

# Family

## Deaths

### Barbara Farmer

Barbara Farmer, 57, of Salina, died Friday, June 29, 2007. Mrs. Farmer was born March 28, 1950, in Colby to Elgin and Berneda Barnett. She was a bookkeeper for Geoprobe Systems in Salina. She married Ray Farmer March 29, 1970, in Rexford. Mrs. Farmer is survived by her husband, Ray, of Salina; son Eric and wife Julie of Elkridge, Md.; daughter Amy Patterson and husband Mitchell of San Antonio, Texas; brother Donnie Barnett and wife Sherrel of Sharon Springs;

mother Berneda Zoerbst and husband Ray of Rexford; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Elgin, and one brother, Ronnie. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at First Covenant Church in Salina with pastor Doug McHenry officiating. Burial was at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina. Ryan Mortuary of Salina was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Salina or the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

# Hints about clutter can help clean up home

By Heloise

Dear Readers: Here are some ways to stop clutter from controlling your home and life. It seems every closet and room is filled with too much stuff. The following are seven hints for stopping that clutter from taking over:

1. If you can't locate what you are searching for in several minutes, it's time to rethink where things belong. The more often you use it, the closer it should be.
2. Enlist the whole family, not just Mom, to join the decluttering and organizing bandwagon.
3. If one room or area is beginning to look messy and cluttered, tackle it ASAP.
4. Give the living room, den or common area a quick pickup before going to bed.
5. Toss out or put papers in the recycle bin every day, including newspapers and magazines.
6. Keep lists or inventories of what you already have. If you don't need it, don't buy it.
7. If something new comes into your home, many people say something old should go out.

— Heloise  
P.S.: "A few minutes or a few

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family, Shirley Miller from St. Cloud, Fla. Shirley taught music in the Brewster school in the 1930s.

A picnic was held June 27 for Colleen Rall's birthday in the Hunter Hall Park. The Gazebo that the Lions Club put in the park is very nice, and the community should be able to enjoy it more often than it is being used. The summer reading program is coming to the Center on Monday, July 16 at 2 p.m. to give us some skits and afterwards serving snacks.

Anyone interested, please come join us for some good entertainment. Sorry that's all the news I've heard this week. Everyone being in the fields till midnight, puts a stop to a lot of things. If you have any news please let me know each week by noon on Tuesdays. I thank you for your help.

# Autism is becoming easier to diagnose

## Plain Sense

Parents may notice very early that their baby or young child is "different." A lack of responsiveness to others is an early indicator. Infants with autism do not seem interested in being picked up by mom or dad, and do not reach out for, or appear to recognize others. Delay in, or lack of, the development of spoken language is one of the signs of autism. Fifty percent of autistic children develop no verbal skills, or very limited skills. Those who do

develop language often speak in peculiar ways, including an abnormal tone, pitch and volume. They may repeat the exact word or phrase they hear, yet they have no understanding of the actual meaning of what they are saying. Rigid behavior is a very common sign of autism including intense preoccupation with a narrow area of interest, and inflexible adherence to routine and rituals. Autistic children have been known to throw tantrums if a parent wears an unfamiliar pair of glasses or when a chair is moved to another

part of the room. A child may become very attached to unusual objects such as a rubber band or plastic lid, rather than a doll or toy. If a parent tries to take the object away from the child, a tantrum will be the likely result. According to the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of children diagnosed with autism currently is one out of 150 children, as compared to one in 2,000 10 years ago, which, if taken literally, indicates that the illness has increased. However this is misleading. In reality, the scope of the definition of autism has expanded to include a number of related disorders including Asperger's Disorder and, due to advances in the medical and psychiatric field, more children are being identified at an early age. Parents should start by talking with a medical professional if they have concerns. There is no known cure for autism, but improvement can occur, especially if interventions are started early.

## Community Calendar

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 W. Sixth St., 8:30 p.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
MAYB tournament, 8 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**  
Car races, Thomas County Speedway, 7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous candlelight meeting, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

**MONDAY, JULY 9**  
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

## Bridge and Golf Results

Bridge winners at Meadow Lake Golf Course were: Mary Molstad, first; Lyle Worthy, second; Jean Snyder, third. Golf results for the two-lady scramble were Audrey Hines and Pam Augustine, first. Bridge is at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Ladies' golf is als on Tuesday. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. followed by teh game at 6 p.m.

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8	9 Cardiac Rehab	10 L Horchem to McDonald	11 Diabetic Clinic Echocardiograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Dr. Frankum Surgery	12	13 Nuclear Stress Test MRI Mobile Unit Vasc Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	14
15	16 Cardiac Rehab	17 J Molstad to McDonald Dr. Miller Cardiology	18 Diabetic Clinic Echocardiograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	19	20 MRI Mobile Unit Vasc Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	21
22	23 Cardiac Rehab	24 L Horchem to McDonald	25 Diabetic Clinic Echocardiograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	26	27 MRI Mobile Unit Vasc Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	28
29	30 Cardiac Rehab Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	31 J Molstad to McDonald				

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