

Family

Deaths

Betty L. Woerpel

Elizabeth L. Woerpel, 73, retired operations manager of the Federal Land Bank in Colby, died Friday, April 2, 2010, in Hays.

She was born July 4, 1936, in Colby and lived in this area all her life.

On April 27, 1957, she married Claude D. Woerpel in Colby.

Survivors include her husband, of the home in Colby; two sons, Todd (Jeryleen) Woerpel, Hot Springs, Ark., and Troy (Julie) Woerpel, Overland Park; a brother, Don Mentlick, Chelmsford,

Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating, and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Harrison Chapel, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Woerpel asked, rather than sending flowers or contributions, that her friends do a random act of kindness for a stranger.

Ronald L. Bricker

Ronald L. Bricker, 87, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at his home in Salina.

He was born July 11, 1922, in Dundy County, Neb., the son of Irvin and Laura Bricker. His mother died when he was a small child and his father remarried. After graduating from Wallace County Community High School in Sharon Springs, he served in the army during World War II.

On Aug. 1, 1942, he married Amelia Meis. He was a spray pilot for 13 years, as well as a farmer.

In the late 1970s, the family lived in Colby, where he worked in construction.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Sharon Springs, as well as the Rodeo Cowboys Association, later known as the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and the Kansas Fly-

ing Farmers.

Preceding him in death were his wife, his parents and a sister, Ileene Hoover.

Survivors include his mother, Evelyn Bricker, Sharon Springs; three daughters, Charlotte (Jerry) Hagen, Port Angeles, Wash.; Laura (Bill) Cloyd, Sharon Springs; and Elizabeth Bricker, Salina; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the church, with the Rev. Paul McNall officiating, and burial in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to Hospice of Salina or Hospice Services of Wallace County, in care of the Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Cyber security to be topic at Fort Hays State gathering

Fort Hays State University is holding a cyber security conference from 12:30 to 5 p.m. next Monday. Registration starts at 12:30 in the Black and Gold Room in the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays campus. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is appreciated.

CyberCON 2010 – Cyber Security in the 21st Century will allow attendees to see the latest trends in Information Assurance, demonstrated by a variety of industry professionals.

Featured speakers will be Special Agent Scott Kice from the FBI's Cyber Crime Unit; Josh

Jones, a senior networking engineer with MSI; Jessica Heronemus, an instructor of economics and accounting at Fort Hays; and Brian Schneeweis, a systems engineer with Cisco Systems.

For information or to register, visit www.fhsu.edu/informatics/cybercon/ or call (785) 628-5373.

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.

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Winter onions brighten spring



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

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The plant itself is seeded from the preceding year, when the groupings of onions that you don't harvest, grow to two or three feet tall and form very small clusters of tiny bulbs, called bulbils, at the top of each stalk. When cold weather arrives, the stalks fall over and the bulbils take root and grow into next spring's crop of green onions. The stalk carrying the bulbils falls a foot or two from where it had been growing; hence the name of walking onions.

Wayne Winterrowd, an author and garden designer from Vermont who writes for "Horticulture" magazine, describes the tiny,

perfectly formed onions sprouting on top of the three-foot stems as "something like a fanciful tree that Dr. Seuss would draw."

He prefers to call them Egyptian onions because of the exotic sound of the name, although their origins seem to be nowhere near Egypt. I've always referred to them as winter onions, a name that my parents applied to them when I was young. That makes sense, since they are edible so early in the spring, or more correctly, late winter.

I got my cluster of bulbils from my Mom's garden nearly 50 years ago, and I have given many little clusters to those who wanted a start over the last several years. Want some?

Even if you grew Egyptian onions for just their outstanding growth habit, they would be worth it. But the taste of a freshly harvested stalk or two in mid-March is quite the best green onion (or

scallion) that I can grow. They grow quickly and are generally too large to eat – and beginning to form their bulbils – in five or six weeks. By then, the green onions I have planted in the regular garden with the lettuce and radishes are ready for the table.

Egyptian onions need to be started in a bed of their own because of the "walking" habit. To plant, just gently force the cluster into the soil in early spring, water them well and watch them take off. It will be next spring before you harvest your first crop, and they'll be ready before the first asparagus shoots appear.

There is only one caution: Always be sure to leave a few mother plants to produce bulbils for next year's harvest, or you'll have to beg a pocketful from another gardener to restart your bed.

One of the most delightful spring treats in my garden again this year was actually planted more than 50 years ago and it still has not been assigned a permanent name.

You may call them winter onions or tree onions, or even call them Egyptian onions, or how about Egyptian walking onions. Whatever name you wish to use to describe them, they offer one of the first wonderful garden fresh flavors of the new season. But their fresh taste is only one of the reasons why they are so gratifying in the garden. Their growing habit and seeding method almost defies description. But I'll try.

Egyptian onions are the absolute first sign of edible green in the spring garden. Their green shoots begin to appear in early March and are nearly always harvestable by late March or early April. They grow in clumps of four or five and are pulled from the ground just like any green onion. Their taste is

Forensic nursing course scheduled

Hays Medical Center will hold a professional course on Forensic Nursing and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, and April 22 and 23.

All sessions will be held at the Center for Health Improvement Education at 2500 Canterbury Drive, Hays. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. each day and the program runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must attend all four sessions to qualify for continuing education credit.

Speakers will include Connie Brogan, a registered nurse and forensic program clinical director at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. There will also be various speakers from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab, the Ellis County Attorney's office and law enforcement.

The U.S. Department of Jus-

tice has published guidelines for the care of sexual assault victims. This requires a plan of care for victims needing forensics expertise. Other agencies have practice standards for caring for victims of violence. This program will give nurses the core education to meet this standard in their practice.

This program is for registered

nurses, licensed practical nurses, mobile intensive care technicians, certified nursing assistant and other health-care professionals.

Twenty-six and a half hours of continuing education credit are available for nurses and emergency medical technicians. The fee for this program is \$40, but registration will be limited.

Garden numbers up in U.S.

The National Gardening Association says that 37-percent of U.S. households – more than 43 million homes – had edible-crop gardens last year. The year-to-

year numbers of vegetable, herb and fruit growers had increased 10 percent in 2008 and another 20 or so percent by 2009.

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