

Family

Deaths

Tom Baird

Tom Baird, Brewster, died today. Services are pending at Kerssenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

Lucile E. Boggs

Lucile E. Boggs, 88, of Hoxie, died Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rexford Community Church with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating.

Burial will be at Rexford Cemetery in Rexford.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and after 8 a.m. Saturday at Rexford Community Church.

Mrs. Boggs is survived by a son, David E. Boggs of Kansas City, Mo., a daughter, Margaret L. Seegmiller of Queen City, Mo., a sister, Margaret Thurlow of Hill City, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Blanche Gilchrist, her husband Luman and a brother, Ken Gilchrist.

Mrs. Boggs was born May 11, 1916 to David A. and Blanche Menefee Gilchrist in rural Rexford and raised in Sheridan County. She attended schools in Hoxie and Menlo. On July 29, 1934, she married Luman F. Boggs in Gem. She was a homemaker and member of Rexford Community Church, New Hope Unit and served as secretary for Sunday school for many years. Memorials are suggested in her name.

Juliana "Judy" Albers

Juliana "Judy" Albers, 81, of Colby, died Thursday, June 17, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 21 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus with Fathers Roger Meitl and Dana Clark officiating. Burial followed at St. Paul's Cemetery in Angelus. Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley handled arrangements.

A Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus.

Mrs. Albers is survived by her daughter, Diane Albers-Hartzell of Fort Collins, Colo.; two brothers, Frank Hartman and Joe Hartman of Salina; two sisters, Helen Robben of Park and Emma Kaiser of Grainfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adam and Katherine Hartman, her husband, Arnold H. Albers on April 29, 1997, a daughter, Angela L. Albers on Jan. 27, 1996, a brother, George Hartman and sisters Anna Karlin and Mary Struble. Mrs. Albers was born Nov. 21, 1922 in Gove County to Adam and Katherine Zimmerman Hartman. She lived on a farm rural Angelus in Sheridan County until moving to Colby in 1994.

She married Arnold Henry Albers Oct. 9, 1950 in Grainfield. She was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, a past member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus and St. Ann's Altar Society in Angelus.

Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby and St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.36
Corn	\$2.76
Milo	\$4.37
Soybeans	\$8.70

Librarian writes her last column before retiring



JoAnne Sunderman

• Library Link

today we have four full-timers and seven part-timers.

There were two story times a week in those days and now we offer four—including one in the evening for the entire family. The total number of items checked out according to the 1977 report was 35,507 (or seven items per capita) while today it is 104,537 (21 items per capita).

Back then the library had just 4,676 square feet of space and 800 of those square feet belonged to the Thomas County Historical Society which was housed in what today is the meeting room.

The Library Board was able to purchase that space from the Historical Society for \$16,500 in 1978 and then in 1999 we nearly tripled the size of the building through a limited-term sales tax bringing the square footage up to 13,200—with a basement to boot! What a year that was!

The Friends of the Library formed in 1977 and incorporated in 1978 (just when I had started here) and their first board members were Larry Washburn, Lois Van Horn, Herb Sunderman, Ray Emel, Betty lifts over the years—not to mention soapings.

I still think it is one of the prettiest parts of Colby, especially at night with the lights beaming on it.

Yes, the library has gone through a lot of changes in the past 27 years, but then so have we all. When I started here our daughter Tara Jo and our son Mat was in grade school—now they are both out of college with families and lives of their own.

I worked 9-10 hours a week in the beginning and it wasn't until my children were in high school that I took over as director and began the 40+ hours a week.

Ecclesiastics says "There is no new thing under the sun..." yet I know that I've seen a lot of changes here at the library and I know in my heart there are many more exciting

changes in the offing. What I tried to do while at the helm was to provide a front row seat to the humanities—books, history, art, philosophy—in a way that entertained as well as educated. It's been a wonderful 27 years filled with challenges and new frontiers to explore—and lots and lots of good friends and good humor. I have loved it all.

Thanks for all the memories and the opportunity to serve the great

community of Colby and for giving me such a fun ride.

Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 W. Fourth and open seven days a week. The summer hours are as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. For more information contact the library at 462-4470. As always the library is here to serve you.

Elgin Decker

Jan. 30, 1929-June 18, 2004

Elgin Decker was born Jan. 30, 1929 and died on June 18, 2004. He was 75. He was born on the family farm south of Galva to Jonas and Agnes Wedel Decker; he was the youngest of seven children.

Elgin was a graduate of McPherson High School and attended one year at McPherson College. While attending the Kansas State Fair he met a young woman from northwest Kansas and a long distance courtship followed. On October 16, 1949 Elgin married Luella Willems and created their first home north of Canton, Kansas. To this union were born five children—John, Russ, Charlotte, Randy and Renee. For the eleven years that Elgin and his family lived north of Canton he worked in the oilfield on a pulling unit and farmed with his father.

Big changes occurred in 1960 when Elgin moved his family to Luella's home place in northwest Kansas, three miles south of Mingo to farm. All family members contributed to the daily operations. A big part of the work included milking cows. Elgin always had a few milk cows but in the mid 1960's he started a full fledge dairy. Dairying did have a few perks—fresh cream for homemade ice cream and icy-cold milk straight out of the bulk storage tank. To celebrate 30 years of marriage, Elgin, in the late summer of 1979 sold his dairy herd.

Working to make things better Elgin served on various boards. He served nine years on the board of directors for the Mingo Cooperative; this time of service was rewarded with many accomplishments. He was always striving to improve dairy production. To that end he served on the Dairy Herd Improvement Association board. The long drives to Manhattan never seemed to slow him down. Elgin also served on various committees and boards for the Oakley United Methodist Church. He believed in offering his time and work to the service of the Lord. Elgin offered his community and church service with humor and laughter.

Humor mingled into almost everything in Elgin's life. One of his favorite "hobbies" was attending farm sales. He attended as much for the purchase of "treasures" as for the camaraderie. He usually came home with many one-dollar buckets of "junk" and several funny stories about the day. Many of these sales were attended with the aid of his brother-in-law Jack Wassemiller.

Shortly after Elgin's move to Oakley he and Luella started square dancing. They were members of the Oakley club until it folded, then they joined Colby's Golden Buckle club. This enjoyment for dancing turned into another area of service. As a couple, Elgin and Luella served as club officers—both local and district. His laughter and story telling skills created a large network of friends. To support this network Elgin always helped out with dance lessons and encouraged the tenderfoots. Elgin loved organizing a carload of fellow dancers and traveling to neighboring towns to dance. Over the past 40 years Elgin's only break in square dancing was while he was busy following his children's school activities. He was serving as an officer and actively dancing until a few weeks before his death.

Elgin was an avid supporter of sports and school activities; he rarely missed his children's school events. He even continued to attend the sports activities of his grandchildren. He also enjoyed attending Russ's wrestling tournaments when he was a high school coach.

Elgin and Luella moved into town (Oakley) during the summer of 1989. For the next nine years he was a contract postal carrier. During this time he enjoyed helping with more church functions. He especially enjoyed helping fry the New Year's cookies for the church's annual Food Faire. Participating in an almost daily coffee group at a local cafe was a treat for him. He lost Luella in 1996 after almost 47 years of marriage. Elgin and Luella's marriage has been described as a perfect match.

Keeping family traditions was important to Elgin. With the loss of Luella, Elgin kept alive a family tradition of baking year round and candy making for Christmas. In 1998 Elgin moved to Solomon and started making yet another new circle of friends. Then in the fall of 2003 he moved into Salina. He still continued to enjoy his friendships and worship in Solomon. Elgin's life was spent being with family and friends. He always enjoyed a good joke, a well-planned prank, and a deep-felt laugh, but most importantly he enjoyed his deep faith in God.

Elgin was preceded in death by his wife Luella, his parents, Jonas & Agnes and his siblings Freda, Roma, Selma and Les. Survivors include his children John of Burlington, Colo.; Russell and Rita of Wellington; Charlotte and John McCrary of Augusta; Randy and Patty of Colby; Renee and Bill Fitzgerald of Hesston. His grandchildren Rusti Decker of Kansas City, Mo; Kelli Decker of Wellington; Sean and Stephanie McCrary of Augusta; Josh McCrary of Augusta; Tanner Decker and Joey Melnyk of Colby; Tracy Melnyk of Settle, Wash.; David Decker of Denver, Colo.; Valerie and Anthony Woods and their children, Mia and Layla of Pawhuska, Okla.; and Cory Fitzgerald of Hesston. Two sisters: Stella Mills of Edmond, Okla. and Hazel Swick of McPherson. Two brother-in-laws Arthur Reichert and Carl Young of McPherson, and a large host of nieces and nephews.

Phillipsburg rodeo planned in August

Tickets go on sale July 1 for the 75th anniversary of Kansas' Biggest Rodeo, which will take place Aug. 5-7 in Phillipsburg. Seventy-five years of rodeo tradition will be celebrated.

There will be a free barbecue for all rodeo ticket holders at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5 and dances will be held after the rodeo on Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7. The band will be "Westwind." The downtown parade will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

For information, call (402) 756-2978.

University increases okayed

TOPEKA (AP) — Students attending the state's six universities will pay \$39 million more in tuition this fall because of increases approved Thursday by the Kansas Board of Regents.

The board's vote was unanimous, but several regents said they felt forced to approve the increase because the state Legislature has been stingy with tax dollars for higher education.

"We have to act because the Legislature has failed to act for so long," said Regent Deryl Wynn, of Kansas City, Kan. "We would rather not do this."

The regents also approved pay raises for its top staff members and the universities' presidents, grant-

ing 4 percent increases to four administrators and 6 percent raises to three of them.

The tuition increases for Kansas residents taking 15 credit hours of undergraduate courses range from 8.9 percent at Fort Hays State University to 18 percent at the University of Kansas.

Some student leaders said Thursday they worry about making higher education becoming too expensive for some families but believe the campuses need additional dollars.

"It's not the best situation by any means," said Steve Munch, student

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