

Family

Deaths

Richard G. Barnett

Richard G. Barnett, 58, Colby, died Monday, June 28, 2010, in Loveland Colo. He was born Dec. 17, 1951. Cremation was chosen, and services will be announced at a later date by Harrison Chapel in Colby, 462-2331.

Patricia E. Nelson

Patricia E. Nelson, 81, Colby homemaker, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at her home in Colby. She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Seguin, the daughter of Paul A. and Alice E. (Dwyer) Stramel. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Nelson, on Feb. 23, 2006. Survivors include three daughters, Judith K. Watkins, Hoxie; Joyce A. Washburn, Colby; and Marilyn S. Sowers, Goodland; a sister, Joyce Wieser, Denver; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Fri-

Bluegrass and the fair are coming

June was certainly a busy month in Colby. We thank all who attended Chautauqua; it was fun, educational and informative. We thank all who helped in any way during this project. A special thank you goes to Sue Taylor and the Prairie Museum of Art and History for being hosts for the tent events and youth chautauqua. The youth were a big hit at the Saturday night tent show.



Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

Bike Across Kansas was huge and there is nothing like the Colby High School All School Reunion to liven the community. Congratulations to the Hampton Hotel; we are excited to have them aboard. If you missed the ribbon cutting, they will be hosting a Business After Five on Oct. 13. It is a wonderful, modern facility.

If you are interested in being part of the Adult Leadership Thomas County Class to be held in September and October, please call Leilani at 460-7643. There will be four classes, a chance for training at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita, and a class project. If you are interested, we will send you an application or you may stop by the office. Application deadline is Friday, July 23.

We welcome Sherry McDonald and Tracey Perkins to the Leadership Thomas County board of directors. Leon Volk has resigned from the board. We thank him for his participation.

Now it's time to look toward July events. July literally begins with a "bang" as the Colby Kiwanis Club holds their annual fireworks display at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Fireworks begin about 10:10 p.m. Colby High Plains Lions will hold their hot dog feed preceding the fireworks show.

A centerpiece event for the community and 125th Birthday Celebration is the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival which will be Friday through Sunday, July 16 to 18, at the

fairgrounds. Entertainers this year will be Cody Shuler and Pine Mountain Railroad, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, the Martin Family, The Millers and High Atmosphere. Returning are local favorites The New Old Timers, Larry Booth, Sappa Strings, emcee Dodge City Marshal Allen Bailey and the host band, The Mc-Lemores.

The festival officially gets underway at 6 p.m. Friday night, continues at 11:45 a.m. Saturday and opens at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with cowboy church and a gospel sing-a-long. A pre-event jam session and pot luck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H building. Everyone is invited and this is free. Tickets are available at Chamber office, Plum Creek Ltd. and F & M Branch Bank at Dillons.

July is also fair month with events Monday through Saturday, July 26 to 31. Highlights include the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association rodeo Monday and Tuesday night, demolition derby and barbecue Wednesday evening, flat track motorcycle races Thursday night and shootout car races Saturday and Sunday.

The Hometown Carnival Association will have the rides and games going Tuesday through Saturday night. J&R Marketing is presenting the Gatlin Brothers in Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, as a kickoff for the fair. Don't forget to support the 4-H youth during the fair. They have worked hard with their projects and animals and appreciate that you

are behind them. The parade this year will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday beginning at Eighth and Franklin, going south on Franklin to Cedar and ending at the fairgrounds. The theme is "The Spirit of the Prairie Lives On." This is the official parade of the 125th Birthday. All are encouraged to enter with floats to make this the biggest parade as part of our year-long birthday party. Applications have been mailed or you may call the Chamber at 460-3401 for information.

Picnic in the Park continues at noon every Wednesday during July. Plan on joining us in Fike Park for great entertainment. We appreciate the folks who are sharing their time and talent.

There are a couple of other special events for July. Car races will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th, at the speedway. Thomas County queen contest modeling and interviews will be at Colby Community College, also on July 11. Horsemanship will be at 5 p.m. the same day at the fairgrounds.

The queen and princesses will be announced Monday evening, the 26th, at the rodeo. The Army Band will be in concert on Thursday the 29th at the Colby Community Building.

Calendar of Events is now ready for the months of July, August and September. They are available at motels, banks, City Hall, Thomas County courthouse, museum, library and chamber office. We encourage you to use them to keep track of the many events happening in Colby.

We'll see you at Pickin' on the Plains and the Thomas County Fair.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Property restoration targets veterans, groups

Dennis McKinney

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As we look back at the recently celebrated Memorial Day, and prepare ourselves for Independence Day, Americans must constantly look for ways in which we can serve veterans who have given so much in protecting the freedoms we hold so dear. Honoring our veterans is what the patriots property unclaimed property program aims to do.

Upon taking office last year, I began a partnership between the Kansas State Treasurer's Office and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs to design specific efforts to return unclaimed property to Kansas veterans. The patriots property program was created in November and that first list contains the names of about 10,000 Kansas veterans with property totaling about \$4.5 million. Recently we added over 1,400 new names to the list.

In addition to establishing the program website, www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/patriotsproperty, my staff recently attended the

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars state conventions to provide onsite searches for veterans and their families. Our unclaimed property staff has also been searching for military organizations who might have unclaimed property and reaching out in order to reunite this property with our nation's defenders.

With most surviving World War II veterans now in their eighties, now is the time to redouble our efforts to put this money back to work for its owners. The bottom line for the program is to put special emphasis on our veterans to make sure, that in some small way, we pay tribute to their service. We are proud of them and want to ensure that we make every effort to return the favor of great personal sacrifice they have made for our country. It is simply the right thing to do.

I encourage all veterans and their families to visit www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/patriotsproperty. I would also encourage everyone to visit www.kansascash.com or call (800) 432-0386 and search for their own unclaimed property.

Mower found in slow getaway

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Police in Washington state say they caught a man making a slow getaway on a stolen riding

mower. The *Tri-City Herald* reports officers responding to a burglary call Tuesday morning found a 31-year-old man riding the mower in the street, pulling a trailer of other lawn-care equipment.

He was jailed for investigation of burglary, theft and drug charges.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$3.23
Corn (bushel)	\$2.66
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.28
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.41

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Roofing Bid for Cheylin Schools Elementary Building

Cheylin Schools, USD 103, is accepting bids for new roofing on the elementary school portion of our building. We propose to cover approximately 7,800 square feet with new roofing material of the following specifications:

1/2" Fanfold or equivalent insulation over the existing roof area. 50 mil. Duro-Last membrane or equivalent over the entire roof area and replace curbs, stack, drains, and flashing as well as caulking and sealing joints. Work should also include replacing damaged insulation and ceiling time from water damage. 20 year warranty. Work to include removal of the existing rock roofing material and clean up affected area. Please submit bids to Cheylin Schools, Box 28, Bird City, Kansas, 67731 and mark the envelope with Elementary School Roof Bids. Bids will be accepted until July 6th at the Board of Education Office. Cheylin Schools retains the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened on July 7th at 10 a.m. For questions or more information please contact Bruce Bolen, Superintendent of Schools, or Jane Young, BOE Clerk at 785-734-2341.

Limping man surprised to discover gunshot wound

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Tracy Durham remembers hearing the pop. But the gunshot wound the Illinois man discovered after a neighbor asked about his limp? That was a surprise.

The 48-year-old Durham told police he thinks he was shot by a friend during a party last week at his home.

Police say Durham recalled calling the friend's girlfriend ugly. The Peoria man then heard a pop as he took a drink from a bottle of whiskey. But police say he felt no pain.

Durham told officers he went to sleep around 3 a.m. Monday and discovered the wound about four

hours later. Police questioned Durham while he was being treated at a lo-

cal hospital. He declined to identify the man he thinks shot him.

Corrections

The story "College board talks about cooperation," on Page 3 of the Monday, June 28, edition of the *Colby Free Press* misidentified the golf course used for the college wrestling team fund raiser. The fund raiser was held at the Oakley Country Club. This was a reporting error.

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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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Goossen To Celebrate 45th Wedding Anniversary

The Children of Ralph and Gloria Gossen of Friend, Neb. will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary with a card shower on July 9th.

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Ralph and Gloria Gossen
719 Maple Street
Friend, NE 68359.

Hot Savings

JULY 1, 2, 3, & 5th
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

JULY 4th
1 - 5 p.m.



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WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5


Please review deadlines and paper delivery changes below.

Happy Birthday, America!

The Friday Paper on July 2 will be delivered as normal. There will be no Colby Free Press on Monday, July 5 and our office will be closed to celebrate this joyous holiday.

Deadline for the Wednesday paper on July 7 is Tuesday July 6 by 3 pm. For the Country Advocate on July 6, deadline is Friday, July 2 by Noon.

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A FREE PRESS ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY!!



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