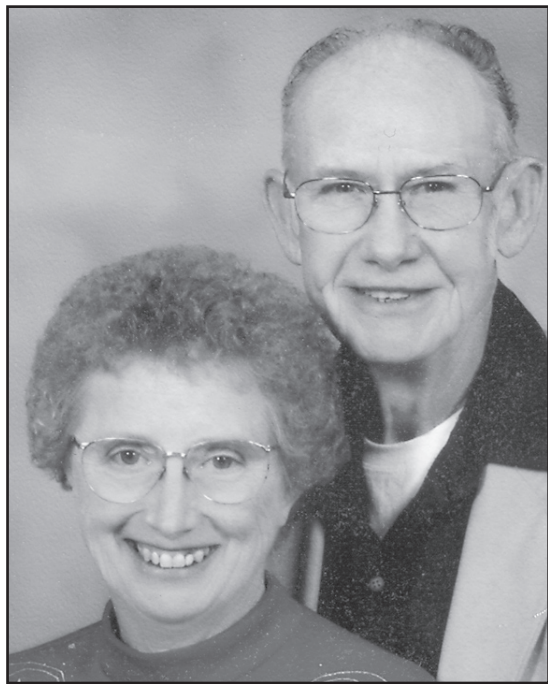


Family



The Parkers in 1959



The Parkers now

Card shower planned this week

Friends are asked to honor Ivan and Pat Parker with a card shower as they celebrate 50 years on marriage on Saturday, March 7.

The couple married March 7, 1959, in Haigler Neb. He works for Murfin Drilling, and she worked in food service at Colby Community College before she retired.

Cards will reach them at 710 S. School, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Chamber Babies banquet April 18

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce will give two major awards at its annual banquet and meeting on Saturday, April 18, at the City Limits Convention Center.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and music from the M and M Sisters, with an all-new show.

The 2008 Ambassador Business Person of the Year and Community Service Award winners will be honored.

Dinner choices will be baron of beef or lemon-herb chicken with salad, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy and a fudge brownie for dessert.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$250 for a corporate table of eight. Reservations are requested by Wednesday, April 1. Members received an invitation in the mail with a response form.

Three board members will be installed at the meeting. Ballots should be returned to the Chamber office in the envelope provided by April 1.

Call Chamber manager Holly Stephens at 460-3401 for information.

Babies Andrew and Abigail Wright

Andrew Royce and Abigail Renee Wright, twins of Dennis and Dana Wright of Bird City, were born at Citizens Medical Center on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009. Andrew weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18 inches. Abigail weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches.



Andrew W.

Carpenter of Stockton and Don and Donna Wright of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Maynard and Lucille Wright of Bird City, Ruby White of Sharon Springs and Ralph and May Carpenter of Pottsville, Texas.

The twins were welcomed home by their sister Grace.



Abigail Wright

Corrections

A headline on Page 1 of the Friday, Feb. 27, Colby Free Press incorrectly said that the farm vehicles had been at Colby High School the previous week. The text below the headline was correct; the photo was taken Monday, Feb. 23, during FFA Week.

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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.

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day | |
|---|--------|
| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
| Wheat (bushel) | \$4.93 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.22 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$4.60 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$7.57 |

Care prolongs water heater life

MANHATTAN – In a hard-water area, draining one or two gallons from a water heater every month or two can help reduce the buildup of minerals and other sediments. That will prolong the life of the appliance, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

The placement of a water heater may make draining it difficult – or impossible, Snead said. Or, if not in the habit of draining the heater regularly, a homeowner may find the spigot or water line to be corroded or otherwise clogged and thus immovable.

Other maintenance steps to maintain a water heater will de-

pend on the type/model, but may include:

- Checking the temperature and pressure valve every six months.
- Inspecting the anode rod every three to four years.

On average, residential water heaters consume 13 to 17 percent of the energy used within the home, Snead said.

More information on choosing and using a residential water heater is available at county and district Extension offices, on the K-State Research and Extension Engineering Web site (www.sustainable-energy.ksu.edu), and on the EPA-Department of Energy page at www.energystar.gov.

A basic, overall home main-

tenance guide can be downloaded from www.oznet.ksu.edu by searching for S134C (“Basic Home Maintenance”).

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Deaths

Mike Brier

Mike Brier, 68, Colby, a retired Colby school custodian, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 21, 1940, in Colby. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two sons, Mike A. Brier and Ron Brier, both of Colby; a daughter, Patty Mullins of Hoxie; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tues-

day, March 3, 2009, at Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, with Father Dana Clark officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Colby Care Center in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.


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COLBY VFW

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Pioneer Memorial Library hosts Kansas author, Nancy Pickard Wednesday March 4th - 12:00 pm. during Booked for Lunch She will review her novel "The Virgin of Small Plains" Lunch will be served: Please RSVP



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AUCTION SCHEDULE

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|  | 03/06/09 – 320 ac Thomas County cropland & CRP located SW of Colby |
|  | 03/20/09 – O'Dell Ranch LLC -- 5,000 ac Sheridan Co. Ranch located E of Hoxie –land will sell in 8 tracts & combos at the 4H Bldg in Hoxie |
| | 03/21/09 – Farm machinery, 300 Angus cows, complete ranch dispersal for O'Dell Ranch LLC, at the ranch headquarters East of Hoxie |
| | 03/24/09 – 1,665 acres EXCELLENT Kiowa County, Colo wheat land at Towner selling in tracts & combos for Heirs of Don Prosser |
| | 03/25/09 – Farm Machinery & Equip at Towner, CO for Heirs of Don Prosser |
| | 03/28/09 – Annual Spring Consignment, Colby, KS |
| | 04/02/09 – Farm Machinery & Equipment for Don Weber - West of Sheridan Lake, Colorado |
| | 04/14/09 – 1,280 ac Kit Carson Co, Colo & 320 ac Sherman Co., KS irrigated & dryland cropland, grass & improvements for Rhoades Family - R Bar R Ranch – Excellent cow/calf facility. |

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- 1,590 ac w/8 pivots located 3 mi N of Goodland, KS—EXCELLENT water, good equipment, immediate possession, 1/2 minerals intact, in area of gas production
- 1,120 ac located 1/2 mile W of the 1,590 acres above – flood irrigation, one pivot, 3 wells, CRP, creek bottom – this would make an exc game or livestock farm – lots of potential

SHERIDAN:

- 160 ac cropland NE of Hoxie -SW/4 of 27-7-27
- 560 ac consisting of 261 ac cropland & 290 ac grass, immed poss, 1W & 3N of Angelus on SD/TH county line

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