

## Death

### Louis "Lewis" Albert Kirby

Louis "Lewis" Albert Kirby, 73, of Burlington, Colo., died Friday, May 31, at the Burlington Care Center.

There will be no services as Mr. Kirby was cremated; however, a private family burial is planned for a later date.

Mr. Kirby was born to John E. and Myrtle Kirby on Oct. 19, 1928 near Wray, Colo. His mother died when he was two years old, so his father was both a mother and father to him and his brothers and sisters. He attended a county school up until the eighth grade and then started working for farmers around the area at a young age.

In May of 1947, Mr. Kirby joined the National Guard of Colorado, and on Dec. 31, 1948 he enlisted into the United States Air Force. He spent a little over a year in Korea. Other military highlights included being Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's driver when in the area, along with receiving the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and the UN Service Medal.

Mr. Kirby married Glovine A. Doughty of Burlington, Colo. in June of 1953 and together they had three children.

Mr. Kirby loved fishing and helping stock feed in the fall for area farmers. He tried his hand at farming, but due to the dust storms in the 1950s he also had to work in town for a construction crew. In 1968, after he moved his family to Burlington, he got a job with the City of Burlington as a light plant operator. In 1969, he moved to Goodland and worked for the city there as well. After his marriage was dissolved, he decided to leave the area and moved to Denver, Colo. where he worked as a janitor for St. Anthony's Hospital, a bank and several other businesses in the Denver area. After retirement, he moved back to Burlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Etta Mae Short and Marie Crammer; and an infant sister.

Mr. Kirby is survived by two daughters: Alice Russell of Colby and Katherine Kirby of Hill City and a son, Billy J. Kirby; one brother, Eugene Kirby and wife, Betty, of Burlington; two sisters, Rosalie Felzien of Burlington and Irene Kruger of Arvada, Colo.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to the Burlington VFW and left at the Love Funeral Home in Burlington, Colo.

## Hospital News

### Citizens Medical Center

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

#### Admissions

- Curtis Bear, Brewster
- Willard Johnson, Colby
- Ramona Lyon, Colby

#### Dismissals

- Mary Dickey, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$2.73
Corn	\$1.95
Milo	\$3.07
Soybeans	\$4.48

## Student News

### Cade Moses

McCook, Neb. — Olson's Photography has awarded \$250 scholarships to Cade Moses, Kristin Feeken and Lindsey Meixner.

Moses, son of Mike and Cindy Moses, is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School.

Feeken, the daughter of Dennis and Karen Feeken, is a senior at Cambridge High School, and Meixner, daughter of Jim and Connie Meixner, is a senior at McCook High School.

"Olson's Photography is excited about investing in the education of our young adults. As clients of Olson's Photography, they were given the opportunity to participate in a scholarship drawing. We wish them all a bright future," said Holly Olson.

### Lottie Porsi

HAYS — Lottie Porsi of Colby was elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing as a nurse leader through Nu Zeta chapter at Fort Hays State University in Hays on April 27, 2002.

Sigma Theta Tau works to foster, develop and connect nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care. The society promotes nursing excellence through its initiatives in research, leadership, an electronic library, programming and publications and develops and distributes nursing knowledge for use in practice.

Porsi is employed by Fort Hays State University in the Student Health Center and as the practice lab coordinator

# Colby gardener offers help, advice on getting acquainted with Maple trees

By Sharon Steele

### Thomas County Master Gardener

While presenting a program on Master Gardening, I was asked about Maple trees and realized I didn't know the definitive names of the different maples.

The commonly planted "Silver Maple" is brittle, dropping branches and losing large limbs in our wind and winter storms, and that puts it on my "less than desirable" list. There are several really nice special maple trees in Colby that I do admire and enjoy but was unable to name accurately. For example on Fifth Street, three blocks west of Franklin, there is a yard with some nice sugar maples that turn golden orange to red in the fall. They seem to glow on sunny fall days. Further west in the 700, 900, and 1500 blocks are dark red leaved, dense, rounded shape maple trees. They do well and remain good looking year after year.

Maple trees are in the genus acer. Crossword puzzle fans know that. There are three species that Kansas claims as native.

The common silver maple (saccharinum) appears naturally in about the eastern third of Kansas, and does not really thrive in our dry winds and alkaline soils. The second specie is the sugar maple (saccharum, notice the specie name is very similar to that for the silver maple) and it occurs naturally in the eastern tier of counties in Kansas. I've noted that these can be attrac-

tive here in northwest Kansas. They grow slowly but become a dense tree with good fall color. This is the trees famous in New England for fall color and maple syrup.

The third maple native to Kansas is known as boxelder (Acer negundo) namesake of that notorious black and orange bug that bugs us in the fall. Boxelder is a fast growing tree, but is normally short lived and easily damaged by storms, resulting in crooked and knobby trunk and branches.

It was a staple for early settlers in Kansas because it grew rapidly and was available as a native in most of the state, and it was easily transplanted to new home sites. It was abandoned as other trees became available. New varieties of Boxelder listed in nursery catalogs claim improved characteristics.

Introduced species of maple fall into two size categories. In the large tree category (30 feet and taller) are "red" (rubrum) maples, and Norway (platanoides) maples.

The red maples are nice dense shade trees with beautiful fall color, but prefer moister, more acid soil conditions than those found in Northwest Kansas. The Norway maples are better suited for our area. Two red leafed varieties we see are probably "Crimson King" which stays red all summer, and "Schwedler" which develops dark green color as summer progresses. There are other Norway maple varieties with bright green summer foliage

and yellow fall color.

Small maples (25 feet and under) are dominated by two species each with many varieties available. Japanese (palmatum) vary from 6 to 15 feet when full grown, and are used for garden, patio, and foundation accents. They come in a wide variety of colors, leaf shapes and branching patterns, but may not be hardy in northwest Kansas.

The amur specie doesn't seem to have a common name, but is made up of varieties reaching heights up to 25 feet. Some have multiple trunks and are useful as shrubs or hedges.

Additional genera in the small tree category are Fullmoon (japonicum); Hedge maple (campestre); Paperbark (griseum) which has a reddish brown bark that "peels like birch bark"; Shantung (truncatum); Trident (buergerranum) and others.

There will continue to be improved varieties and new hybrids available, so check with your supplier when you are in the market for a new tree. Cultivar or variety names are frequently the name that will be on the tag or tree list when you are tree shopping, and will be something appealing and glamorous like "Green Lace", "Sky Bound", "Autumn Blaze", or "Brilliance". This isn't helpful in predicting the suitability for our plains climate and soils. Check the Genus name: Norway (Platanoides) and Sugar (Saccharum) are more reliable in our area (Northwest Kansas).

## County offers babysitting course next week

Super Safe Sitters will be held at the Thomas County Office Complex Conference Room on June 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Those interested in enrolling who are in the fifth grade or older, can call 462-4596

Students attending will need to bring a pencil, paper, sack lunch, and \$15. Class size will be limited due to space available.

The day includes activities and discussion related to babysitting children including safety, responsibility, 911 emergency calls, fire safety, baby bath demonstration and interacting with a day care provider's children, officials said. When the students complete the course, they will then receive a certificate after the class and have a very informative book to keep for reference.

Health officials noted that if a child babysits for siblings or others, the class is designed for them.

Other tips offered to parents when allowing their children to babysit include setting guidelines.

For example, officials said, they should always ask you before accepting a babysitting job. If you don't know the people, think about safety issues before agreeing to let them take the task. Make sure they have a number where they can reach you while they are babysitting. Remind them to lock the doors and pull down the shades while they are at the home.

Another suggestion is to make sure they have pencil and paper to write down important things such as where

the parents are, a number where they can be reached, and the parent's home address and phone in case of an emergency.

In addition, sitters should clarify with the parents what time they will arrive home.

They should also have a code between your child and you to commu-

nicate if the parents have been drinking and they need you to get them home safely.

Responsibility and the importance of taking care of another life should be understood with your child before they are allowed to babysit. This can be a valuable experience for your child, county officials said.

## Community Calendar

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Cruise to the Past Rod Run, Sonic Drive-In/Montana Mike's, 5 p.m.  
Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Stearman Flyin, St. Francis, all day  
Cruise to the Past Rod Run, Fike Park, 9 a.m.  
Prairie Heritage Festival, Fike Park, 9 a.m.; free watermelon at 3 p.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

## Club News

The VFW Auxiliary met Monday, June 3, at the post home with President Doris Voisin presiding and opening prayer offered.

Roll call of officers was read by the secretary. Patriotic instructions were read and followed by flag salute.

POW-MIA candle was lit and prayer offered per ritual. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Bills were presented and allowed for payment. A monetary donation to Colby Theatre was allowed for summer free show programs.

Plans were made to research members due and eligible for 50 year pins and to bring information to a meeting at a later date.

A monetary donation was made to the cancer fund for the Thelma Livingston Memorial and charter draped in her member.

National home prayer was offered

by the Chaplain. The meeting adjourned with closing prayer per ritual with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 1, at 8 p.m., at the VFW Post Home.

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