinner at the club, dancing to a good band, pheasant hunting with fellow pilots, or fishing with his brothers at Webster Lake.

Service in World War II introduced him to flying and it became a lifelong passion. He joined the Navy and transferred to the Marine Air Corp flying TBM Avengers off the U.S. carrier Siador in the Pacific. Following the war he remained in the reserves, flying jet aircraft on weekends out of Buckley Field in Denver and later out of the Naval Air Station in Olathe, Kansas. Weekend sorties often took him out over the Kansas plains and he was known to buzz the locals on more than one occasion. He owned numerous airplanes and passed his last flight physical at the age of 80.

John made his last flight on August 25, 2010. God's peace be with him. May his skies be clear, the air smooth, and his landing easy.

september 6th

LABOR DAY

The Colby Free Press

will be CLOSED Monday, Sept. 6, to observe 2010 Labor Day... We will reopen normal business hours Tuesday, Sept. 8...

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