

Family

Deaths

Tommy Dennis Baird
Tommy Dennis Baird, 50, of Brewster, died Friday, June 25, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services were held Tuesday at Colby United Methodist Church with Rev. Dorine Chambers officiating.

Burial was at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation was Monday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Mr. Baird is survived by his wife, Kathy J. Baird of Brewster, one son, Benjamin B. Baird of Brewster, two daughters, Andrie J. Baird and Melissa K. Baird of Brewster, his parents, Victor and Norma Baird of Levant and two brothers, Jerry Baird of Gem and Steve Baird of Levant.

Mr. Baird was born March 25, 1954 in Atwood to Victor and Norma Baird.

He enjoyed animals and being at his grandparents' farms.

He attended Brewster School and graduated in 1972 and later graduated from Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical Institute in Colby where he majored in diesel mechanics.

He worked as a mechanic at International in Colby from 1974 to 1979, later opening Tom's Repair Shop in Brewster in 1979 and continued until he was needed on the farm in 1989.

Mr. Baird met Kathy Jo Borthwick while she was going to college in Colby.

They were married May 24, 1980 in Ness City and later had three children, Andrie Jo Baird, Melissa Kaylee Baird and Benjamin Borthwick Baird.

He helped his grandparents and also helped neighbors with harvest when there was a death in the family. He was a volunteer firefighter in Brewster during the years he worked there and also served as assistant fire chief.

He was also a member of Brewster United Methodist Church.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.23
Corn	\$2.61
Milo	\$4.08
Soybeans	\$8.56

Blackhart, Barton plan August date

Bobbi Blackhart and Jeff Barton, both of Colby, are planning to marry in August.

The bride-elect is employed as an agent for Cersovsky Insurance of Colby. The groom-to-be is employed by Colby Ag Center in the parts department.

The wedding will take place at the Colby United Methodist Church on Saturday, Aug. 14.



Bobbi Blackhart and Jeff Barton recently announced their engagement.

Golfers, bridge players meet Tuesdays; results announced

Results of this week's Colby Country Club bridge and golf games included: Bridge: 1st, Elaine Ptacek; 2nd, Mary Molstad; 3rd, Marge Roulier; and 4th Helen Donelan. Golf: Game — Low

Card Shower



Roscoe Kahle

Winona man to celebrate 80th next week

Roscoe Kahle, Winona, will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, July 10. In honor of this occasion, his children are requesting a card shower. Family members said that Mr. Kahle would enjoy hearing from his friends and other relatives.

His family will also be gathering at his home the evening of July 10 for a celebration on this special day. Cards may be sent to Mr. Kahle at: 2803 County Road 230, Winona, Kan. 67763.

Score: 1st, Audrey Hines.

Results from Tuesday, June 22 were: Bridge: 1st, Gwen Young, 2nd; Helen Duden; 3rd, Helen Donelan; and 4th, Mary Kersenbrock. Golf: Game — 2-Lady Best Ball: 1st, Anita Hills and Joanne Dumler; 2nd Anita Beckman and Audrey Hines.

Results from Tuesday, June 15 were: Bridge: 1st Helen Donelan; 2nd, Mary Kersenbrock; 3rd, Charles Davis; 4th, Marge Roulier.

Golf: Game — 2-Lady Scramble: 1st place, 1st flight: Sidney Strait and Audrey Hines; 1st place, 2nd flight: Lisa Stithem and Cheryl Edmundson.

Results from Tuesday, June 8 in bridge: 1st, Helen Donelan; 2nd, Marg Roulier; 3rd, Mary Molstad and 4th, a tie between Charles Davis and Elaine Ptacek. Golf: Game — Even Holes: 1st place, Anita Hills.

Next week's golf game on ladies night will be "low net," with Audrey Hines as the hostess.

For anyone interested in knowing more about golf or bridge activities at the Colby Country Club, call 462-6443 or any of the players.

Corrections

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Swimmer's ear preventable

Editor's note: The following article was submitted by the Thomas County Health Department as a public service to the community. For questions about this or other information available at the health department, call 462-4596.

Swimming is so inviting in July with its dog days of summer. Swimmer's ear comes along with the event of swimming. Swimmer's ear is an ear infection of the outer ear structures. It typically occurs in swimmers, but since the cause of the infection is water trapped in the ear canal, bathing or showering may also cause this common infection.

When water is trapped in the ear canal, bacteria that normally inhabit the skin and ear canal multiply, causing infection and irritation of the ear canal. If the infection progresses it may involve the outer ear.

The most common symptoms of swimmer's ear are mild to moderate pain that is aggravated by tugging on the auricle and an itchy ear. Other symptoms may include any of the following: Sensation that the ear is blocked or full, drainage, fever, decreased hearing, intense pain that may radiate to the neck, face, or side of the head, the outer ear may appear to be pushed forward or away from the skull, or swollen lymph nodes. Treatment for the early stages of swimmer's ear includes careful cleaning of the ear canal and eardrops that inhibit bacterial growth. Mild acid solutions such as boric or acetic acid are effective for early infections.

For more severe infections, if you do not have a perforated ear drum, ear cleaning may be helped by antibiotics. If the ear canal is swollen shut, a sponge or wick may be placed in the ear canal so that the antibiotic drops will be effective. Pain medication may also be prescribed. Follow-up appointments with your health care provider are very important to monitor progress of the infection, to repeat ear clean-

Healthy Haps

ing and to replace the ear wick as needed. Your otolaryngologist has specialized equipment and expertise to effectively clean the ear canal and treat swimmer's ear. A dry ear is unlikely to become infected, so it is important to keep the ears free of moisture after swimming or bathing. Q-tips should not be used for this purpose because they may pack material deeper into the ear canal, remove protective earwax and irritate the thin skin of the ear canal creating the perfect environment for infection.

The safest way to dry your ears is with a hair dryer. If you do not have a perforated ear drum, rubbing alcohol or a 50:50 mixture of alcohol and vinegar used as eardrops will evaporate excess water and keep your ears dry. Before using any eardrops in the ear, it is important to verify that you do not have a perforated eardrum. Check with your health care provider if you have ever had a perforated, punctured or injured eardrum or if you have had ear surgery.

People with itchy ears, flaky or scaly ears or extensive earwax are more likely to develop swimmer's ear. If so, it may be helpful to have your ears cleaned by your health care provider. Why do ears itch? An itchy ear is a maddening symptom. Sometimes it is caused by a fungus or allergy, but more often it is a

chronic dermatitis (skin inflammation) of the ear canal. One type is seborrheic dermatitis, a condition similar to dandruff in the scalp; the wax is dry, flaky and abundant. Some patients with this problem will do well to decrease their intake of foods that aggravate it, such as greasy foods, carbohydrates and chocolate. Health care providers often prescribe a cortisone eardrop at bedtime when ears itch. There is no long-term cure but it can be kept controlled. (Taken from <http://www.entnet.org/healthinfo/ears/swimmers.cfm>)

Colby Medical & Surgical Center will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.



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