

Family

Deaths

Robert John Andrew Weiss

Robert John Andrew Weiss, 20, a Colby High School graduate and a sophomore at the University of Kansas, died in Lawrence on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009.

He was born to Robert Lee Weiss and Laura Elizabeth Davis in Steamboat Springs, Colo., on July 6, 1988. He graduated from Colby High in 2007, and from Colby Community College in 2008. He had started classes in Lawrence.

Weiss delighted in learning and excelled in debating, his family said. He enjoyed outdoor sports, including soccer, skateboarding, snowboarding, skiing and hunting, especially soccer and snowboarding. He was a musician and played guitar.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandfather, Richard "Dickie" Davis, and his mother.

Survivors include his father, of the home; four brothers, Matthew Wheeler and Edward Wheeler of Steamboat Springs, and Zacary Weiss and Jeffrey Weiss of the home; his grandparents Jeanne (Turner) Davis, Chestertown Md., and Alice and Edmond Weiss, Ocean City, N.J.; and a niece, Kacie Marie Wheeler, and nephew, Isaiah Wheeler, of the home.

A memorial service will be at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor James Mardoch officiating.

The family suggests gifts for a skatepark or the American Youth Soccer Organization, in care of the Bobby Weiss Memorial Fund, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Box 797, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Clara M. Blakeway

Clara M. (Bodtke) Blakeway, 77, Colby, a retired motel housekeeper, died Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

She was born March 9, 1932, in Logan County.

Survivors include a son, Randy (Linda) Bodtke, and a daughter, Lynda (Richard) Purdy-Askey, Lincoln, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11

a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with the Rev. James Mardoch officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met in the United Methodist Church for its regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Due to the absence of the president, who was ill, and the vice president, who was out of town, secretary Marj Brown conducted the business meeting.

After routine business, the group discussed the watercolor workshop on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, with instructor Anna Seeber Shaw. Brown asked that all members bring plastic tablecloths to protect the tables. They should mark the backs of the tablecloths so they can be returned.

Several members volunteered to bring hair dryers and extension cords to share. Supply lists were passed out and it was voted to bring sack lunches rather than taking time to go out to eat.

The workshop will start at 9 a.m. each day and end at 4 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Members are to come at 8:40 a.m. to help set up. Shirley Baker volunteered to be in charge of refreshments.

Brown presented several communications about other workshops in the area.

Under new business, the June Art Jubilee was discussed and the club voted to give away two smaller gift baskets this year instead of one.

After the business meeting, a program about a 20th and 21st century artist, Greg Olsen, was

presented by Maxine Nelson. She said Olsen was born in Ireland in 1958, but grew up in Idaho Falls. After attending Utah State University, he and his wife Cindy raised six children. Olsen's paintings are mostly portraits and spiritual and contain a lot of emotion. Nelson said his paintings are hung in 20 temples and churches, one is hanging in the Pentagon, and many corporations have purchased his work.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the church and all area artists are invited to attend. Program chairman will be Baker, and the program will be presented by Margaret Denneler.

— Marj Brown

Leaves work well as fall garden tool

Because of the early onset of winter this month, the annual task of raking leaves is probably over by now.

Those falling leaves certainly can cause hours and hours of hard work as we strive to get them bagged up this time of the year. But the truth of the matter is that if you have trees, you have leaves. Not only do they fall from your trees, but it seems like most of the neighbor's leaves end up in your yard and you seemingly have twice as many to contend with.

Leaves have long been one of my favorite garden tools. I've been collecting leaves for many Octobers and Novembers, and I use them year around to make my garden soil more productive. Leaves are good for my garden and yours, too. I plow as many of them as possible into the garden this time of the year. And if I can catch a few days in January and February when the soil thaws, I'll plow in some more.

A lot of the leaves I collect now are stored and used the following summer to mulch just about everything I grow. I pile them as deep as I can to keep those growing vegetable plants in good shape because they keep the soil cool and they keep the weeds from growing and they conserve moisture. Those used for mulch are, of course, plowed into the soil when the garden stops producing in the fall.

Mulching, in my opinion, is the ultimate reason for accumulating leaves. I believe that is their great-



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

est value. But it's not the only reason I use them. The addition of leaves to my garden helps to keep the soil loose. The normal freezing and thawing of the soil makes it so easily workable at planting time the following spring.

Actually, those leaves do not add a great deal of fertilizer to the soil. Sure, they contain a certain amount of nutrients, but not as many as you might think. It's what they DO to the soil that makes them so valuable. They help to provide the living organisms that provide food for earthworms, who thrive on anything biodegradable that you have added to the soil. And when your garden soil contains an abundance of earthworms, you absolutely know you are going to get better production, no matter what you plant. The more biodegradable material you add when you plow your garden in the fall, the more earthworms you'll find in your garden when you plow it in the spring as you prepare you planting beds.

So please think twice about hauling your leaves to the landfill or the drop area. Use them to your own advantage. Bag them up for use in your garden. If you do, your chances for more vegetables and nicer flower beds are greatly enhanced.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday
4:16 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.
7:38 a.m. — Jammie Heer reported theft of signs from vehicle at 785 N. Chick.
9:23 a.m. — Subject received a scam call from Canada, didn't respond.
8:49 p.m. — Vehicle with boys bothering subject at the Dillon's gas station.
10:09 p.m. — Calls and threats

to subject at the college dorms. No report at this time, subject to further incidents.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday
2:11 p.m. — Report filed on arrest and detention of Jerrod L. Long for Shawnee County warrant.
7:36 p.m. — Paul Shepard arrested on warrant in Graham County.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.44
Corn (bushel)	\$3.50
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.48
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.96

Corrections

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.

Oakley native joins Colby accounting firm



C. Halbleib

Christopher Halbleib has joined Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball as a staff accountant in the Colby office.

A native of Oakley, Halbleib earned a dual bachelor's degree in accounting and in finance from Kansas State University in May 2008. He has completed the 150 credit hours required to sit for the Certified Public Accountant Exam.

He and his wife Jessica live in Colby. The firm has 12 offices throughout Kansas, offering a range of services to individuals and businesses.

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella, Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle, met in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church basement Thursday, Oct. 1, for a meal and a meeting. Hostesses were Joan Ziegler, Marla Crumrine and Louise Dougherty.

Ceanne Rinehart called the meeting to order, and lit a candle for deceased members.

The opening ode was sung and the flag pledge was said as a group. A spiritual reflection for October was read from the chaplain's guide.

It was reported that Rosemary Bange fell and broke both bones in her left lower arm. The group said they would remember her and Sylvester in their prayers.

Joan Albers reported on the "40 Days for Life" crusade, reminding members to pray daily for the cause.

The circle will donate to the church auction and the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays.

Oct. 18 was installation of officers at Grinnell.

There is a new web site for the parish. Laura Krejci took pictures during the evening and will put them on the site.

Albers will be a new trustee replacing Fawna McFee, whose term is up.

The obligation was said as a group and the closing ode sung. Meeting adjourned.

— Margaret Denneler

Thank You!

We would like to thank our family and friends for all the cards and for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Kenneth and Carolyn Call

The Family of Ralph Goossen

Requests a Card Shower to celebrate his 70th Birthday On November 3rd

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With love from your family,
Gloria, children Debra and Paul, Kimberly, Brian grandchildren Jared, David, Darren, Hannah, Rachael & Jacob

MOVIES

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October 23rd - October 29th

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
Genre(s): Family/Animation
PG 1 Hour, 30 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

ALL ABOUT STEVE
Starring: Sandra Bullock & Bradley Cooper
Genre(s): Comedy
PG-13 1 Hour, 40 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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October 31st
5 p.m. to Close

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