

Family

Deaths

Emma 'Ollie' Thompson

Emma "Ollie" Thompson, 102, a former Colby sewing instructor and aunt of Larry Washburn of Colby, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Southridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center in Heber Springs, Ark.

She was born July 8, 1908, in Colby, the daughter of Clyde and Mattie (Jones) Washburn. She lived in this area until moving to Heber Springs 14 years ago.

She taught sewing and had been an instructor for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., as well as a home-maker. She was a lifelong member of the Colby Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four younger

brothers, Raymond, Leroy, Albert and Lowell Washburn.

Survivors also include a daughter, Twila Mae (Charles) Cayton, Heber Springs; a sister-in-law, Drusilla Washburn, Colby; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-granddaughters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Charles Cayton officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church God Pleasers Fund in Heber Springs.

Novice gardeners: start planning now

Those of us who have received a few fresh vegetables from a friend or neighbor during one summer or another know how welcome they were. And be assured that those who gave away the home-grown produce were elated as well.

The giving and receiving of garden goodies is a time-honored tradition. Not only is it a treat to receive the fresh food, but the giver is happy to find someone who appreciates the results of their labors.

Let me encourage those of you who are classified as receivers to consider becoming givers. This is the time of the year to make up your mind to plant a vegetable garden.

Spring is almost here, but you still have plenty of time to prepare a small plot somewhere in your yard and raise a little of your own fresh, healthy food.

It doesn't have to encompass half the neighborhood; a small area about eight feet by eight feet can produce some delightful family eating this summer.

If you've not gardened before, it's a lot better to start small than trying to plant the "south 40" and then lose interest when the thermometer hits 95 in July. Start small and enjoy what you're doing.

So, you might ask, how do I prepare that small plot in order to get started?

Glad you asked. Just get yourself a shovel and turn the soil over as deeply as possible. Or maybe



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

the kid next door or a friend can help you do that.

For a larger plot, there are those who own rototillers whom you can hire to do the job.

If you do it yourself, smooth the spaded soil thoroughly and scatter a little slow-release fertilizer on top. Rake it in and water thoroughly. When it dries enough, hoe the soil as deeply as you can and you'll be surprised how nice it looks.

You're ready to plant a few seeds. Choose your favorites — maybe a half packet of radishes and perhaps a short row of lettuce and spinach. Or even three or four zucchini seeds (no more than that) and a hill of cucumbers.

Save room for a couple of tomato plants and a plant or two of your favorite peppers. Watch for weeds that are sure to rear their ugly heads, apply water when needed and harvest the goodness as it comes ripe.

See? That wasn't so difficult. Anybody, at just about any age, can do it. Don't sell yourself short.

Begin your planning now. Don't hesitate to ask a friend, a neighbor, a Master Gardener, or a newspaper columnist for any advice you may need.

Rexford approves new beverage license

At the February meeting of the Rexford City Council, Mayor Dave Williams and the council approved an application from the American Legion for a beer license. Matt Vogler moved to approve, seconded by Dwight Williams.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, the Book Club will have its monthly meeting at the Red Barn for everyone who enjoys reading.

The movie "Chicken Little," shown Sunday afternoon at the Hall, had a good attendance.

A soup luncheon held by the



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

Rexford Lions Club on Saturday had a good turnout. The crowd enjoyed ham and beans, potato soup and yummy desserts. Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts helped with serving and clean up to earn a badge.

Until next, make your week a memorable one.

Spring promotion offers dogwood trees

Celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees; the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to participate.

Join the foundation in March and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The promotion is part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign. Trees will be shipped

postpaid for planting, with instructions, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the foundation's bimonthly publication, and "The Tree Book," with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by March 31, or join online at www.arborday.org/March.

Meadow Lake Bridget Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Larry Barrett;

third, Margaret Danneler; fourth, Joy Davis; fifth, Barb Ulmer; and sixth, Mary Kersenbrock.

Corrections

A birth announcement for Elijah Stephens Steinlage on Page 4 of the Dec. 1 edition of the *Colby Free Press* several errors:

He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces, not 10 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Dorothy Stephens of Colby and the late Joseph Stephens; Mrs. Stephens was incorrectly listed as living in Wichita.

His paternal grandparents are Gertie Steinlage of Seneca and the late Lambert Steinlage. Mrs. Steinlage lives in Seneca.

His sister's name is Elle.

The mistakes were partly due to reporter error and partly in incorrect information supplied to the

newspaper.

And finally, we failed to act on a complaint in January, in violation of our standing policy on corrections.

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The caption under a photo on the front page of the Friday, Feb. 28, edition of the *Colby Free Press* should have said that FFA member Seth DeHart is a senior at Colby High. This was the reporter's 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.

New class series to begin on financial management

A new 13-week series of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Management Classes begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Sacred Heart Catholic Church music room, in the south

end of the church basement. The first class is free. Later sessions require a kit, which costs \$93.

For information, contact Sara Juenemann at (785) 460-7725.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.52
Corn (bushel)	\$6.47
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.12
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.40

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U.S. Department of Transportation Ad Council

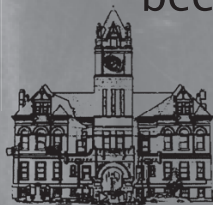


Time for a New Career

The Colby Free Press is looking for a **FULL TIME ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE** to sell advertising for Nor'West Newspapers. The work week would be 40 hours with occasional evening and weekend duties. Computer skills with Excel, Photoshop, InDesign, and Acrobat helpful but not necessary. Must have good communication skills, and excellent customer service skills with attention to detail.

Send a letter and resume to Steve Haynes, Publisher, at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701 or s.haynes@nwkansas.com

This could be the job you've been looking for!



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Gem Lions Club

Annual Soup Day

VEGGIE - CHILI - POTATO

March 5, 2011 • 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Gem Community Building

Free Will Donation

Net proceeds will be used for community betterment.

Murder of the Great Chef!!



An interactive murder mystery event including fine dining and entertainment

Saturday ~ March 5, 2011 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets on sale now

\$20 each

Sponsored by the

Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library

Roger's Bar & Grill is putting on a benefit for

Sandy Green

4-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

to help pay for medical expenses.

Please attend to show your support.

If you would like to send a donation.

Send it to: Sandy Green

@ Roger's Bar & Grill

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