

# Family

## Deaths

### Rick Hickert

Rick Hickert, 55, a Selden area farmer and construction worker, died Friday, May 14, 2010, at his home near Selden after a battle with cancer.

He was born July 4, 1954, in Norton, the son of Quinten and Patricia (Campbell) Hickert.

He attended grade school in Clayton and Jennings, and graduated from Jennings High School in 1973.

On June 9, 1978, he married Betty Wessel in Selden. He had a welding shop there, farmed and did construction work.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters, Jennifer (Scott) Diers, Salina, and

Danielle (Cody) Young, Cheney; two brothers, Tom Hickert, Clayton, and Tim (Dar) Hichert, Hays; three sisters, Rose (Vernon) Beal, Smithville, Mo.; Jean Ann (Robert) Bowman, Norton; and Linette (Ernie) Klaus, Hays; a stepsister, Patty (John) Gall, Norton; and a grandson.

Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today, Monday, May 17, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, with burial in the Selden Cemetery.

Visitation and a vigil service were to be Sunday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Jerome A. Martin

Jerome A. Martin, 84, Colby, died Friday, May 14, 2010, and the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Feb. 7, 1926, in Pratt, the son of Francis and Clara (Dotts) Martin, and had lived in this area all of his adult life.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife, Rita (Meitl) Martin, in 2004.

Survivors include four sons, Joseph (Rita) Martin, Mount Home, Idaho; John (Nancy) Martin, Lanesville, Ind.; Robert (Jane) Martin, Conifer, Colo.; and Leroy (Jennifer) Martin, Little Elm,

Texas; four daughters, Kathleen Martin, Hays; Ruth (LaMoine) Wolfram, Oberlin; Carol Martin, Centennial, Colo.; and Virginia (Scott) Carver, Colby; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating and burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Harrison Chapel in Colby. A vigil service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests donations to the church, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 634, Colby Kan., 67701.

## Fresh vegetables only first benefit

Slowly but surely, a few of the fresh vegetables we have awaited for so many months are beginning to make their way onto our dinner tables.

How nice it is to sample a couple of crisp, tasty radishes or the mildness of a few wrinkled leaves of dark green spinach give us that long-awaited garden salad we have dreamed about all winter.

It's a heady time, and if we play our cards right, there will be much more to come as the season progresses. In many cases, fresh garden production will exceed the amount we can handle from meal to meal and we will be searching for ways to dispose of it.

The word dispose, as used in this instance, doesn't sound appropriate, because I don't think any of us will actually toss it in the trash. We'll find a friend or neighbor who prefers not to plant a garden and shower them with the good stuff. Or, common sense should tell you that the most magical of all uses for the excess should be to preserve it for later use.

Food preservation, the process of safely storing fresh garden produce for eating in the off-season, has been around since the beginning of time. Gardeners have found many different ways to enjoy what they have grown in ways other than fresh, although most of us would agree that's the best way. Still, we can eat only so much in



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

the short period of time the garden is growing, so we freeze some of the excess or slip it into glass jars and enjoy it anytime of the year.

Not only does food preservation solve the problem of overproduction, it also gives us the means to prepare many treats we might not have time to make during the busy growing season. I'm thinking of salsas, pickles of nearly every species of garden life, pesto, pie fillings, sauerkraut and the list goes on.

If you are a vegetable gardener, prepare now, quickly, for the canning and freezing possibilities. Check out the cost of a safe, modern, pressure canner or perhaps one of the hot-water bath canners. Pick up a package or two of good quality freezer bags, in the size best fitting the needs of your family.

And perhaps most important of all, buy yourself a copy of the "Ball Blue Book," available online or at some of the larger book stores. It will provide you with all you need to know about the process of home food preservation.

You'll wonder why you didn't get started years ago.

## VFW Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary president Peggy Ohlrogge opened the May 12 meeting with prayer, patriotic instructions and the flag salute after the officers' roll was called.

Minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

The president's message was read, followed with the reading of thank-you notes for donations to the National Home, Junior Girls Units, Chautauqua committee and the Thomas County 125th Celebration committee.

A report from the community service chairman was that 17 projects had been done and 115 hours of volunteer service were reported by members for April, along with donations to the Genesis Food Bank.

The family support chairman reported coupons had been sent to a military base in Turkey.

Upcoming days to fly the flag were noted in the Americanism report: Loyalty Day on May 1; Armed Forces Day on May 15, to salute all the service men and

women who protect our country; Memorial Day, on May 31, a day to respect the lives of veterans lost in wars and military action; and Flag Day on June 14, to celebrate our flag, our freedom and independence.

The publicity chair reported that the April minutes were in the *Colby Free Press*. Plans were made for the Memorial Day service at Beulah Cemetery. A donation for the health and happiness fund of the National Home was allowed.

Election of officers was held: president, Anita Thiel; senior vice president, Peggy Ohlrogge; junior vice president, Helen Hagler; treasurer, Terri Cloe; coteasurer, Rosalie Seemann; chaplain, Lily Thieler; guard, Margene Griffin; conductress, Mary Weed; and trustees, Ohlrogge; Elva Livingston and Seemann.

The National Home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with the ritual prayer.

Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9.

— Hazel Duffey

## Meadow Lake Golf Club

First place in the first flight at Lady's Golf on Tuesday night went to Audrey Hines.

First place in the second flight was Becky Peterson, while second went to Lauren Felten and Susan Wark took third place.

The consensus of the group was that everyone should have been

awarded a medal for braving the weather.

This Tuesday's game will be a one-lady scramble. A Couple's Tournament fund raiser for Meadow Lake on Sunday, sponsored by the Ladies Golf Association.

For information, call the club at (785) 460-6443.

## Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Margaret Denneler; second, Lyle Worthy;

third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Ken Ptacek; fifth, Katie Melvin; sixth, Gail Vacca; seventh, Joy Davis.

## Rare fish found off Sweden

**Louise Nordstrom**  
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM — First he thought it was a piece of plastic floating near the shoreline. When he got closer, 73-year-old Kurt Ove Eriksson realized the 12-foot (3.65-meter) serpent-like object was a rare creature from the depths of the ocean.

Marine biologists later determined Eriksson had found a Giant Oarfish — the world's largest bony fish — last seen in Swedish waters about 130 years ago.

"It was very long and shiny," Eriksson told the Associated Press on Wednesday. "It also had whiskers, even though it looked like they had been broken off. And a strange light-pink dorsal fin."

A retired engineer and avid fisherman, Eriksson made the unusual discovery on his way to his boat-house in Bovallstrand, on Sweden's west coast.

"I've been fishing around here since 1957 and I've never seen anything like it," he said, "but I've seen enough fish to know that it was a deep-water fish."

Eriksson handed over the dead fish to The House of the Sea, an aquarium in nearby Lysekil, where marine expert Roger Jansson said it's being kept pending a decision on what to do with it.

Jansson said the Giant Oarfish can grow up to 36 feet (11 meters), and is believed to live in deep waters. He said the last recorded discovery in Sweden was in 1879.

Sightings of the fish are believed to have inspired tales of sea serpents.

## Volunteer training coming for senior health insurance

Training for volunteers for Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas will be held in Hays on Wednesdays June 30, July 21 and Aug. 18.

Pre-registration is required and expenses for the training will be

paid.

This free program trains community volunteers to answer questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. The counselors provide free, unbiased and confidential assistance to beneficiaries, their caregivers and others who have questions about Medicare.


For information, contact Glenna Clingsmith at the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

## Corrections

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.79
Corn (bushel)	\$3.04
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.96
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.38



**Golden Plains 2010 Graduate**

*Aisha Walter*

I plan to attend Colby Community College before transferring to Fort Hays State University to study social work.

**Parents:**  
*Johnny and Andrea Wood and Ethan Walter*

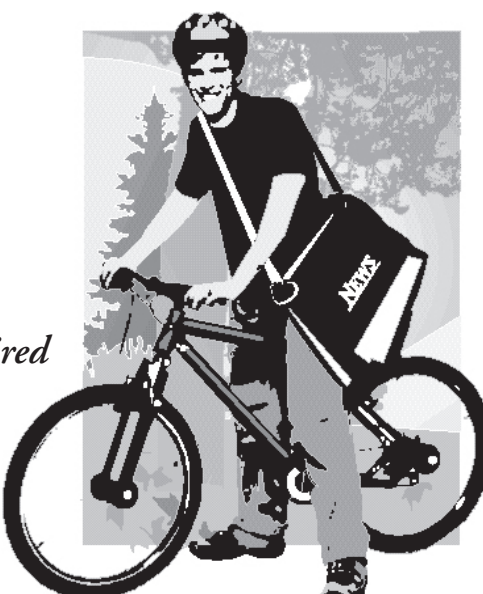
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