

Family

Deaths

Maxine Ziegelmeier

Maxine Ziegelmeier, 89, a longtime Colby homemaker, died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Salina.

She was born on the family farm northwest of Levant on Feb. 10, 1920, to Virgil and Margaret Burnside Brown. She married Bill Ziegelmeier on Dec. 30, 1941. They lived in Colby until after his death in 1991, when she moved to Salina. The couple farmed and operated the Colby Green House and Florist Shop for 18 years.

Mrs. Ziegelmeier was active in the Colby First Christian Church, the Morning Star Rebekah Lodge, and, while her husband was alive, the Isis Shrine organization.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother, Alpha Carpenter Brown, a twin brother, Max Brown, a grandson, Darren L. Cart, and a great-great-grandson, David M. Bixenman Jr.

She is survived by three sons, Jim (Lela) Ziegelmeier, Salina; Lynn (Colleen) Ziegelmeier, St. Marys; and Dennis (Arlene) Ziegelmeier, Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Sheila (LaWayne) Cart, Salina; a sister Mary (Earl) Oard, Colby; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Harrison Chapel, with Pastor Lyle Kneebel and Pastor Pat Stuart of St. Francis officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

The family suggests gifts to Hospice Care of Kansas, Eaglecrest Retirement Community, Salina, or the Isis Shrine Travel Fund for Children, in care of the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Carl O. Wilcox

Carl O. Wilcox, 87, Colby, a World War II veteran of the "Big Red 1" 1st Infantry Division, the 3rd Infantry and the 9th Infantry, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born to Earl and Blanche Bowen Wilcox on Nov. 25, 1921, in Harper County. He served as an automatic rifleman with the 1st, 35th and 9th Infantry Divisions. Captured by the enemy, he was a prisoner of war in Portmund, Germany, from October 1943 to August 1944.

He married Frances Irene Townsend in Levant, and the lived in Brewster for about 25 years. He was a farm laborer for many years and retired as night watchman at the Great Western Sugar factory west of Goodland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Frank Wilcox,

and two sisters, Veta Cass and Edna Rodarmel.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two brothers, Glen Wilcox and Bill Wilcox of Shawnee; and three sisters, Nina Burkhart and Bonnie Schroeder, Rocky Ford, Colo., and Marietta Stacey, Kingman, Ariz..

Services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today, Monday, March 30, 2009, at the Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor Mike Pinkelman officiating. Burial will be in the Hoxie Cemetery with military honors by an Army team from Fort Riley.

The family suggests contributions to the Prairie Senior Living Complex, Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or the Carl Wilcox Memorial Fund, in care of the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Sharla Vaughn Pierce

Sharla Vaughn Pierce, 41, formerly of Colby, died suddenly at her home in Firestone, Colo., on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

She was born Dec. 17, 1967, in Provo, Utah, to Sherry Dugan, and grew up in Colby.

Services are pending.

Douglas Jackson

Douglas W. Jackson, 62, Goodland, a salesman and former law enforcement officer, died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Rose Medical Center in Denver.

He had been sales manager of *The Goodland Star-News*, an auto salesman and sheriff of Smith County. He was a native of Atwood.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2009, at the Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland, with the Rev. H.A.

Lycett officiating.

Contributions to the Doug Jackson Memorial may be left at the funeral home.

A full obituary will follow.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.88
Corn (bushel)	\$3.59
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Gardening is trendy

From all early indications, this could be a record year for the home gardening process. There will likely be more backyard gardens this year across America than ever before. That means that the members of more households will be tending a garden of some kind. Perhaps the garden will consist of just a couple of tomato plants and three hills of cucumbers. Maybe a garden will be created on a vacant lot next door. Or, two or three friends and neighbors might get together, pool their tools and hoses and work together to till up, plant, weed, water and harvest a crop of the best tasting and most healthful food they've ever eaten.

The word is out that seed sales so far this year are up by more than 20 percent from last year. Seedling plant sales are up 10 to 15 percent and those numbers were announced before the gardening season had begun in most of the Midwest. Last year, unofficial estimates proclaimed that there were more than 40 million gardeners of all kinds in this country. This year, that number could hit 50 million, which would compare with the number of gardeners that were active during World War II era when Victory Gardens popped up in just about every backyard.

There are several good reasons for all this garden activity in the neighborhood this year. Number one is what we refer to as "the economy." Hard-earned dollars don't stretch as far as they used to. Layoffs during hard times are common and unemployment is high in many of the larger cities. As a result, families are making an effort to convert a portion of their yard to a food producing mini-farm. The idea is to grow a few vegetables for family meals; vegetables that are becoming more and more expensive at the supermarket; Fresh vegetables,



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straight from the garden to the kitchen table; vegetables that will taste better than those that have been shipped in from other states and even other countries. A gardener always knows exactly what he's eating!

I'll not get into the many other reasons for gardening, such as exercise thing or simply the feeling of accomplishment and the good feeling of knowing you're providing the most healthful food available anywhere in the township.

Don't sell yourself short. You too can create the contents of a big, fresh salad or whatever vegetable the family prefers. There's a lot of help available to put you on the right track. This probably should be the year to try your hand at vegetable gardening. Join your friends and neighbors who are perhaps trying for the first time to plant, tend and harvest some wonderful garden produce.

Babies

Jacob Lynn Bowen

Jacob Lynn Bowen, son of Andy and Nikki Bowen of Manhattan, was born March 11, 2009, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Don and Cathy Harrison, Colby, and Bill and Mary Bowen, Burlington. Great-grandparents are Betty Deyle, Benkleman, Neb.; Don Bowen, Burlington; and Helen Bahr, New Strawn.



Jacob Bowen

Harper Vaughn

Harper Grace Vaughn, daughter of Travis and Jessica Vaughn of Colby, was born March 12, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Steve and Linda Vaughn of Colby and Kim and Joyce Tice of Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Reynold and Hilda Moellering of Hoxie and Joanne Vaughn of Colby. Harper Grace was welcomed home by sister Hallie, 7, and brother Hunter, 4.

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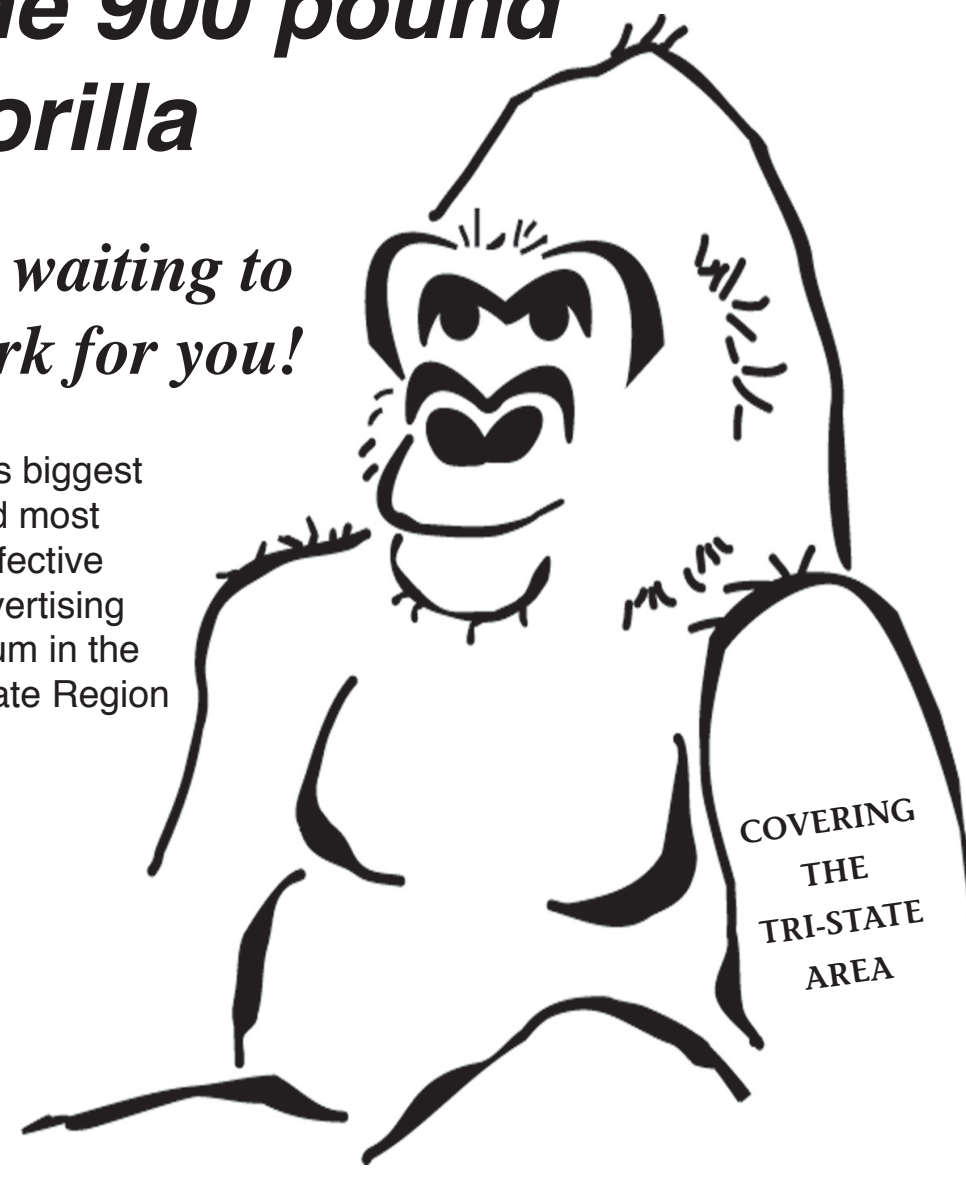
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