

# Family

## Deaths

### Christopher "Chris" Mitchell Harris

Christopher "Chris" Mitchell Harris, 19, of Colby, died July 11, 2002, as the result of an automobile accident in Hancock County, Miss.



Chris Harris

Services were held on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Father Galen Long officiated.

Mr. Harris is survived by his parents, Cliff and Tina Harris, Colby; grandparents, Jerry and Jo Alta Harris, Herndon; Gerald and Delores Dellere, Selden; great-grandmothers, Maxine Richardson, Chickasha, Okla.; Mary Wessel, Hoxie; and Mathilde Dellere, Colby.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfathers.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1983, and grew up in Herndon. He attended his first three years of school in the Herndon School District. In 1991 he moved to Dodge City and attended Sunnyside Elementary.

The following year he moved to Thornton, Colo. While living in Colorado, he developed a love for the mountains and snow skiing. In 1994 he and his family moved back to Kansas to make their home in Colby.

He attended Colby Middle School and Colby High School, and graduated with the class of 2001.

Mr. Harris loved to play soccer and volunteered as a referee and coach for the American Youth Soccer Organization.

He joined the Colby Kids Wrestling team and was a member of the Colby High School wrestling team for four years.

He represented the United States as a member of the 2001 Kansas Wrestling Team at the International Games in Sydney, Australia.

While attending Colby High School, he also participated in football, cross country, and track. He was a member of CYO, SADD, FFA, and was a cast member in the musical production of "Grease".

After graduation, he attended Colby Community College majoring in pre-chiropractic. He continued his love for wrestling by becoming a wrestling official.

During his summer breaks from school, he worked with his father in the construction trade or worked on his grandparents farm.

At the time of his death, he was employed at Coastal Hydrograss in Gulfport, Miss.

Music was provided for the service by Ashley Friesen and Jeff and Lesley Wagoner. Marge Miller played the organ.

Honorary pallbearers were Tracy Byarlay, Chris Wood, Chris Erickson, James Peptis, Nathan Klinginsmith, Brian Williams, Brooks Wederski, and Zach Luedke.

### Helen L. Melton

Helen L. Melton, 92, died on Monday, Aug. 12, 2002.

Services were held in Brewster at the United Methodist Church on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. Pastor Dorine Chambers officiated, burial followed in the Brewster Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Sonja Melton of Pueblo, Colo. and Dale Melton of Goodland; a sister, Evelyn Kring of Denver; one granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Melton was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Melton in 1979; her parents, Elmer and Euroth Hollenbeck; a sister Marie Rice; and a brother Robert Hollenbeck.

She was born on April 12, 1910, in Brewster. She was an elementary school teacher in Kansas for eight years and for 27 years in Pueblo. She retired in 1975.

She did volunteer work at St. Mary Corwin Hospital and the YWCA. She was named the Colorado Merit Mother of the Year in 1992, and was on of the Pueblo District Number 60's candidates for Colorado Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Melton was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women's Association, Rebekah Lodge in Brewster, Kansas Retired Teachers' Association, the National Education Association, and Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority.

Those who desire may make memorials through Bateman's Funeral Home in Goodland, to the Helen Melton Memorial Fund. The funds will be divided between the Animal Emergency Fund at Veterinary Associates and Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship Fund.

# Couple's emotional ties still bind after breakup



Abigail Van Buren

### Dear Abby

me. My question: Why does he continue to say these things knowing my feelings for him? I find it more and more difficult to get on with my life. I feel as though he is playing with my emotions. — CONFUSED IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR CONFUSED: Dennis has had two terrible losses: the loss of your beloved son, and you, when you left him for the other man. He has control now and won't give it up. It is his way of protecting himself against being hurt further. If you want an exclusive relationship with him, he may be unable to give you one. Bear that in mind when planning your future.**

## Seven states represented at reunion

The Germerot-Theye Reunion was held on July 28, 2002, in the Colby Community Building Activities Room.

Those attending were Mabel Berndt; Phil and Sherri, Monument; Andy and Linda Germeroth; Jeff, Arlinda, and Olivia Sothoron, Frederick, Md.; Ed and Myrtle Germeroth, Hanove; Dale Germeroth, Moundridge; Darrel Germeroth, Hollenberg; Donald and Louise Germeroth, Dahlonga, Ga.; Myrtle Kropp, Charles, Rhonda, and Justine Kropp, Colby; Larry and Alice Mizer, Jim Foster, Max and Rex Mizer, Jennings; Don and Peggy, Samantha, Jessica Foster, Aberdeen, S.D.; Ray and Kasey Kropp, Spearman, Texas; Larry and Marilyn Thummel, Grainfield; Alvin and Marilyn Berndt, Craig, Katina, Wyatt, and Katie Russell, Dighton; Donna Colin, Austin and Courtney Parsons, Darren and Dawn Cloyd, Tom, Rachelle, and Jessica, Salina; Barb, Emilie Herl, Manhattan; Cory, Tammy, and April Swartz, Grinnell; Chris, Vicki, Rebecca, and Clayton Bange, Rexford; Wendy, Mariah Chandler Blodgett, Sterling, Va.; Brandi Kropp, Shawn Powers,

Alva, Okla.; Jason Kropp, Heather Morgan, Colby; Alan and Brandee Berndt, Colby; Jay, Jessica, Heather, and Betty Woolsey, Colby; Ray and Florence Dux, Richard and Cleo Dux, Fairbury, Neb.; Carol Bleich, Omaha, Neb.; and L.J. Geast, Scott City.

After a carry in dinner, the afternoon was spent visiting, taking pictures, and reminiscing over old pictures. A silent auction was held later on in the day. Some of the younger attendees took a swim in the swimming pool.

Mabel (Germeroth) Berndt, was the oldest present, and two-month-old Jessica Miller, great-granddaughter of Myrtle Kropp was the youngest.

Plans were made for the next reunion in Colby for 2004

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## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Thursday, August 22, 2002

#### Admissions

Eldine Neill, Colby  
Ronald Helus, Colby  
Randi Stevenson, Selden

#### Dismissals

Clarence Tubbs, Colby  
Margarita Garcia, Colby

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
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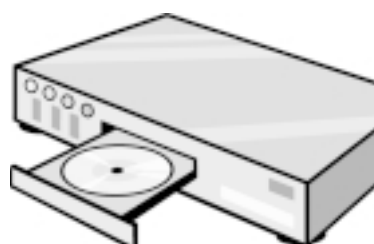
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## Community Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m.  
Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m.  
Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m.  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m.  
Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Mondays)  
Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m.  
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, (smoking), City Hall Basement, 8:30 p.m.  
Al Anon, (nonsmoking), 1275 W. 6th, 8:30 p.m.  
Hospice, Sacred Heart Church basement, 4:30 p.m.  
High Plains Lions, Ramada, 7  
Jaycees  
St. Thomas Lodge

## COLLECTABLE FARM MACHINERY & HORSE-DRAWN EQUIPMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:30 a.m.

5 mi. N. Hwy. 24/25 Intersection in Colby (7 mi. N. I-70 on Hwy. 25)

**TRACTORS (MOST IN RUNNING CONDITION):** 990 Oliver in Excellent Running Condition • Ford 9N-301515N • Oliver Super 88 • 2) International F 20' • International F-30 Massey TO 30 TO 5884 • Detroit Diesel 3 Cyl. Runs Good! • LA Case 3 Cyl. Detroit Engine • Oliver Hydro-Drive • John Deere 830 • Case Vac • 2) Case C's • Oliver 88 Standard 1300-135 • 2) Rear-end for Oliver or Case Tractors • (match Detroit engines) • 2) Case 900 for Parts  
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**HORSES:** 1) 4-yr. Old Paint Gelding Broke & Gentle w/Saddle, Bridle, & Breast Collar  
**VEHICLES:** 1973 Lincoln Continental Mark IV • 1984 1/2 Ton Dodge Pickup Runs • 1979 GMC 1/2 Ton w/Propane Conversion • 1981 Ford 1/2 Ton 4x4 SW 6 Cyl. Runs Good! • 1970's Amphibious 6-Wheel ATV  
**HORSE-DRAWN EQUIPMENT:** Several Horse-Drawn Sickle Mowers • 6) Horse-Drawn Planters-John Deere • Single Walk Behind John Deere Plow • Nice • Horse-Drawn Rakes • Old Style Dump Rakes • Many Metal Wheels from Horse-Drawn Equipment • 3) Manure Spreaders-Ground Drive • Horse-Drawn Discs & Implements  
**FARM MACHINERY:** Nice John Deere 3-Point 20' Rotary Hoe • Nice Massey Ferguson 3-Point Sickle Mower • Several Dump Rakes • 2, 3, 4 & 5 Bottom Plows-John Deere, Case, etc • Push-Off Stacker for GB Loader • 40 BU Grain Bin on Wheels  
**FARM ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Several collectable cast iron farm items including wrenches, weights, etc • Old Gas Harley Davidson Golf Cart • Old Cast Iron Steps for Old Pull Type Headers • Old Tractor Hitch for Pull Type Header • Many, many smaller items • 40 Cast Iron Seats - Some Very Rare! • Dozens of Vintage Magnetos & Small Engines  
**MISCELLANEOUS:** Windmill Tower- Good • Several Windmill Parts, Heads & Accessories • Old Tire Cage • Antique Grease Dispenser • 3 Trailer Loads of Smaller Items • Farm Collectibles • Vintage Skelly Porcelain 2-Sided sign w/Base  
**GUNS - (IN EXCELLENT CONDITION):** 1) Webley Scott Mark IV 38 Caliber Handgun (War Finish) Old • 1) Iver Johnson Hammerless 38 Handgun-Old • 1) Mossberg 12-Gauge Pump Shotgun 3" • 1) Marlin 22 Caliber Long Rifle Semi-Automatic • 1) Marlin Lever Action Model 444 Rifle • 3) Marlin Lever Action 22 S, L, & LR Golden 39

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