

# Family

## Youth completes project

**By MAXINE NELSON**  
*Colby Free Press*  
 Christopher Barnum has completed his Eagle Scout project which was putting in three park benches in Westside Park. He supervised a crew of about six other scouts who helped build the benches.



Evan Barnum/Colby Free Press  
 Christopher Barnum checks to see if a bench is level.

The benches are made of aluminum and are set in concrete for low maintenance. Funding for the benches came from the Colby Jaycees and the City of Colby.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting. One of the requirements for Eagle is to initiate and supervise a project for community betterment.

Barnum has passed his Eagle Board of Review, been approved, and will be having his Eagle court as soon as a date is set.

## Deaths

**Dorothy Highland**  
 GOODLAND — Dorothy Highland, 76, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Goodland, Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial will follow in the Brewster Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects on Monday from 4-8 p.m., Mountain Time, at Koons Funeral Home, Goodland. The family will be in attendance from 5-7 p.m.

Mrs. Highland is survived by her husband Lee of Goodland; son Dr. Ron Highland of Overland Park; daughters Emma Lou Taylor of Brooksville, Fla., and Janice Owens of Edson; and two sisters, Inez Bennet of Goodland and Julia Lee of Osceola, Mo.

She was predeceased by her parents; two sisters Marjory Jachetta and Edna Ciddio; and brother Frank Fiechter.

Memorials may be given to the Dorothy Highland Memorial Fund and

may be left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland.

### Charles L. Rogers

Charles L. Rogers, 67, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 4, at the Wesleyan Church, Colby, the Rev. Wade Hatfield, officiating. Burial was in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery, Atwood.

Survivors include: wife Emma of Colby; sons, David of Colorado Springs, Daniel, Charles, Larry and Terry, all of Colby; daughters, Ruby Brungardt, Mary Burleigh and Carla Rogers, all of Colby; brothers: Paul of Springfield Mo., Donald of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and William Rogers of Denver; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Vera Smith; and an infant son, Jacob Erwin Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was born Feb. 12, 1934, in St. Francis, the son of Jacob H. and Edna E. (Dale) Rogers. He married Emma Hafer, Aug. 9, 1955, at Atwood. They later moved to Colby.

He worked for Martin Tractor Com-

pany as a diesel mechanic for 32 years, retiring in May 1998. After his retirement, he spent many hours working on vehicle for others. He also hauled seed throughout the county for Cargill. He was a member of the Wesleyan Church.

In the fall of 2001, Mr. Rogers and his family erected the building he had always wanted so he would have a place to work on his favorite vehicles.

Pallbearers were Bob Coleman, Ron Haremza, Bruce Keiser, Lynn Minium, Dwayne Plumisto and Chuck Timmons. Music was provided by Marvia Miller, pianist, and Don Kready, soloist.

Memorials may be given in his name and left at the funeral home or with the family. Brantley Funeral Home, Atwood, is in charge of arrangements.

### Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
 Northwest Kansas League Music Festival (high school), Colby Community College, all day  
 Southwest Pueblo Culture, Thomas County Office Complex, 10 a.m.  
 Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
 Toddlers, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10:15 and 11 a.m.  
 TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)  
 Women's Relief Society, LDS Church, 6:30 p.m.  
 Brewster Lions, Hunter Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m.  
 The Herd, Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & AI Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

## Training offered for working with youth

Volunteers who work with youth are invited to attend a Master Volunteer Program workshop to increase their volunteer skills, said Walter Barker, Northwest Area Extension Office.

skills in learning communication and teamwork while working with youth of all ages," he said.

The workshop will be held on Mondays, April 8, 15, and 22 at the Graham County 4-H Building in Hill City.

The cost of \$40 includes meals, materials, T-shirt, breaks, specialized

speaker fees and a certificate of completion.

The program is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Northwest Area Research and Extension Center, Sedgwick County Extension Center, Kansas 4-H programs, and Epsilon Sigma Phi Endowment Grant.

## Carefully dispose of broken thermometer

*Dear EnviroMike: With cold and flu season here, I've had to use the old fever thermometer several times over the past month. Last week it fell on the bathroom floor and broke, making a mercury and glass mess! I scooped everything up and put it in a jelly jar, but now what should I do with it? I also wondered if I cleaned it up well enough? I will need to buy a new thermometer, but what are my mercury-free alternatives and how much will they cost?*

waste and take it to your local household hazardous waste collection facility. If you aren't sure where your collection facility is, call me at 800-578-8898 and I'll get you the information. If you had spilled it on carpet, I would have actually recommended you cut out the contaminated section of carpet — that's how difficult it can be to properly clean up mercury. All mercury spills should be reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at 785-296-1679.

As you are aware, proper cleanup, containment and disposal of mercury are very important from a public health and environment standpoint. Mercury is considered a persistent bioaccumulative toxin, which means when it is released to the environment, it never really breaks down. In fact, in some cases it actually converts to a more lethal form or concentrates in the food chain and can poison humans when they eat mercury-contaminated food or fish. A small amount can do a lot of damage. Some experts estimate that it only takes a teaspoon of elemental mercury to contaminate a 22-acre lake to the point that a fish-consumption warning must be posted. Mercury poisoning causes nervous system damage in humans and some wildlife. It affects the brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver and can impact fetal develop-

ment. Eliminating mercury sources and preventing environmental contamination is the key. In fact, some retail stores have pledged to ban the sale of all mercury-containing devices, including thermometers.

A variety of mercury-free alternatives are available at your local pharmacy or large retail stores. These use digital technology, gallium-tin or alcohol instead of mercury. Their costs are comparable to mercury thermometers. In fact, I picked up a digital thermometer a few weeks ago for under \$3. Most people really like the mercury-free thermometers once they try them, because they are faster and much easier to read.

Thanks for the great question, and if you'd like to learn more about mercury thermometers, spill cleanup and alternatives, go to { HYPERLINK "http://www.noharm.org" } www.noharm.org or call the Pollution Prevention Institute at K-State at 800-578-8898.

### Mercury Mom

Dear Mercury Mom: It sounds like you did a pretty good job cleaning up the mercury. I hope you used gloves and kept the area well ventilated, as mercury can easily absorb through the skin and vaporizes readily in warm conditions. On hard surfaces such as the bathroom floor, you can use stiff sticky tape to clean up any small mercury beads that remained after scooping up the visible beads. I'd recommend you put the jelly jar in a heavy plastic bag along with the scooping materials and gloves, label it mercury

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## Club News

**Colby Comets 4-H Club**  
 The Feb. 7, meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club was called to order by President Matt Lindberg. Jessica Bieker led the members in the American Flag Salute. Song Leader, Katera Harter, led the club in *If You're Happy and You Know It*. There were no guests present. Roll Call was answered by your Valentine sweetheart.

Kathy Lindberg reported County Club Days are coming up March 22. The deadline to register is March 1. It was voted that we send a thank you card to Linda Taylor and Gambino's Pizza staff for their help with the pizza fund raiser.

Andrea Dizmang presented a project talk on her rabbit. Marshall Zwegardt gave a demonstration on basic cooking tips and Jessica Bieker gave a demonstration on how to make cookies.

Michael Tubbs lead the club in the 4-H Pledge. The president adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club will be Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m., at the 4-H Building.

### Order of the Eastern Star

Colby Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star met Monday evening, Feb. 4, at the Masonic Hall. Worthy Matron Mary Molstad and Worthy Patron Roy Searls, presided in the East. The Worthy Patron led, with all present repeating, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing *Star Spangled Banner*.

A report was given on the members in the hospital. Cards were sent to them. Sister Mary reminded everyone that Grand Chapter was coming up in April in Topeka. Initiation was held for one candidate. Mary thanked everyone for coming and performing their work.

Refreshments of strawberry pretzel dessert was served. The tables were decorated in red with valentines and heart candy.

The next meeting will be a regular meeting Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Colby Masonic Hall. All members are invited to attend.

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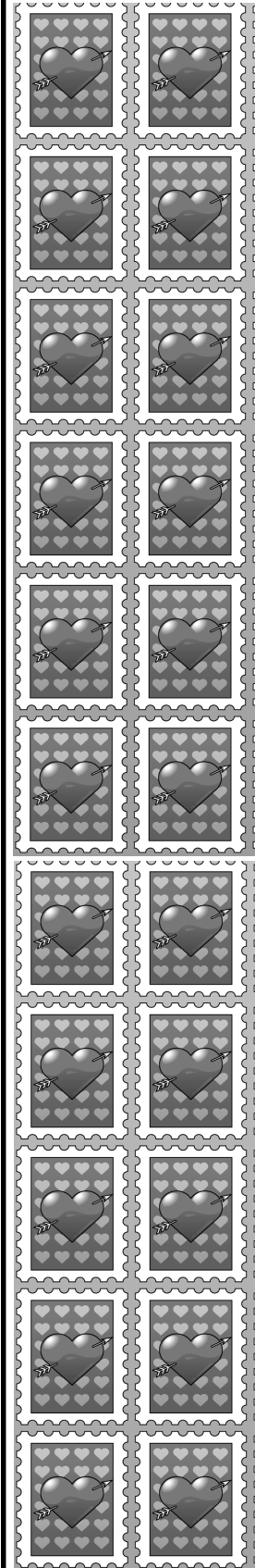
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