

# Family

## Deaths

### Willard E. Johnson

Willard E. Johnson, 92, died July 19, 2002, as the result of complications following recent surgery. Services were held Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at the Colby United Methodist Church, and were officiated by Jim Mardock.

A graveside service by former pastor Terry Turner and internment followed at the Balch Cemetery in Jewell County. Friends gathered at the Montrose United Methodist Church after the service to celebrate his life.

Mr. Johnson was born on the family farm near Formoso in Jewell County on Oct. 9, 1909. He was the younger of two children born of the home.

He attended several one-room county schools and graduated from Montrose High School.

After graduation, he took over management of the family farm upon the death of his father in 1941 and continued in this capacity for most of the next 51 years until retirement in 1992. It was then, he and his widowed sister, Ruth E. Jones moved to Colby.

During his life he provided years of care, giving support to both his mother and his sister.

Though he never married, he willingly fulfilled the role of a secondary father figure to his niece Mary R. Burtis of Redmond, Wash. and his nephew, Virgil E. Jones of Colby.

Mr. Johnson took pride and interest in the lives of his seven great-nieces, and numerous great-great nieces and nephews.

In retirement he loved gardening, touring, working Cryptoquips and crossword puzzles, and doing occasional work on the family farm.

At the time of his death, Mr. Johnson

was an active member of the Colby United Methodist Church.

Memorials in his name to either the Colby United Methodist Church or the Montrose United Methodist Church can be left at any Colby bank or at Harrison Chapel.

### Mariam F. Allison

Mariam F. Allison, 92, of Oberlin, died Saturday, July 27, 2002 at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at the Brewster United Methodist Church with Rev. Doug Hasty and Pastor Dorine Chambers officiating. Burial will follow at the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until service time at the church in Brewster.

The casket will be closed to the public during the service.

Mrs. Allison was born July 28, 1909 in El Reno Okla. spent most of her adult life in Brewster. She moved to Oberlin in 1994.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Robinson of Fountain Hills, Ariz. and Patricia Wright of Oberlin. Mrs. Allison is also survived by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Allison was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Richard Allison; her parents; one brother, Randolph B. Forrest, one sister, Fern Pieratt, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Brewster Senior Center or the Brewster United Methodist church.

# Commodities and food supplements available

For people with low incomes, free food to supplement their food budget is available. Elderly people on fixed incomes or families with children living on low incomes are especially urged to take advantage of the program.

Since the year 2000, there has been a significant increase in food commodities available to Kansas through the United States Department of Agriculture.

## Jaycees hold July meeting

The Colby Jaycees meet July 22, 2002 at 7 p.m. for their general membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order by their president Deb Hudson. Doug Lewis led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Hudson informed the group that the Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Ranch is asking for the help of each Jaycee organization to sell raffle tickets for a 2002 883-Sportster Harley.

This is the fund-raiser that will help keep the Cerebral Palsy Ranch open and running.

It was also voted on and moved that meetings be moved to Sunday afternoons.

Wayne Williams a Jaycee member will be offering dance lessons. It will be held twice a week for four weeks.

Jaycees decided to get together with Kerry Wark and the Home own carnival committee to see what they can do to help. Some Jaycee member volunteered to sit at Colby Ag's dunking booth during the this fair week. The proceeds for this booth will go towards the home-owned carnival.

Tom Benson offered to chair the Jaycees Haunted House this year. It was decided that they would start working

culture.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides food to Kansas with incomes below 130 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$11,518 a year for one person, \$19,526 a year for a family of three or \$27,534 a year for a family of five.

There are about 200 different community organizations across Kansas that voluntarily distribute food at 405

on this project in September. Benson was also nominated to take over the State Director position.

Justin Alexander was nominated to take over the IDVP position. Darla Zimmerman was nominated to take over the position of Treasure.

Jaycees got volunteers together to help the American Red Cross with their blood drive on July 24.

It was voted on and passed that Jaycees would bid on the Jaycees State Bowling next year. The bid will be voted on during the September Convention.

different sites.

Products available through the program vary according to availability and usually includes various canned vegetables, fruits, juices, meats, cereals, dried fruit, instant non-fat dried milk and pasta.

Shipments of food for distribution in Kansas have increased from an average of four per year in 2000 to seven per year this year.

There has been a 38 percent increase in the number of pounds of food shipped to Kansas in the same time span. The trend is expected to continue: the recently passed farm bill increased commodity distribution to states by 12 percent.

To get the free food, persons simply have to attest to their income. No proof of income is required.

Commodities are distributed according to income guidelines. Those guidelines have been updated effective July 1, 2002.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is the coordinating agency for the distributions for Thomas County.

In Brewster, commodities are available from Sally Michael at the Brewster

Senior Center or Ila Shephard who distributes in Levant and Rexford. Peg Greenwood handles local distributions.

A distribution is scheduled in Colby for Aug. 19, 2002 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office.

Expected commodities are tomato sauce, salmon, applesauce, peaches, potato flakes, cranapple juice, corn, and great northern beans. Please bring a sack or box to carry your commodities.

For questions about the commodity program, please contact Laura Withington, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Director at (785)462-6744.

We want your local news e-mail to  
mhawkins@nwkans.com

## Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and visits when our precious mother died. Your presence at her funeral was very comforting to us and we thank you for caring and loving Mom. She was such a special lady and we deeply miss her.

Thank you and God bless each and everyone.



The family of  
Blanche Cheney

## Sports exhibit set to open

Bob Sander of Hays, has been collecting sports memorabilia for the past seven years and has established quite a large selection, which will be on display starting in August at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan.

Sander says his love for sports drew him to collect approximately 50 autographed baseballs, 20 autographed bats, and many basketballs, footballs, helmets, and jerseys. His collection even includes a team signed KU basketball and a basketball signed by the great Michael Jordan.

Museum staff say footballs revealing signatures of stars such as Joe Nameth, and Dan Marino; and baseballs autographed by Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, and Willie Mays are included in this collection.

Other "greats" contributing to Sander's collection are Brett Favre, Terry Bradshaw, Dennis Rodman and many more.

The sports collection contains numerous photos and a few specialty items, and will be on exhibit Aug. 4 through Sept. 29, 2002.

## Happenings

The Seventh Annual Good Earth Gardeners Garden Tour in McCook and Culbertson will be held on Sunday, Aug. 4 from 5 - 9 p.m.

The event will be hosted by the Good Earth Gardeners of McCook and the Culbertson Garden Club.

Locations on the tour will be located in both towns and will feature unique flower gardens and ponds.

Tickets for the event will be sold that day at Norris Park (700 Norris Avenue) in McCook and Hillside Park (One block south and one block west of the K Store) in Culbertson. Tickets will be \$3 each.

Proceeds will be used to purchase flowers to beautify Norris Park and to support a Community Walking trail in Culbertson.

For information contact Barb at (308)345-6440.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.47
Corn	\$2.31
Milo	\$3.68
Soybeans	\$5.05

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Edna McKinney wishes to thank those making a memorial donation.

The donation was given to the ANGEL FUND at the Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Dorothy Latta  
McCarty

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, July 31

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1 - 4 p.m.

Storytime, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10-10:20 a.m.; Toddlers

TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

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 & Al Anon, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.



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