

Family

Deaths

Grace M. Griffin

Grace M. Griffin, 101, a Colby homemaker, farmer and pioneer as a woman trucker, died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at her daughter's home in Colorado Springs.

She was born Aug. 16, 1908, in Colby, the seventh of eight children of Royal B. and Rachel M. (Guinn) Chadwick, and had lived in this area all her life.

On Feb. 25, 1925, she married John E. "Ted" Griffin, and they lived on their farm nine miles south of Colby until the Dust Bowl made farming almost impossible. They started a truck line to help farmers move livestock and feed. The family moved to Colby in 1938 to further the business while continuing to farm.

During World War II, Mrs. Griffin drove a truck to haul water and feed to farms in the area. She was said to be one of the first women in the state to hold a chauffeur's license. The trucking business was sold in 1968, but she continued to farm, even after her husband's death.

A homemaker, she had been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for 62 years. She enjoyed gardening and being with her family. She lived in Colby until her health started to fail,

then went to live with her daughter in Colorado Springs at the age of 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1991; her parents; three sisters, Alma Pearl White, Golda Faye Wolf and Nina Maude Griffin; four brothers, Royal Jay Chadwick, Homer Glenn Chadwick, James Marion Chadwick and Elmer Ardis Chadwick; two sons, Jay Edwin Griffin and Allen A. Griffin; a daughter, Ethel Cooper; and two great-grandsons.

Survivors include two sons, Clinton "Ike" Griffin, Gem; and Gary (Patricia) Griffin, Greeley, Colo.; three daughters, Thelma Hiesch, Hays; Ruby Feess, Colorado Springs; and Connie Towey, Colby; a daughter-in-law, Margene Griffin, Colby; 24 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and 83 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at the Harrison Chapel, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorial donations to the donor's choice, in care of the funeral chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met at the home of Fritz Ostmeier for its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on June 8.

At the morning session, the members did pencil drawings "en plein air," or outdoors, of scenery in Ostmeier's back yard. At noon, they ate together with brown bag lunches. Dessert and drinks were furnished by the host.

President Marlene Carpenter called the afternoon business meeting to order. After routine business, secretary Marj Brown distributed information about a painting workshop in Logan.

Under old business, the Colby High Alumni Art Show to be presented by the club at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Art Gallery in the Frahm Theater at the college came up. Brown, show chairman, finished the list of volunteers to sit at the show and advertising posters were discussed.

Ruthie Hughes will do a large poster for the door of the theater and Brown will make flyers to

be distributed at the high school and at City Limits. Club members are to be at the gallery at 1 p.m. Wednesday to set up the show. It will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday. All members should be there at 1 p.m. Monday to take down the show and clean the gallery.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13, at the Colby United Methodist Church. Ruthie Hughes will have the program and Maxine Nelson will be hostess. At 10 a.m., members will work on individual projects, with the program at 2 p.m. after lunch. All area artists are invited.

- Marj Brown

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$3.52
Corn (bushel)	\$3.01
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Beans rank as bountiful crop



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

When the 19th century naturalist and writer Henry David Thoreau went off to Walden Pond in Massachusetts to contemplate nature's and his own existence, he planted beans - lots and lots of beans - to sustain him through his solitude.

For Thoreau, green beans were a reliable, bountiful crop, requiring only a little hoeing to keep back the weeds and a hawkish vigilance against hungry woodchucks. But his bean fields provided the philosophical Thoreau with more than food and sustenance. They were a metaphor for nature.

In his book "Walden," his literary classic about his years at the pond, Thoreau dedicated an entire chapter to his musings on beans.

"I was determined to know beans," he wrote.

If there's a sure bet in the garden, it has to be green beans. You don't have to be transcendental about beans to grow a good crop or appreciate their flavor and usefulness. Green beans are as hardy and dependable for the beginning gardener as they are for those with years of gardening experience.

When buying bean seed, you must choose between bush beans and climbing pole beans. The majority of us prefer the bush type that typically grow to a height of 18 inches. They mature faster than climbing beans and have a mild flavor. Pole beans are a good choice for a garden cramped for space but require some kind of climbing support. They can reach seven to 15 feet and mature later than their bush brothers. They also have a beanier flavor than the

bushies.

Despite the name, green beans aren't always green. If you want some color in your bean patch, consider varieties that bear purple pods, which remarkable enough, turn green when cooked. And then there are the yellow wax beans that many gardeners enjoy. Remarkably, they remain yellow when cooked.

I remember when green beans were very stringy and difficult to prepare for the dinner table. Tough green strings grew naturally on both edges of the pods, and it seemingly took hours to destring and snap a sizable picking.

It was about 1948 when the Burpee Seed Co. offered the first bean without tough strings. They were given, strangely enough, the name of Stringless Green Pod, and gardeners everywhere were much happier with their bean crop. Unfortunately, Henry Thoreau never had the opportunity to sample them.

Today, I plant a main crop of Derby green beans, an All-America winner from 1990. The Blue Lake 274 variety is also a winner, as are Contender, Provider and Romano II. If I were to plant a climber, I would select a French gourmet fillet bean called Fortex that can reach 11 inches in length. Kentucky Blue is also a good

climber.

Every gardener should plant green beans. When you bring in the first picking, you'll surely agree with Thoreau who considered gardening to be a sacred art.

In "Walden," he wrote, "It was a singular experience, that long acquaintance I cultivated with beans."

Lloyd G. Wilson

Lloyd G. Wilson, 91 of Colby passed away on June 12, 2010 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was born in rural Thomas County on October 14, 1918 to Frank and Elizabeth Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bertilla; five sons, Lloyd Jr. and his wife Sandy of Imperial, Nebraska; Wayne and his wife Jeanne, Marvin, Leland and his wife Roxy, Lonnie and his wife Lori, all of Colby; four daughters, Marilyn McFarland and her husband Dale of Pratt, Kansas; Elaine Nice and her husband Terry of Honey Creek, Iowa; Laura Withington and her husband Kenny of Colby, Eileen Siebert and her husband Kenton of Colby; Brother, Frank Wilson, Jr. of Oakley, Kansas; 29 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Bessie Luebke, Pearl Wilson, Goldie Wilson, Jeannie McDonald, Elva Pilkington; two brothers, Clyde Wilson and Clarence Wilson, a grandson, Logan Wilson.

Lloyd was a farmer all of his life, being raised on a farm near Mingo, Kansas. He began farming on his own until serving in the United States Army in World War II. After his discharge from the service, he returned to rural Colby and married Bertilla Karlin on July 20, 1946. Lloyd and Bertilla farmed, raised and milked dairy cattle for many years, as well as raised other livestock. Lloyd enjoyed raising Shetland ponies. He continued farming and lived on the farm until his death.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Memorial contributions are suggested in Lloyd's name to be designated by the family at a later date and may be made in care of the funeral home or may be left at any Colby bank.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone for your thoughtful words, prayers, cards, food and memorial gifts given to us in memory of Dad. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered.

The Lloyd Wilson Family

Robber drops all but a dollar

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh police are searching for a butterfingering convenience store robber who got away with seven packs of cigarettes but dropped all but \$1 of the money he stole.

Police say the man robbed the Uni-Mart in the city's Troy Hill section at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday. The man, wearing a ski mask and ball cap, pointed a handgun at a clerk who gave him \$66. A customer was in the store at the time,

but nobody was hurt.

Detectives were reviewing surveillance video Monday but did not have any immediate arrests.

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