

# Family

## Deaths

### Earl Wesley Oard

Earl Wesley Oard, 88, Colby, died Sunday, May 3, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

He was born May 7, 1920, to Fred Earl and Grace Mae (Dif-fenbaugh) Oard, and was a life-long area resident and farmer. He married Mary Brown on May 10, 1941.

He was a member of the Colby First Christian Church.

Mr. Oard was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Shirley Frame.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two sons, Dale Oard, Levant, and Dan Oard, and a

daughter Lila Amos, all of Colby; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2009, at Harrison Chapel in Colby, with pastors Pat Stuart and Lyle Kneebel of St. Francis officiating. Burial will be in the Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the First Christian Church left at any Colby bank or sent to the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Jody Konda

Jo "Jody" Konda, 52, sister of Jeanette (Dennis) Applegate of Colby, died Friday, May 1, 2009, at her home in Spearville.

She was born April 25, 1957, in Los Angeles, the daughter of Melvin Laverne and Mary Lou "Betty" Sceals Holeman, and moved to this area as a child.

On Sept. 14, 1974, she married Mike Konda at Dodge City. She was a certified nurse aide at the Spearville Hospital and the Good Samaritan Center in Dodge City. Mrs. Konda was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Spearville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Holeman.

She also is survived by her husband; a son, Brandon (Katie) Konda, Irvine, Calif.; two daughters, Melissa (Luke) Evans, Belle

Plaine, and Kelsey (Josh) Sig-mund, Spearville; a brother, Bob (Zoila) Holeman, Minneola; two other sisters, Phyllis Holeman, Norton, and Sue (Ron) Canady, Denison, Iowa; and three grandchildren.

A vigil service was Monday, and a memorial Mass Tuesday at the church, with Father Ted D. Stoecklein presiding. Inurnment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Windthorst.

The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions to Hospice of the Prairie, Windthorst Heritage Inc. or the church's heat and air fund in care of the Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., Dodge City, Kan., 67801. Condolences may be sent to www.burkhardt-ziegler.com.

## Winona couple to celebrate with reception, dance on 50th

Roger and Margie Denning Ausmus of Winona will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight (Central Time) Saturday, May 30, 2009, at the Holy Ghost Parish Center, 116 Fourth St., in Sharon Springs.

The Ausmuses were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley on June 6, 1959. They have lived since then in Winona, farming and operating Ausmus

and Son Trucking.

The couple have three children, Melissa Haffner and husband Eugene, O'Fallen, Mo.; Randy Ausmus and wife Veronica, Phoenix; and Michele Werth and husband Larry, Brewster. They have five grandsons: Chase, Caden, and Cole Haffner, and Wyatt and Lay-ton Werth.

Congratulations can be sent to Roger and Margie Ausmus, Box 38, Winona, Kan., 67764.

## Visit farm, see mini horses

The Blue Sky Miniature Show Horse Farm in Ellis County will have a "day on the farm" event on two Sundays, May 17, and 31.

See these miniature horses and how they are trained.

The farm is six miles north of Hays on U.S. 183, and half a mile east on Locust Grove Road.

For more information, call (785) 625-6725 or go to www.bluesky-horses.com.

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Mary Molstad; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Joy Davis; fifth, Jean Snyder.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.47
Corn (bushel)	\$3.70
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.75
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.01

## Florence Dorothy (Ryan) Crampton-Leitner

Born September 4, 1916 in Frontier County Nebraska. Her father James E. Ryan of Irish immigrants. Mother, Lillian was raised in a homestead dugout near Stockville, Nebraska.

Her parents were prosperous until the depression and years of drought in 1930's. She was the middle girl of three sisters Ada approximately 10 years her senior and Betty 10 years her junior. She attended a one room country school for eight years and completed her schooling at Stockville, Nebraska graduating from High School in 1933.

She married Clifford Kenneth Crampton, May 11, 1935 at the age of 19 in Oberlin, Kansas. Shortly there after they left Frontier County with a Model A Ford pulling a camping trailer for Oregon to join Clifford's four brothers and mother who had left Nebraska earlier after having lost all their possessions to drought and depression.

Clifford was a farmer at heart and in two years returned to Nebraska with the same Model A Ford pulling a camper trailer. Clifford and Florence were tenants on three different farms from 1937 until 1950 when they bought the 160 acres where they were living and continued to live until Clifford's death on December 29, 1972. They raised three sons Kenneth, born 1938 and twins, Ronald and Rodney born 1941. They always enjoyed neighborhood gatherings or pinocle parties twice a month in a country school. Monthly was a Literary gathering where ones of the neighborhood met at a local country school and displayed their talents of music, song, readings, and skits. Another activity was Family Follies where families of the area gathered at the Bartley opera house for round dancing and square dancing. She belonged to a women's club that met in homes either quilting, embroidering, crafting for the hostess or playing 10 point pitch. Not until 1952 did REA make it possible for their introduction to television and running water. This same period brought a dam and lake only three miles away and fishing became a family pass time.

Kenneth had his Dad's farming blood and became a part of the family farm. Following his Dad's death he bought a farm near Colby, Kansas. Ronald became a notable chemistry teacher and received several awards for his techniques as a classroom teacher in the Omaha, Nebraska school systems. Rodney graduated from the school of engineering at the University of Nebraska and has been a Hydrology Engineer in California over 30 years. Florences had 7 granddaughters and 3 grandsons with 24 great grandchildren. Preceding her in death were one grandson, Martin Ray Crampton and 1 great grandson, Clay Ryan Crampton.

Following Clifford's death she moved to McCook and worked in the Burns Lab until retirement. She met Robert Leitner and they were married April 27, 1989 and lived in Oberlin, Kansas. They enjoyed traveling and visiting their children. They were active going dancing weekly. Her most enjoyable years were in this time period being financially secure and free to enjoy life. Bob died in 1996. Florence moved to Willow Ridge in McCook, Nebraska February of 2000 and to Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby in 2003.



Christopher Farney and Claire Fitzpatrick

## Couple's grandson to wed in Missouri

Christopher Farney, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Albers of Oakley, and Claire Fitzpatrick plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at the Catholic Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Mo.

Farney is the son of Richard and Vickie Farney of Wilson. He is a 2003 graduate of Ellsworth High School and a 2007 graduate of Benedictine College with a Bachelor of Arts in biology and a minor in chemistry. He is pursuing a doctorate in physical

therapy at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo.

Claire is the daughter of Dan and Kim Fitzpatrick of St. Joseph. She is a 2005 graduate of Bishop LeBlond High School there, and will graduate in May from Benedictine, with a Bachelor of Arts degrees in mass communication and in business administration with an emphasis in marketing.

The couple plans to live in Kansas City, Mo., following the wedding.

## Corrections

A story on Page 5 of the Monday, May 4, edition of the Colby Free Press, "Poetry Sought," did not give a deadline for the poetry contest. The story also did not include the contest web site, which can be found at www.freecontest.com. The deadline is May 31. This was a transcription error.

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**HELP CELEBRATE**  
Mary Jane Engelhardt's  
90th Birthday  
May 10th

Please send cards to  
Colby Care Center  
105 E. College, Room 104  
Colby, KS 67701

## Colby graduate to wed this summer

Dr. Jerrilee Kay Mosier and Russell D. Coombs of Edmonds, Wash., plan to marry in a small private ceremony this summer.

The bride is a graduate of Colby High School. She holds degrees from Tulsa University and Oklahoma State University and is vice president for Workforce Development at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, Wash.

She is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Mary Mosier of Claremore, Okla. Dr. Mosier is a former president of Colby Community College.

The groom graduated from Romeville High School in Chicago. An alumnus of the University of Wyoming and the University of Washington, he is an engineer,

teacher and international business consultant in the areas of lean and six sigma with his company, the New Excellence.

He is the son of Russell W. Coombs and Lena M. Coombs, both of Chicago.

## Babies

### Braxton Allen

Braxton DonLee Allen, son of Chelsea M. Allen of Herndon, was born Wednesday, April 27, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Julie and Doane Tabinski, Winfield, and Mark and Patricia Allen of Grant, Neb.

## Colby High School FFA still has plants in greenhouse

Colby High School FFA members and the agriculture class are selling greenhouse produce, along with a variety of vegetable, flowering and landscaping plants.

Greenhouse hours are from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-

day or by appointment, at 240 N. Copeland, east of the high school football field.

For information, contact teacher Shawna Howell-Hoffman at 460-5320 or showell@colbyeagles.org

## Public Dance

**Live Band! The Jackson's**  
May 9, 2009  
9 pm to Midnight CST  
**Colby American Legion**  
**West Highway 24**  
**\$5 Per Person at the door.**  
*Bar opens at 7 p.m.*  
*Refreshments available.*

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