

# Family

## Deaths

**Dr. Ralph H. Jain**  
Dr. Ralph H. Jain, 95, died today at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

**Bill Eugene Medford**  
Bill Eugene Medford, 76, of Brewster, died Dec. 24, 2003 in Brewster.  
Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Harrison Chapel in Colby with Pastor Gene Shoemaker officiating. Burial followed at Brewster Cemetery in Brewster.  
Mr. Medford is survived by two brothers, Ernest Medford of Flower Mound, Texas and Kenneth Medford of Commerce City, Colo. and two sisters, Helen Metzler of Brewster and Lois Fulmer of Gravois Mills, Mo.,  
He was born July 25, 1927 in Treece to Ira Dee and Catherine Marie Block Medford. Following the premature death of his mother in a home fire, Mr. Medford and his siblings were raised by their extended families. He lived with his paternal grandparents on their farm for several years attending school at

Services are pending at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Brownville. During his teen years, he lived with his Uncle Walt and Aunt Fern, being raised along with their children, Doris, Delores and Ronnie. Upon completing high school, he graduated from Blanca, Colo. in 1945. He joined the Marines in 1948 and served in the Korean conflict until 1951. He then returned to Brewster, living with his Grandmother Maggie and farming. He worked as an assistant manager of the Brewster Co-op and farmed the remainder of his life.  
Pallbearers at the funeral were Rolland Medford, Bob Metzler, Justin Medford, Larry Metzler, Ray Medford and Bill Metzler.  
Honorary pallbearers were Norman Medford, David Metzler, Rex Medford, Lillian Newman, Don Six, Renee Addington, Inace Appl and Pam Rundl.  
Organist was Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier and singers were Lenay Rundel and Lynette Brown.

**Kerrie Ann Bevington**  
Kerrie Ann Bevington, 27, of Brewster, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2003 at her home in rural Sherman County.  
Funeral mass was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2004 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Dana Clark of Colby officiating. Burial followed at Brewster Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.  
She is survived by a daughter, Taylor Paige Petersen and a son, Michael Austin Petersen of the home; her parents, Tom and Juanita Aschenbrenner of Brewster; two sisters, Candy Bryant of Quinter and Amanda Roulier of Brewster; a brother, T.J. Aschenbrenner of Brewster; her paternal grandmother Thersia Aschenbrenner of Brewster as well as five nieces, two nephews and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.  
She was preceded in death by her



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maternal grandparents, Hal and Wanda McDougal, paternal grandfather Steven Aschenbrenner, Aunt Thersia Rose Aschenbrenner and Uncle John Aschenbrenner.  
She was born July 25, 1976 at Goodland to Thomas and Juanita (McDougal) Aschenbrenner. She graduated from Brewster High School in May of 1994.  
On July 25 1998 she married Michael Petersen of Rexford, with whom she had two children. She and Mike after a year of separation divorced in 2003.  
She then married Lanny Bevington Aug. 23, 2003.  
For the last five years Kerrie worked for Kit Carson County, Colo., in the courthouse.  
Her favorite past time was fishing. Part of the reason she enjoyed living in Burlington was because it was close to the dam where she liked to go if she had a free weekend to take her daughter fishing. She also enjoyed doing cross-stitch.  
She dedicated much of her time to the Share program that she started in Burlington. When her brother was in the hospital because of his car accident, she never left his side.

## Happenings

**Freedom Ministries official to speak in Colby**  
Rev. Thomas E. Bevard will be at College Drive Assembly of God on Sunday, Jan 25, for the 8:15 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services.  
Rev. Bevard is founder and executive officer of Freedom Ministries of Kansas, Incorporated. Freedom Ministries was developed in 1995 to reach the inmates of the Kansas prisons and jails with the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Rev Bevard, along with volunteers, travel to Kansas prisons to hold services. If you would like to hear what God is doing in the prisons of Kansas with this dynamic ministry, plan to attend, and see how you too can be a part of these events.  
**Evangelization experience**  
“Disciples in Mission,” a parish evangelization experience, is being formed at Sacred Heart Parish in

Colby. During the six weeks of Lent, the Word of God will come alive as small groups share the Sunday scripture readings and apply them to every day life, church officials said.  
These small groups will consist of either adults, college students or teens. A family activity book will also be available.  
Sacred Heart parishioners are encouraged to call members of the Leadership Team with any questions.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op		
Wheat		\$3.66
Corn		\$2.62
Milo		\$4.37
Soybeans		\$7.78

# Scholarship information announced

The Colby High School career center has released the following information on scholarships and the deadlines for submitting application. Those include:  
University of Kansas music auditions are set for Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13 and 14 and March 12-13.  
Dance auditions are set for March 6, 2004. Apply for admission to KU before Feb. 1.  
K-State’s scholarship application deadline is Feb. 1. Anyone wanting

to attend K-State this fall must have their application in by the Feb. 1 deadline.  
You can apply by going to the Web site: www.k-state.edu/sfa.  
Honors College at Pittsburgh State University is accepting applications. Requirements are a 3.5 GPA and a 28 ACT composite score. Leadership positions held in school and community organizations are also beneficial. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Applications and ap-

plication tips may be downloaded at: www.pittstate.edu/admin.vpaa.  
Applications for the 2004 Sam Walton Community Scholarship are available at the Colby High School Career Center. Eligibility requirements are at least a 2.5 grade point average and have taken either the ACT or SAT test. Application deadline is Feb. 1.  
Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship applications forms for applying for a Kansas Kiwanis Foundation

Scholarship can be picked up in the Career Center. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 2 for the application to be considered.  
Garden City College Goal is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Garden City. Need financial aid for college or technical school? Counselors will be available to help you fill out your 2004-2005 FAFSA. Scholarship drawings every 30 minutes for \$250. Check out the Web site at www.collegegoal.org.  
Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA Scholarship in support of the agricultural community of north-west Kansas and the young people of the association’s service area, the board of directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA of Colby has established the Farm Credit of Western Kansas Scholarship to promote higher education and the agricultural way of life. This is a four-year renewable scholarship in the amount of \$500. It will be renewed

## Daughter sad about mom’s remarks

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I know I am not wanted. One night I heard my mom talking to her new boyfriend about wishing she had no kids so she could do things without having to sneak around. I don’t know what to do.  
Is it my fault that she doesn’t want me? Please help me, Abby.

— UNWANTED

DEAR UNWANTED: None of this is your fault, and if your mother knew what you overheard, she would probably want her tongue amputated. I am sure she loves you very much.  
However, adults sometimes speak in “shorthand” — and what she MAY have been trying to communicate to her boyfriend was that, overwhelmed with parental responsibilities, she was longing for the relative freedom of her youth.  
Clip this column. Show it to your mother and let her explain the specific details to you — after she apologizes, that is.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a small town where I was sheltered from the real world. I am now in college and realize how much I don’t know.  
I recently encountered a situation I had no idea how to handle. My friend confessed to me that she’s gay. Although I was surprised, I wasn’t upset because I love her as a friend.  
Unfortunately, at the moment she poured her heart out to me, I didn’t know what to say. All I could muster was, “Ummm ... OK.” Abby, I felt awful! If something like this happens again, is there proper etiq-



**Abigail Van Buren**  
• Dear Abby

quette to use? I don’t want to be insensitive. Coming out is difficult enough without having to figure out what the person you confided in is feeling. Your thoughts, please.  
— OPEN-MINDED

DEAR OPEN-MINDED: There is no rule of etiquette for how to react when someone comes out to you.  
The best advice I can offer is to think with your heart and offer your support. Say, “Thank you for trusting me enough to tell me. It doesn’t change the way I feel about you.  
You are my friend, and I love you.” It’s honest. It’s clear. It’s reassuring. And it’s what the person needs to hear.

DEAR ABBY: We live in the tidy beach city of Santa Monica, Calif. Just around the corner from us is a fast-food restaurant. The number of people who stop to eat in front of our house is astounding, but that’s not what bothers me.  
What upsets me is the number of folks who dump their trash on our lawn when they’ve finished eating. They are usually construction workers or parents with young children.  
Since schools often read your column in class, perhaps the students could write in and give us an explanation of why this kind of lit-

tering is acceptable nowadays.  
— WANTING  
DEAR WANTING: We both know the reason — it’s because they’re too lazy to dispose of the trash in an appropriate way. In the tidy beach city of Santa Monica, and in many other cities, there are laws against littering. I suggest you inform the police about your problem. I’m sure they’ll welcome the chance to gather extra revenue for the city.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was fired from her job 11 months ago and has not yet found work. She drew unemployment, but that has run out.  
However, her real problem is, she thinks the devil is living in her home and raping her every night. She also thinks this man at work she had a crush on, and who kept rejecting her, is living in her house. She often talks about killing herself. My aunts say she is fine, but she is NOT fine. She refuses to get professional help.  
— WORRIED DAUGHTER

DEAR WORRIED DAUGHTER: Unless your mother actually does something to prove she is a danger to herself or to others, there is little you can do except watch her closely. Her doctor should be notified about her delusions and her threats, but no one can force her into treatment unless she acts out.  
You might also try talking to her spiritual adviser about her problem, and see if some sort of intervention can be done. But I really think her problem is psychological.

## We Miss Him!



Our 9 month old male cat, Sabi (pronounced Saw-Bee) has been missing in the vicinity of 655 N. Lincoln since late Saturday morning (Jan. 10). He is friendly, has current shots, neutered and loves kids. He has 4 white paws and gray-black stripes. Please call 462-7168, leave message. He might have gotten in someone’s car or garage or followed children home.

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