

# Family

## Deaths

### Charles J. Smith

Charles J. Smith, 77, a Rexford retiree, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital in Texas.

He was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Stanford, Neb., the son of Charley and Monica (Albertin) Smith. He was married to Eunice Shuler.

Mr. Smith served in the Air Force, and later became a tool and die maker in the aircraft industry, moving to Rexford after retirement.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, and siblings Richard Smith and Bernice Smith.

He is survived by a son, Lynn

Smith, Fort Worth; three daughters, Karen (Mike) Walz, Burlington, Texas; Lori (Curtis) Snapp, Azle, Texas; and Leslie (Thomas Correa) Hanson, Arlington, Texas; a sister, Grace (Wilmer) Hand; a sister-in-law, Lois Smith; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at the Rexford Cemetery, with the Rev. Glenn Patterson officiating.

The family suggests memorials in his name, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Doris E. Tillotson

Doris E. Tillotson, 83, formerly of Colby, a retired railroad station agent, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, in WaKeeney.

She was born April 8, 1926, in Englewood, Colo., the daughter of Kenneth and Lottie (Sherman) Tillotson. Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include a sister, Ella Mae Pike, Colorado Springs.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Beulah Cemetery, with Pastor James Mardock officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Harrison Chapel.

The family suggests memorials in her name, in care of the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Sam D. Wolf

Sam D. Wolf, 77, a retired Colby letter carrier, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, in Colby.

He was born June 28, 1932, in Colby, the son of Frank and Faye (Chadwick) Wolf, and lived here all of his life.

On May 26, 1956, he married Jo McGimsey in Colby.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers, Lee, Dale and Neil Wolf, and a sister, Fyrma Shull.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Ralph (Kim) Wolf and Pat Wolf of Colby; a daughter, Dexa (Peter) Swanson, Riverside, Calif.; a sister, Barbara

(Delbert) Touslee, Colby; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, with pastor Larry Booth officiating, and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

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

The family suggests memorials to Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank or Hospice Services, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701. Instead of bringing food to the home, they suggest people give nonperishable items to the food bank.

## Trail group honors leader

At the third annual Smoky Hill Trail Association Conference, held in Junction City Oct. 30 to Nov. 1, Mike Baughn of Brewster, former Thomas County sheriff, was recognized for his service as the group's first president.

The association was formed 2007 to preserve trail ruts, station sites and items related to the trail, also known as the Butterfield Trail. A primary mission is to seek National Historic Trail designation of the Smoky Hill Trail. The trail ran along the Smoky Hill River, serving as a highway for gold rushers in the mid-1800s.



Mike Baughn

Rep. Jerry Moran has introduced a bill in Congress that would direct the National Park Service to perform a feasibility study for making the trail a National Historic Trail. If the study substantiates the regional and national significance of this transportation corridor, Congress would then make the appropriate designation.

Baughn, who is also vice president of the Thomas County Historical Society and past president of the Butterfield Trail Association, Russell Springs, has long been active in organizations promoting historical preservation in northwest Kansas.



The Burkes' wedding party in 1959

## Shower of cards set to congratulate couple

Friends are invited to shower Martin and Denny Burke with cards of greetings and congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 21.

The Burkes married Nov. 21, 1959, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Ingalls.

They lived and farmed for more than 45 years near Levant, where they raised five daughters.

The Burkes moved to Kinsley in 2006, where Denny enjoys

retirement from the Thomas County Register of Deeds office, and Martin farms and takes in an occasional beefsteak.

Their daughters are Marie (James) Banowetz, Edna; Debbie (Jeff) Tunnell, and Sheila Burke, Oklahoma City; Janet (Gary) Shapland, Dighton; and Erin Burke, Los Angeles. There are five grandchildren.

Cards will reach them at 42032 Southeast H Road, Kinsley, Kan., 67547.

## Troops can nominate bosses for employer support awards

ARLINGTON, Va. — Members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families across the nation may nominate employers for the Secretary of Defense's Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. government to employers for their support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves.

Nominations will be accepted at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through Jan. 18 to recognize employers who have given exceptional support to service members above the requirements of federal law.

Almost half of the U.S. military is composed of Guard and Reserve members. The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to employees who serve in these reserve units.

For 2009 honorees ranged from AeroDyn Wind Tunnel, LLC, a small automotive racing wind-tunnel testing company in North

Carolina, to large businesses including Microsoft and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, to the Santa Ana, Calif., Police Department.

Recipients have provided significant support, including full salary, continuation of benefits, care packages and family assistance, to employees fulfilling their military obligation.

The award was instituted in 1996 under Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency.

"There is much excitement surrounding the 15th anniversary of the Freedom Award," said Polli Brunelli, acting executive director, "and we're enthusiastic to begin selection of the 2010 recipients from amongst all of the heartfelt nominations that will be submitted by thousands of proud Citizen Warriors."

For information, go to [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) or contact Maj. Melissa Phillips, ESGR Public Affairs, at (703) 380-9262.

## Babies

### Jack Thomas Faber



Jack Faber

Jack Thomas Faber, son of Josh and Rhonda Faber of Colby, was born Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at the home of his parents in Colby. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Brothers John, 14; Aaron, 12; and Mark, 10, welcomed the new baby.

Grandparents are John and Renee Faber of Brewster and Ron and Jane Ibbetson of Yuma, Ariz. Great-grandparents are John and Mary Faber of Brewster.

### Finley Anna Frantz

Finley Anna Frantz, daughter of Austin and Johnna Frantz of Colby, was born Oct. 28, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Twenty-one-month-old Reagan welcomed her new sister home.

Grandparents are Leonard and Jan Frantz, Hillsboro, and Bob and Connie Renner of Mingo. Great grandmothers are Dorothy Renner and Armella Kruse of Oakley.



Finley Frantz

### Kolbie Tapp Leach



Kolbie Leach

Kolbie Tapp Leach, daughter of Cliff and Kelly Leach of Goodland was born Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

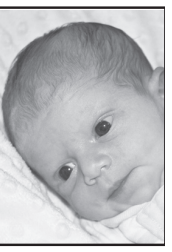
Sister Kayten welcomed her home. Grandparents are J.D. and Becky Neufeld of Ulysses and Gary and Merilie Leach of Bird City.

### Josiah David Timmons

Josiah David Timmons, son of Aaron and Sarah Timmons of Wichita, was born Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at Wesley BirthCare Center in Wichita. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 18 1/2 inches.

A sister, Mary, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Robert and Deanna Hanzlick of Colby, and Nancy Timmons and the late Doug Timmons of Fredonia. Great-grandparents are Hazel Duffey of Colby, Joe Hanzlick of Belleville, and Joe and Doris Studebaker of Fredonia.



Josiah T.

### Joel Nichols

Joel Reece Nichols, the son of Marc and Jessica Nichols of Russell, was born on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, five ounces and measured 20 inches.

He was welcomed by two sisters, Kaitlyn, 6, and Annika,

Paternal grandparents are Gloria Pabst and the late Richard Pabst of Oakley, and Loyall and Barb Nichols of Colby.

Maternal great-grandparents are Robert Wilburn of Hays, and the late LaVerne and Louise Wilburn.

Paternal great-grandparents are Adella Harry and the late Everett Harry of Colby, and the late Lee and Virgil Nichols of St. Francis.

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## Markets

## 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.

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.35
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Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.42
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