

# Family

## Deaths

**Arden R. Kirkendall**  
Arden R. Kirkendall, 91, of Colby, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

A memorial service is planned for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at College Drive Assembly of God in Colby. A family graveside service will take place at Rexford Cemetery prior to the memorial service.

Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Harrison Chapel.

Mr. Kirkendall is survived by his wife, Madeline, two daughters, Deanna Lionbarger of Las Cruces, N.M. and Marlene Friesen of Colby; one son, Lyle Kirkendall of Somerville, Texas; one sister, Verna Griffith of Amarillo, Texas; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was born July 18, 1912 near Athol in Smith County to William H. and Ina Carrie Lyon Kirkendall. He attended a rural school and graduated from eighth grade in 1925. After graduation, he worked a variety of jobs. He worked for farmers during harvest and worked for the State Highway Department in Smith County. When his parents moved to Rexford in 1931, he helped them in their restaurant. In 1933, he went to the Civilian Conservation Corps in northern Minnesota. He also herded sheep, worked on the Rock Island Railroad from Breton to Clayton and managed a Mobil gas station in Rexford. On Aug. 6, 1939, he married Madeline Black in Colby. They had four children. He worked as a janitor for the Rexford School and helped to build many new homes in Colby.

He worked for Gifford-Hill Irrigation Co. until his retirement in 1977. He mowed lawns for many years after his retirement with his grandsons. He attended the College Drive Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki, in 1978. Memorials may be made to College Drive Assembly of God.

**Gloria Lee Query**  
Gloria Lee Query, 60, of Topeka, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at Midland Hospice House.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1943 in Goodland to Ward O. and Muriel Mae McCall Bear. She was formerly married to Bryan L. Query, Albuquerque, N.M. Mrs. Query attended airline school and received her medical training at Fort Hays State University.

She was a skilled professional in all aspects of the medical field and employed by the late Dr. Nystrom and then Dr. Sampat for over 30 years.

She was a member of Crestview United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Brynt Query, Topeka; a daughter, Bryndalyn, also of Topeka; sisters, Jani Hawks, Powder Springs, Ga., and Peggy Wicks, Colby; aunt Lora Lee

## Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.66
Corn	\$2.46
Milo	\$4.05
Soybeans	\$7.07

Strain, Gardner, and one grand-daughter.

Services were today at Crestview United Methodist Church. Memorials can be made to Midland Hospice House, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kan. 66606 or to the American Lung Association, 4300 SW Drury Lane, Topeka, Kan. 66604. Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to: www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

**Vera M. Sroufe**  
Vera M. Sroufe, 75, of Colby, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Lantern Park Manor in Colby.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Pastor Norman Voss officiation. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Sroufe is survived by her husband, Bill Sroufe of Colby, a son, Jim Sroufe of Colby; three daughters, Robin Hermann of Garden City, Dee Carol of Bountiful, Utah and Wilma Albers of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Kenneth Mulligan of Salisaw, Okla., Russell Mulligan of Naples, N.Y. and Clifford Mulligan of Garden City; three sisters, Leona Bauer of Casper, Wyo., Vivian Eaves of Hugoton and Lena Ray Gibbons of Lamar, Colo.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was born Sept. 14, 1928 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. Memorials are suggested to the Finney County Historical Society and donations can be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

# Keck to appear on 'General Hospital'

Although quite a few of us watch the afternoon stories, commonly called "soap operas," there may be quite a few from this area that will be interested in watching "General Hospital" on Christmas Eve.

I believe it is on ABC at 2 p.m. Now, why am I encouraging people to watch an afternoon melodrama? That is when a local young man will be seen, where he will be portraying a policeman, handing out toys. Tinker Keck will be seen and heard in a scene during this program. Tinker was a student in the Brewster school system for many years and



**Sally Michael**

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also attended school in Goodland. His parents are Jane Keck of Brewster and Phil Keck of Colby. So we can watch one of our own performing at the beginning of what may be a long career.

Bet we'll all be watching the "soaps" that day! Don't forget that's

## Open house planned for 90th birthday

By LULA THIELER  
Fairview Estates

An Open House will be held at Fairview Estates honoring Bessie Calliham on her 90th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 20th from 2 to 4 p.m. Come and help make this a special day for Bessie.

We thank Russell Childers for the new music center and the Christmas tapes that he gave to the center this last week.

Most of us enjoy the music during out meal time and the old machine was getting well worn.

The Prayer Breakfast was held in the south dining room last Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. with a good-sized group attending.

Karen Hodson, who manages the facility, prepared the meal and also gave the devotions. Patsy Arehart gave out the crochet-edged handkerchiefs that Madge Scott made

for her friends.

This has been a project of Madge's for some time.

Don Hodson is out of the hospital now and is recuperating at his home for a few days.

I went with my daughter, JoAnn and her husband, Eddie Miller, for dinner at the Village Inn on Saturday, Dec. 13 to help JoAnn celebrate her birthday.

On Thursday, Dec. 11th, the Young At Heart Ladies serenaded us with their special kind of talents during the noon hour.

They sang some familiar Christmas songs, did a square dance to the tune of "Jingle Bell Rock" and some other activities that made an enjoyable program.

We thank them for remembering us.



## Community Calendar

**FRIDAY, December 19**  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, December 20**  
Drawing for Colby Free Press promotion — *Christmas On Us!*, Colby Community Building, 11 a.m.  
Students of Sharon Kriss piano recital, 10 a.m. Methodist Church  
Students of Pat Ziegelmeier piano recital, 2 p.m., Colby Methodist Church  
World's largest stocking giveaway, Santa City, 4 p.m., to enter prior to event, call 462-4454.  
Community Choir to present "Come, Let Us Worship the King," 7:30 p.m., Colby High School auditorium, free admission  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

## Bessie Calliham Celebrates 90th Birthday



Friends and neighbors of Bessie Dawes Calliham are invited to her 90th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, December 20, from 2 pm to 4 pm at Fairview Estates, 1630 Sewell Ave.  
Born in Thomas County on December 16, 1913, Bessie grew up on a farm in Colby and has been an active, lifelong resident.  
Please join her family in helping Bessie celebrate this milestone.



# Calling all kids!!

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