Deaths

Floyd L. Smith

Dr. Floyd L. Smith, 91, Colby, March 31, 1920, in Colby. died today, Wednesday, May 11, Complex in Colby. He was born

Services are pending with Har-2011, at the Prairie Senior Living rison Chapel in Colby, 462-2331.

Douglas A. Nelson

Douglas A. Nelson, 48, Oakley, playing cards or traveling. nephew of Maxine Nelson of Colby, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, father. at the Hutchinson Care Center after an extended illness.

(Richardson) Nelson. A 1981 graduate of Oakley High School, he graduated from the Northwest Kansas Vocational School in MTC Truck Driving School in

Employed over the years by Colby Dillon's, Colby Walmart and Hathaway Hauling, he enjoyed spending time with his family whether it was playing sports,

He was preceded in death by his

Survivors include his mother, Oakley; two children, Cameron He was born Jan. 27, 1963, in Nelson and Kalli Nelson, Hoxie; Oakley, to Donald and Emma two sisters, Sherrol Hamilton, Oakley; and Gaylene (Phillip) Basa; and a brother, Kevin Nel-

son, Oakley. Services were to be Tuesday, Goodland in 1986 and from the May 10, 2011, at the Christian Church in Oakley, with burial in

The family suggests memorials to the church or the ALS Founda-

Viola Mae Svoboda

died Friday, May 6, 2011, at Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home in Arvada.

She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Ellsworth, to John Edward and 1936, she graduated from Ellsworth High School.

On April 18, 1937, she married Wenslow Aaron Svoboda at the parsonage of the First Presbyteri-Colby until about 1960, when they moved to the Denver area.

Arvada Rebekah Lodge.

Preceding her in death were her Cruse, and four brothers, Allen Jones, William L. Jones, Melvin Jones and Lloyd Jones.

Survivors also include three www.AllVeterans.com.

Friedlander and visiting Rotarian,

Members were entertained by

College baseball player, at the

Brittany Bange was recognized

as the Rotary Student of the Year

and 2011 scholarship recipi-

ent. Bange will be attending Fort

Hays State University majoring

in graphic design. She said her

decision to pursue graphic design

was influenced by her recent art

awards from the American Vision

Melinda Olson had the program

featuring Kassiah Rothchild,

Thomas County Health Depart-

ment, giving a presentation on the

community walking trail. She not-

ed the trail is intended to improve

the health of community residents

of all ages. It will be completed in

stages with phase one by the new

aquatic center. The plans also in-

The community walking trail is

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previous business day

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\$8.13

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clude a playground.

Markets

Wheat (bushel)

Milo (hundredweight)

Soybeans (bushel)

Corn (bushel)

Award and Oberlin Art Festival.

Rob Glover, Colby Community Lotto.

Steve Haynes.

piano while they ate.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday a collaborative effort of the Thom-

with 31 members and guests Brit- as County Coalition, the Wellness

tany Bange, Paul Bange, Tawnia Committee, the Multi-purpose Ac-

Bange, Kassiah Rothchild, Joan tivity Center and Colby. Rothchild

Ziegler, Dr. Steve Vacik, Sharon reminded members they have until

the Oakley Cemetery. tion in care of Baalmann Mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Viola Mae Svoboda, 93, Ar- sons, James Svoboda, Irving, Texvada, Colo., sister of Oscar and as; Jack Svoboda, Land O' Lakes, Harold (Grace) Jones of Colby, Fla.; and John Svoboda, Redondo Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Ruth (Ross) Vance, Coal Creek Canyon, Colo.; Dorothy Higgins, San Jose, Calif.; and Jerri (Rick) Cook, Arvada; two sisters, Mary Mary Ethel (Pegram) Jones. In Foster, Gasville, Ark.; and Helen (Cleve) Thompson, Bellflower, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, 20 greatgrandchildren; and three greatgreat-grandchildren.

Memorial services were Saturan Church in Colby. They lived in day, May 7, 2011, at the chapel of the Exempla Apartments with Chaplain Diane Skibicki officiat-She was a member of the Ar- ing. Inurnment will be later at Ft. vada Presbyterian Church and the Logan National Cemetery in Den-

The family suggests memorials husband of 55 years, a sister, Irene to Colorado Lutheran Home, Spiritual Care Department, 8001 W. 71st Ave., Arvada, Colo., 80004.

Condolences may be sent to

June 1 to match the \$25,000 dona-

Sharon Friedlander won Roto-

Colby Rotary will meet at the

tion made by Lon Frahm.

new aquatic center Tuesday.

Get kids walking, riding bikes

The end of school and summer is almost here! Parents rejoice, but often simply exchange one busy schedule for another. Being "taxi driver" during the summer can be daunt-

I have a suggestion. We know exercise is important for children – and sometimes lacking. Why not let the kids walk or ride their bikes to swimming, ball practice etc? We are going back to traditional practices like eating locally grown food and recycling. Why not go back to letting kids walk or ride bikes to get around? Many of us, and most previous generations, did and were all the better for it – stronger and

We need to address safety, though. Make sure your child is aware of traffic and bike safety. Walk the route together to make sure your child is familiar with it and chooses safe places to cross busy streets. A stop light can be better than an unmarked intersection, for

Walk on sidewalks when possible. If you must walk on the street remember pedestrians are to walk on the left-hand side of the street, against traffic. This helps drivers see you, the pedestrian, as well as letting you see the traffic closest to you. Watch out for drivers that don't seem to see you.

Look for and address issues that may arise. If walking by a friend's house, is your child allowed to stop or not? If he stops does he have to call you? If walking past a convenience store, can she stop and buy something?

That brings up a critical issue - communication. Stress to the child that you must know where they are at all times. They are to follow the plan with NO deviations or follow an agreed procedure such as calling or texting, for permission to do something else. Make sure you agree exactly when and where the child is going.

A tip: have the child repeat back exactly what

Diann Gerstner • Knowledge

said I could...." Not knowing where your child is can be a frightening experience!

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Also while walking the route, pick out safe spots - places where your child can stop if they need help, like a friend's house, store or library. Point these spots out and mention that if they ever need help these spots would be a good place to get it.

Another idea for safety and fun is to have your child go with friends. Meet up with the friend down the block and walk together. To truly be a help, they need to be friends you trust to follow the rules.

Bikes can be a faster and more fun way to get to their destination. Following are things to think about if your child uses their bike.

Head injury can mean brain injury. They should always wear a helmet, every time they ride. It should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. It should fit properly and be worn correctly - level and covering the forehead. The straps should always be fastened, so the helmet doesn't go flying when it's needed

Make sure your child's bike is in good repair. Check and oil the chain regularly, make sure brakes work and tires are correctly inflated. Having your child wear bright clothes and putting reflectors on the bike can make them more visible to drivers. Daytime riding is safest, so avoid letting your child ride at dusk or later. If they ride at night they must have reflecthe plan is. That way there is no "I thought you also helpful. Inform your children they are not

to wear headphones because the music could distract them from hearing noises around them such as a car blowing its horn.

Rules of the road your child should know.

Bikes are to be ridden in the street. Ride on the right-hand side of the street, so you travel in the same direction as cars. Never ride against traffic. Sometimes kids younger than 10 years old may be allowed to ride on the sidewalk. If your child rides on the sidewalk, emphasize that they are sharing it with walkers who might be using it and to be courteous or they might lose the privilege.

- Pay attention. Be alert to cars and people.
- Ride single-file, as far to the right as pos-
- Stop at stop signs and obey traffic lights just as cars do.
- Always keep hands on handlebars.
- Always stop and check for traffic when leaving your driveway, an alley or a curb.
- Cross at intersections. Traffic may not see you if you pull out between parked cars.
- · Walk bike across busy intersections using crosswalks and traffic signals.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars. Doors can open suddenly.
- When passing others, pass to their left, and call out "On your Left!" so they know you are
- Use hand signals so traffic will know what you are planning to do.

For information on kids' health and safety visit www.kidshealth.org.

Encourage your child to have a fun and safe summer. Cut down your stress and demands by letting them walk or ride bikes where they need to go. They will get some needed exercise. too! Communicate clearly and set the

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer tors. A light and a flashing light on the back is sciences agent for the Thomas County Exten-

Ag disaster declared

TOPEKA (AP) — The U.S. De-Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanpartment of Agriculture has issued a natural disaster declaration for and Wichita. 21 western Kansas counties ravaged by drought, wildfires and high wind since the start of the

declaration announced Tuesday makes affected farmers eligible for aid including lowinterest emergency loans from the department's Farm Service Agency.

The Kansas counties are Finney, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, ver, Cimarron and Texas.

ton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace

Farmers and ranchers in contiguous counties in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado also can qualify for help.

In Kansas, those counties are Cheyenne, Graham, Rawlins, Clark, Gray, Rush, Decatur, Hodgeman, Trego, Ellis, Norton, Ford and Pawnee.

In Colorado, Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Kit Carson and Prowers Gove, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, counties will benefit. In Oklaho-Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Logan, ma, the affected counties are Bea-

Meadow Lake Couples Golf

The Meadow Lake Couple's Ken and Sukey Idol, second; Ran-Night winners for Friday were dy and Mary Lou Jones, third; and

– Relda Galli Doug and Wanda Brown, first; Darvin and Tammi Strutt, fourth.

Runaway cow takes a swim VIENNA (AP) – Police say that a cow's adventurous barn escape ended with a splash - in a backyard swimming pool.

They say that after the cow escaped from a farm southwest of the city of Graz it evaded its owner for hours. He finally asked authorities to have the animal shot before it caused damage as it ap-

proached the suburban outskirts of Austria's second-largest city.

An animal-control officer already had the cow in its sights when it ran into a heavily settled street, jumped a fence and landed in the pool. Cooled down and docile, it then allowed itself to be led away and is back to the farm.



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Shakespeare Club

The Colby Shakespeare Club The family has homes and busimet at the farm home of Joyce Hansen on April 22.

While viewing equipment was being set up, the members learned about veteran George Elliott's recent flight to visit the World War II memorial and other national museums and sites in the Washington D.C. area. He was accompanied by Paul Steele. They flew from Garden City with other veterans on a chartered plane. Elliott indicated it was a great and valued experience.

Sheryl Brenn introduced her program, Don and Mary Keihl of Goodland. They had visited South America as a guest of a Germanborn immigrant and her family.

nesses in Chile and Brazil. They showed slides of locations visited, sights seen and adventures to be re-told. The members confirmed the

Saturday, May 14. All members will meet at 11:30 a.m. at El Dos de Oros Restaurant. Meeting adjourned with a walk

annual luncheon meeting will be

through Hansen's patio garden. – Sheila Frahm,

Recording Secretary

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THANK YOU The family of Ernest Shull would like to thank the EMT

group for their quick response, the hospital staff, especially Dr. Matchell and Dr. Andy Rose and the nurses in ICU for your great care for Ernest and concern for our family. Thank you to Pastor James Mardock and Father Dana Clark for the hospital visits, prayers and beautiful church service. Jeannie Solko for your prayers and numerous hospital visits. To the ladies of the Methodist Church for preparing the lunch. Thank you to Don and Cathy Harrison for all your guidance and assistance during this time. Finally, to the friends and family for the numerous cards, food, visits, phone calls, and memorial contributions.

God bless you,

Wife Judy, children Stephen & Tracy Shull, Christine & Mike Mountford, Norman & Heide Shull, and Jennifer & Troy Rall

After 32 years Northwest Vacuum Center will be closing its doors. We will repair Vacuums until May 20th but will remain open until June 30th. We will give a free belt with any bag purchase. Also will be selling only Panasonic vacuums for \$50 above my cost. We have Rainbows, Compacts and new Hoover also.

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Benefit Pancake Feed • May 21 • Community Building • 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact Irene Hartwell at 462-3086 or Ann Miner at 462-6399

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