

Family

Vet celebrates 86th

Charles E. Cook of Colby, a farmer, former restaurant owner and a World War II veteran, will be celebrating his 86th birthday on Tuesday with a card shower.



Charles Cook

Charlie, as he is best known, grew up in Thomas County and graduated from Colby High School in 1940.

He joined the Army Air Force in 1942, and was a flight engineer in the Tri-angle J 509 Group, 351st Squadron, of the 8th Air Force.

Cook said that during training, the bomber he was in lost three engines and the crew had to bail out.

"By the time I got the crew out, we were too low for me to jump," he said, "but the pilot told me to get the heck out of there, so I jumped. I hit the ground just after my chute opened, and it liked to killed me. The plane crash-landed

and buckled right behind me, and the crew lived through it."

He said he wanted to go overseas with his crew and went on to fly 27 missions over Germany in 1943 and 1944.

He drove a truck for Denver-Chicago for five years before beginning his farming career.

He established Charlie's Steak House and Club on South Range, and after many years of success there, he closed it to devote full time to farming.

He has three sons, Terri, who is retired from the military and lives in Hawaii; David, who is retired and lives in Phoenix; and Tom, who lives in Colby and works in sales and marketing for KLBV television.

Friends can send birthday greetings to 420 W. Eighth St. in Colby.



Brian Patrick Smith and Corene Lorraine Barnett

Colby grad to wed

Corene Lorraine Barnett and Brian Patrick Smith plan to marry May 30, 2009, at the Christian Church in Hoxie.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Colby High School and a 2005 graduate of Kansas State University.

She works as a personnel clerk for the Kansas Department

of Transportation in Norton.

She is the daughter of Richard Barnett of Pampa, Texas and Janet Dunbar of Menasha, Minn.

The groom graduated from Stockton High School in 1995. He works for B and B Redimix in Stockton.

He is the son of the late Linda Smith and the late Don Smith.

Deaths

Lillie R. Wagoner

Lillie R. Wagoner, 93, of Colby, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Born April 30, 1916, in Aurora, she lived most of her life in Thomas County. Her parents were Jeremiah and Rosaline (Hebert) Bechard. Her maiden name was Lillie Bechard.

She was a homemaker, married August 24, 1937, to Lawrence Wagoner.

She was a member of the Extension Homemaker Unit in Grinnell, and of the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, and a son, Kerry Wagoner.

She is survived by a daughter, Deanna (Pat) Mallory of Colby; a brother, LeRoy Bechard of Longmont, Colo.; two sisters, Pauline Elberston of Alta Roma, Calif., and Melva Lee Satchell of San Anto-

nio, Texas; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell, with Fathers Mike Elan of Grinnell and Dana Clark of Colby officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Grinnell.

Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, and 9:30 a.m. to service time Friday at the church in Grinnell.

The family suggests gifts to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, the church in Grinnell, or Prairie Senior Living Complex. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or sent to the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Babies

Kaylyn Joy Sowers

Kaylyn Joy Sowers, daughter of Joel and Becca Sowers was born May 7, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are James Dwight and Jeanette Sowers of Colby, Larry Bargmann of Denver, and Alan and Jan Ackerman of Hoxie.



K. Sowers

Rotary Club

Colby Rotary met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 32 members and guests in attendance. Guests present were Deanna Smith, Clarissa Unger and visiting Rotarian Mike Waters.

A summary of the District Conference was given by Jeff Horlacher and Relda Galli. It was Friday and Saturday at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene. Colby was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for meeting/ surpassing the first year of the Rotary International Polio Plus Challenge.

Mike Waters, Cimarron Superintendent of Schools, gave the

program on the Southwest Kansas Honor Flight Program. This program began in 2005 and provides a trip to send World War II veterans to Washington D.C. free of charge to see the memorials dedicated to their service to our country. Since the inception of this national program, almost 20,000 veterans have been able to make the trip to see the WWII, Korean and Vietnam memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. The next trip will be June 3-5, 2009.

Ken Frahm was the Roto-Lotto winner.

Booking Log

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- David Andrew Stevenson, 61, Oakley, Oct. 2, murder 1, Gove County Sheriff's Office/Kansas Bureau of Investigations, released May 5 to other agency.

- James Andre Graham, 49, Rexford, April 25, driving under the influence - fourth or more offense, transporting open container, possession of drug paraphernalia, Kansas Highway Patrol, released April 29 on bond.

- Ruben Bermudez, 38, Rexford, April 27, disorderly conduct, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released April 28 on recognition.

- Matthew Loren Rivera, 27, Goodland, April 27, failure to pay/driving while suspended, Colby Police Department, released April 28 for fines and court costs.

- James Lee Cameron Jr., 19, Wichita, April 28, failure to pay/possession of marijuana, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released April 30 on bond.

- Jorge Luis Ortiz-Olivas, 26, Pueblo, Colo., April 30, driving without a license, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.

- Amanda Nicole Stewart, 26, Hendersonville, Tenn., May 5, possession of marijuana with intent, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

Organic funds available

Salina - Speaking on May 5, 2009, to the National Organic Standards Board, Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merigan announced \$50 million for a new initiative to encourage more organic agriculture production. Funding is being made available as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"Assisting organic producers is a priority of the 2008 Farm Bill as well as for Secretary Vilsack and the Obama Administration," said Merrigan.

According to Eric B. Banks, Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist, Kansas received over \$1.5 million for the initiative. Applications received from organic producers or producers in transition to organic farming will be accepted

under this initiative from May 11 through May 29.

The 2009 Organic Initiative is a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program certified organic producers as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production.

For more information about the program, go to www.ks.nres.usda.gov/programs/eqip.

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95th Birthday

Lloyd Cersovsky Sr. will celebrate his 95th birthday on May 28th, 2009.

In honor of this special occasion, his family invites you to send birthday wishes to him at:

1010 Maize Road, Colby, KS 67701.

Guests visit from the north

Recent guests of Bud and Peggy Stupka were Dennis and Sue Janousek of Bellevue, Mich.; Gary and Nancy Janousek of McCook, Neb.; and Hedy Tubbs and Berniece Luker of Colby.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.82
Corn (bushel)	\$3.92
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.11
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.17

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Russell Miller
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