

Family

Deaths

Jackie K. Gilkerson

Jackie K. Gilkerson, 71, a Colby homemaker, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, at Hays Medical Center.

She was born October, 13, 1937 in Colby.

Mrs Gilkerson married to Marvin O. Gilkerson on Oct 15, 1983. They had just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, John Cersovsky, Colby, Donald Duane Cersovsky, Amarillo, Texas, and Jerry Lee Cersovsky, Johnson City; two daughters, Teresa Marie Loughran, Colorado Springs, and Cindy Lou Beisner, Natoma; two half-brothers, Terry Delzeit, Austin, Texas, and Gary Delzeit, Rexford; two half sisters, Patty Ann Casey,

Wichita, and Linda Lunsway, San Diego; 10 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Father Dana Clark will officiate at the burial Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Colby Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Vigil and Rosary are at 6 p.m. today at the chapel.

Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Colby.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Solomon Valley Manor in Stockton, Kansas in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Alden H. Rogers

Alden H. Rogers, 91, a retired farmer-stockman, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, at his farm home in rural Atwood.

Mr. Rogers was active in the United Methodist Church and a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Merry 12 Club.

Survivors include his wife, Edith of the home, five daughters: Diane (John) Vap, Atwood; Donna (Bill) Roe, Atchison; Darlene (Lloyd) Irwin, Albuquerque, N.M.; Joyce (Russ) Shreves, Wichita; and Joann Luedke, Olathe; a sister, Velora Schmahl, Loveland, Colo.; nine grandchildren, and seven

great-grandchildren.

Services were to be held Tuesday at the Atwood United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Davison and Rev. Paul Irwin officiating. Graveside services were scheduled at Atwood Fairview Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion, Sam Hubbard Post of Atwood.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Atwood 2nd Century Fund, United Methodist Church, or Hospice of Northwest Kansas. They may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Freda K. Thieler

Freda K. Thieler, 94, formerly of Colby, died Nov. 30, 2008, at the Golden Living Center in Downs.

She was born June 12, 1914, in Thayer County, Neb., the sixth of eight children of Conrad and Francie (Buhs) Pabst. She moved to a farm south of Halford with her parents when she was 6, and was a resident of Thomas County for the remainder of her life. She was a homemaker and helped with the farm.

She married Cleo E. Thieler on Dec. 25, 1935.

She was a member of the first confirmation class at Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby, in April, 1935. She was the oldest member of the original congregation, and held offices in the Lutheran

Women’s Missionary League and other women’s organizations of the church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Harry, her parents, brothers Bill, Herman, Ed, Hie and Paul and sisters Alvina and Ethel.

She is survived by a daughter Marlene (Bud) Murphy, Cheyenne, Wyo., seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at the church with Pastor John Schnidt officiating. Visitation is 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the church and can be sent to the funeral chapel at 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kans. 67701.

About Town

The family of Joan Hartley is requesting a card shower for Joan’s 90th birthday. Cards can be sent to 309 Willow Rd., Goodland, KS, 67735. They will be hosting an open house for their mother on December 6, from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goodland VFW.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.72
Corn (bushel)	\$2.96
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.23
Soybeans (bushel)	\$6.97

Considering Weight Loss Surgery?

FREE Informational Seminar

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Program 9:45 am
Citizens Medical Center
100 East College Drive - Board Room
Colby, Kansas

Your benefits over time may include:

- Significant weight loss
- Relief of sleep problems
- Relief from urinary incontinence
- Lower cholesterol
- Decreased joint pain – improved mobility
- Improvement of Type II diabetes
- Relief of digestive problems
- Lower blood pressure
- Improved mood and self esteem
- Decreased medications associated with weight related diseases

If you are wondering if you should consider bariatric surgery, make plans now to attend this informational seminar. Dr. Zurab Tsereteli, Bariatric Surgeon, will discuss the procedure. The program will include general information on qualifying for surgery, an overall description of the lifestyle changes that are necessary following surgery, plus information on the insurance process. This informational session is **REQUIRED** for anyone considering Bariatric Surgery at Hays Medical Center.

Registration is required. Call 785-623-5945.



Red Cross joins holiday card drive

The Colby Red Cross is joining in a national effort to collect and distribute one million holiday cards for service men and women, their families and veterans..

Drop off a holiday card with a message of thanks and/or cheer to the military at the Red Cross office at 350 S. Range, Suite 8 in Colby. Cards will be accepted until next Wednesday. Then they will be sent for review, to ensure the messages are appropriate. The cards will then be distributed throughout the world to military families.

“From the front lines to the home front, for more than 125 years, the American Red Cross has provided care and assistance to service members, their families and veterans,” said Thomas County Branch Manager, Sherry White. “This is a way for every member

of the public to lift the spirits of military members, their families and veterans during this holiday season. It’s as easy as signing your name.”

Last year, the Thomas County Branch of the American Red Cross helped four military families with emergency communications and social services. Nationally, nearly one in four Americans had a direct experience with services to the Armed Forces. For more information and rules about the military mail drive, call your local Red Cross at (785) 462-7161 go to the national web site www.redcross.org/holidaymail.

The Thomas County Branch of the American Red Cross provides emergency response services to Cheyenne, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Thomas and Wallace counties.

Babies

Adrian Nicole Salcido

Adrian Nicole Salcido, daughter of Rito and Teia Salcido, was born Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches. She was welcomed home by brother Simon.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Marilyn Criger, Stratton, Neb., and Mary Garcia, Dodge City. Great-grandparents are Ned John-

son and Edna Criger, Benkelman, Neb.

Brayden Schiltz

Brayden Wayne Schiltz, son of Cory and Shannon Schiltz, Menlo, was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Sister Madelyn, 2, welcomed him home.

Paternal grandparents are Kelly and Bonnie Schiltz, Oakley, and great-grandmother is Norlene Schiltz, Menlo. Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Laurie Belleau and great-grandparents are Nels and Frances Belleau, Hill City, and Robert Radcliffe, Westminster, Colo.

Marissa Johnson

Marissa Jordyn Johnson, daughter of Monica Brown and Kasey Johnson, Colby, was born Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Brother Patrick welcomed her home.

Grandparents are: Tom and Margaret Brown of Ludell, and Larry Johnson of Oakley. Great-grandmother is Ellen Janousek of Trenton, Neb.

Santa’s Workshop
(From preschool to 4th Grade)
Organized by the Th. Co. Community Foundation

SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH
Pioneer Memorial Library
Conference Room,
375 W. 4th Street Colby Ks.

9 a.m. to 11:30a.m.
Suggested Donations
\$4 per gift, limit of 4 gifts.

Elf helps kids shop for Mom & Dad gifts with a “homemade” touch.

Questions:
Call Melinda or Sally
at 460-9152.

Rexford News

I hope everyone was able to spend time with family on Thanksgiving and able to get some rest during the holiday as we all prepare for the Christmas season.

Santa Claus is planning to be at the Community Building in Rexford on Saturday for the annual Christmas Children’s Party sponsored by the Rexford Lions. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. infants through third grade.

David Ketchum is asking resi-



Vicki Allison

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dents to unload grassclippings, newspaper and other biodegradable items, except tree limbs and branches, on his property on First Street.

The city says that there will be no change in trash pickup days during the holidays. The city clerk will be working Tuesday mornings, instead of afternoons, in December.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Toy fire truck offered as prize

Chances to win a child’s fire truck are being sold by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County.

Tickets are available for a \$5 donation for one or \$20 for five. They can be purchased at the group’s office, from Carla Sharp at Citizens Medical Center, at Colby Bowl, or at First National Bank or Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The truck is on display at First National this week and Farmer’s and Merchants next week.

The drawing will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Big Brothers-Big Sisters office at 1112 E. 5th St. and the winner will be called. For more information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at (785) 460-9125.

Corrections

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary story in the on Monday, Nov. 24, edition of the *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said that a donation was made to purchase two coats for school children for the Snowball Express program. It should have said that a donation was made to purchase two coats, and a donation was made to the Snowball Express. The story also said that a mandatory donation was made to cancer research. This should have said a monetary donation.

The mistakes were reporting errors.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

2nd Annual Holiday Craft & Gift Fair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Colby VFW, 220 LAKE STREET

Colby’s LARGEST CRAFT FAIR

OVER 20 Tables of Gift & Holiday Ideas

STOCKING STUFFERS • GIFT BASKETS • Holiday Baked Goods & DESERTS
CHRISTMAS CARDS • SEWN CRAFTS • LIGHTED GLASS BLOCKS • WREATHS
CHRISTMAS DECOR • DIP & SOUP MIXES • ANGELS • JEWELRY • DOLLS
CROCHETED ITEMS • HANDBAGS • FLORALS • SANTAS • EMROD FISHING GEAR
METAL ARTWORK • PHOTOGRAPHY • BATH PRODUCTS • BARN WOOD SIGNS
DECORATED COOKIES....AND MUCH MUCH MORE

CONCESSION STAND SERVING FOOD ALL DAY Including:
BREAKFAST BURRITOS, CINNAMON ROLLS, SANDWICHES AND SNACKS

SOMETHING for EVERYONE!

Freda Katherine Marie Pabst Thieler

Freda Katherine Marie Pabst Thieler, 94, of Colby, died November 30, 2008, at Golden Living Center in Downs. Freda was born June 12, 1914 in Thayer County, Nebraska to Conrad and Francie (Buhs) Pabst, the sixth of eight children. At six years of age, the family moved from Gilead, NE to a farm south of Halford. Freda graduated from the eighth grade in Halford and from Colby High School with the class of 1933.

Freda married Cleo E. Thieler on December 25, 1935 and resided on a farm southeast of Colby. To this union were born Harry and Marlene. After the death of Cleo in 1969, Freda remained on the farm taking care of the farming and cattle; however, after the death of Harry in 1970, Freda sold the farm and moved into Colby. In November of 2002, at the age of 88, Freda sold her home and moved to Fairview Retirement Estates. In September 2007, Freda moved to the Golden Living Center in Downs.

Freda was baptized into the Lutheran faith in June 1914 in Nebraska. She was confirmed with the first confirmation class at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby on April 14, 1935. Up until the time of her death, she was the oldest living member from the originating congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church. She held offices in Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, served as secretary-treasurer for Aid Association for Lutherans from 1976-1980 and Historian from 1975-2000. In 1995, Freda was one of twenty-four individuals who took a two-week tour of Greece and the Holy Land. Freda was faithful in reading her Bible and portals of prayer which were always laced with her personal devotional notes. Any guests to her home would see these books on the end table next to her chair in the living room, for she always wanted to be near her God.

Freda began her life as a daughter and sister but grew into a wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Through the years, she was not a person to remain idle. She mowed her lawn until her mid 80’s and manicured her flowers and garden to perfection. When arriving at Freda’s house, she was quick to give the home and garden tour before sitting down to visit. For many years Colby Community College welcomed Freda every morning for aerobics and aquatic exercises. On the flip side of the health endorsement aspect, Freda worked at Daylight Donuts far past retirement age and instantly became a hit when she had a few donuts on hand for the grand kids. Speaking of food, she was an excellent cook. She was well known for her homemade angel food cake, noodles, no bake cookies, cherry winks, pumpkin pie, and peppernuts. Her flawless skills also extended into her dog pillows and exquisite quilts. Whether it be for a wedding, baby, graduation, Christmas, or just for love, Freda made each of us several quilts that we will cherish forever. Our grandma Freda leaves our hearts with many memories that will bring us joy beyond these immediate days of sorrow. We will always remember her candy drawer, her fine taste in clothing and jewelry, her generosity, and least we not forget that grandma never colored her hair. She was truly beautiful inside and out. Tucked away in her belongings we found a statement that she had cut out of her devotional reading. It states, “What is a mother? A mother is a link to God - a child’s first impression of God and first awareness of God’s Love comes from a mother.” Grandma, you have been our link to God. May he continue to wrap you in his arms. We are blessed to have been loved by you. We’ll see you on the other side!

Those left to remember Freda include her daughter Marlene and husband, Bud Murphy of Cheyenne, WY. Grandchildren include Charlene and husband Cory Beougher of Downs, Rod Murphy and wife Barbara of Girard, Roger Murphy and wife Carmen of Maynardville, TN, Cathy and husband Chad Berens of Casper, WY. Great grandchildren include Craig and Cala Beogher, Robert, Brenna, Reid, and Bree Murphy, Cade Murphy, Saylar and Dawson Epperson, Trig and Jos Berens.

Freda was preceded in death by her husband Cleo, son Harry, parents Conrad & Francie Pabst, brothers Bill Herman, Ed, Hie and Paul and sisters Alvina and Ethel.

Funeral services are to be held December 5, 1008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, Ks. with Pastor John Schmidt officiating. Those serving as pallbearers include Cory Beougher, Craig Beougher, Rod Murphy, Robert Murphy, Reid Murphy, Roger Murphy, and Chad Berens. Honorary pallbearers are to be her nephews, David Pabst, Darrell Pabst, Kenny Thieler, Don Thieler, Delmer Hoeting, Ray Bange, Don Pabst and Jerry Pabst. Interment will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel - 745 S. Country Club Dr. Colby, KS 67701.

Visitation: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Thursday, Dec. 4th at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.