

Family

Deaths

Bruce O. Selby

Bruce O. Selby, 83, a Colby area farmer, died Sunday, April 17, 2011, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born Feb. 27, 1928, in Lufton, Texas, the son of William O. and Stella M. (Scarlett) Selby.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Nadine Struckhoff.

Survivors include his wife and a son, Robert B. Selby, both of Colby; two daughters, Linda M. Schwarz, Grinnell; and Scarlett L. Hill, Hoxie; two brothers, Bill Selby, Brewster, and Jim Selby, Council Grove; a sister, Maytha

Starns, Ellinwood; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at the Brewster United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike McVay officiating and burial in the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Weather tops list, holds interest for all

I greatly value the input of my loyal, faithful, veteran readers – all five of you. So, in an attempt to please you, I decided to write something different this week.

I wanted to write about something with wide appeal to all gardeners, and so I asked my regulars to come up with a subject that has universal interest. And by a vote of 3 to 2, their decision was – THE WEATHER! After last week's big blow, it would seem that the weather is on nearly everyone's mind these days, not just gardeners

Just about all my life, I have talked about the weather on the radio, or heard other people talk about it.

"When the wind is in the east, it's not fit for man or beast."

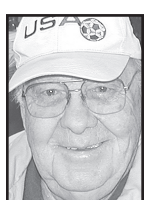
"It's an ill wind that blows no good."

"If you don't like the weather now, just wait a few minutes."

In 1949, Marcellus Cox observed that "One way to help the weather make up its mind is to hang the wash on the line." (You old timers may need to explain to the youngsters.)

Weather forecasters are often the target of displeasure when they miss the mark, which seldom happens anymore. Forecasting the weather these days is a science and thousands of times more accurate than when I was a kid.

People used to say that the forecasters were "flying by the seat of their pants," whatever that means.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

Jean Paul Kaufmann wrote that "the economy depends about as much on economists as the weather depends on forecasters."

Charles Dudley Warner wrote this in an editorial in the *Hartford (Conn.) Courant* on Aug. 24, 1897: "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Mark Twain later used Warner's observation in his speeches.

Mark Twain DID have this to say in 1876. (No, I wasn't there to hear the speech.) He said, "The weather gets through more business in the spring than any other season. In the spring, I have counted one hundred and thirty six different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."

I like what Sir Anthony Helps wrote in his book, "Companions of My Solitude": "To be sure, there was chilliness in the air, but if you walked with vigor and said it was a charming morning, it would probably become so."

I appreciate your "weathering" today's column. No question about it, the weather, hot or cold, wet or dry, windy or calm, plays such an important part in the life of every gardener!

Colby grad to defend senior thesis in Hays

Chris Rohr of Colby, a senior at Fort Hays State University, will present his senior thesis, "Should Tainted Evidence Be Admissible as Evidence? A Defense of the Exclusionary Rule" at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Hays Public Library Gallery.

He is one of six seniors to be presenting their material, including Mitchell Sahlfeld of Beloit, Jean Meckenstock of Hays, Cassy Vopat of Plainville, David Cross of Abilene and

Timothy Northrup of Abilene. Rohr earned a B.A. in political science in the spring 2010 semester and is completing his B.A. in philosophy this spring.

The senior philosophy thesis, required for the Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, is a major paper of about 30 pages, the product of a three-credit-hour thesis course spent working with the thesis advisor on a topic predetermined by the student and the advisor.

Presidential library offers summer institute

"Primarily Teaching: Original Documents and Classroom Strategies," one of five workshops for teachers offered by the National Archives and Records Administration this summer, will be held from Monday to Friday, July 18 to 22, at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene.

The sessions will have a special science, technology, engineering and math focus to bring an interesting, practical and real-world approach to the teaching of these subjects, sponsors say.

The free workshop is designed to reveal the resources of the National Archives for upper elementary, secondary and college

teachers. Participants learn how to research historical records, create classroom materials based on them and present documents in ways that sharpen students' skills and enthusiasm for history, government and the humanities.

Graduate credit is available for a fee. Participation is limited to 10 students. Classes will be filled first come, first served. Participants will receive classroom materials and a \$250 stipend. Deadline for applications is Monday, June 6.

Information and an application are available at www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching, or call Kim Barbieri, education specialist at the museum.

Plant tags can't provide local growing information

Plant tags aren't the end-all of information on whether a perennial or shrub will thrive in a particular landscape.

Most tags include the plant's hardiness zones, which reflect the depth of cold it can survive. Much of Kansas, for example, is either Zone 5b (north) or Zone 6a (south), according to the Department of Agriculture's widely accepted hardiness zone map (www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/ushzmap.html). But, those zones' patch through the lower 48 states shows the wide variety of climates both include – from New England in the east to Washington state and into Canada out west.

Increasingly, tags may also include plants' adaptability to heat, as indicated by the American Horticultural Society's heat-zone map (www.ahs.org/pdfs/05_heat_map.pdf). This map shows Kansas as being in heat zone 7 (north) and 8. That means the state averages having 61-90 or 91-120 days per year with temperatures above 86 degrees – the point at which plants can experience internal heat dam-

age. The two heat zones align Kansas to areas that stretch from the Deep South to California's wine country.

Of course, neither map addresses plants' adaptability in terms of soil texture, pH, wind, insects, diseases, relative humidity and the like. Plant tags don't mention much about those factors, either.

Most land-grant universities, however, run field trials to identify the best-adapted plants for their state. Those universities' Extension agents and Cooperative Extension Service websites often share the resulting recommendations.

That's true of Kansas' statewide network of county and district Extension agents. A web-based Horticulture Information Center also provides links to lists of Kansas-proven food plants, trees and shrubs, lawn grasses and annual and perennial flowers (www.hfr.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=583). Both are a regular part of Kansas State University Research and Extension programs.

Workshop to focus on creative photography

A four-day creative photography workshop, The Art of "Seeing," is coming to Goodland on Thursday to Sunday, May 12 to 15.

"The workshop is being led by award-winning combat photojournalist Sam Bass," said Bonnie Stasser of Stasser Galleries in Goodland, "and will 'focus' on life in Goodland, including selected businesses, as part of student photographer assignments."

The photojournalism-based workshop will include both creative photography and writing assignments. Students will be challenged to develop photo-features and pictorials of businesses,

craftsmen, artists and artisans, ranchers and others.

"The goal ... is to equip workshop participants with the creative skills they need to take their images to the next level," said Stasser, "and the promotional tools to effectively market them."

The deadline for registration is Wednesday. The fee is \$700, which includes a \$250 non-refundable deposit required to reserve one of the 10 slots available.

"Sam Bass is a highly creative and respected photographer," said Stasser, "and we'd like to see this become an annual event."

Camp to offer kids training for survival on an alien planet

The nationally acclaimed Camp Invention program is coming to Fort Hays State University this summer through the camping program of the university's Science and Mathematics Education Institute.

Created for children entering grades 1 through 6, the program is a weeklong adventure in hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and math, as well as history and the arts.

Children use creative thinking to solve real-world challenges and learn life skills such as problem solving and teamwork through imaginative play.

This summer, campers will be challenged to survive harsh living conditions after crash-landing on an alien planet in the "Problem Solving on Planet ZAK" module, institute "green" city design by employing ecofriendly water filtration and safe waste disposal

systems in the "Saving Sludge City" module, and uncover the science behind thrill rides as they build model roller coasters in the "Imagination Point: Ride Physics" module.

The Camp Invention program was created in partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

"We are focused on ... subject areas that will help the United States address a critical shortage of scientists and engineers in the global workforce of the 21st century," said Michael J. Oister, chief operating officer for Invent Now. "Our programs nurture creative thinking in children, providing them with open-ended opportunities to explore ideas, make mistakes and reinvent solutions."

To register a child or for information, go to www.campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332. In Hays, call Barbara Rockers, camp director, at (785) 628-4168.

Prairie Fair for kids coming as museum, college team up

Area teachers of first to fourth grades are invited to bring their classes out to the annual Prairie Fair, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History and Colby Community College are teaming up to present a day-long, fun-filled educational experience for kids. The event is free, but pre-registration is required.

The theme this year is "Community," and sessions will include archeology, art, nature, recycling, pet care, health care and other activities. At the General Store, kids and teachers can buy inexpensive items.

Contact the museum for information or to register at (785) 460-4590 or museum@st-tel.net.

Suit filed over truck-stop tiger

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An animal advocacy group and a former state legislator have filed suit against Louisiana wildlife officials, saying they violated the law when they issued a permit allowing a live tiger to be kept at a truck stop west of Baton Rouge.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund and former state Rep. Warren Triche Jr. are among plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed Monday in state district court in Baton Rouge. The suit says the permit issued in 2009 and renewed last year violates state law.

The permit was issued to Michael Sandlin, owner of the Tiger Truck Stop in Grosse Tete, La. Sandlin and some animal advocacy groups have been at odds for years over his keeping of exotic cats at the truck stop.

A spokesman for the Wildlife and Fisheries Department declined comment Monday, noting that the department had not received a copy of the lawsuit.

The lawsuit says regulations adopted by the department under a 2006 state law forbid the possession of tigers. People who legally owned such animals prior

to the 2006 law could continue to be permitted. But the lawsuit says Sandlin's keeping of tigers before the law was passed also was illegal, violating a parish law. Also, the lawsuit claims, Sandlin cannot keep a tiger at the truck stop because he does not live on the premises as required by law.

Sandlin is not a defendant in the lawsuit. He was not at the truck stop when a phone call seeking comment was made Monday evening but has long defended his keeping of tigers at the truck stop.

"Some people have told us our cats look like they get better care than cats at a lot of the zoos," Sandlin says on his website.

Triche, of Thibodaux, was the chief sponsor of a 2004 Louisiana law that bans many "hog dog" events in which dogs attack penned, often de-tusked hogs if "it is intended or reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated or killed."

Corrections

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Laura Juenemann

Parents: Kevin & Donna Juenemann

Laura, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's April 2011 Student of the Month.

Laura's school & community activities include Tennis, Cosmic Crayon, Student Council, Yearbook, Track, Track Manager, Prom Committee, Forensics, International Club, Pointe/Ballet Class, CYO, CYO Service Projects, Jr CYO Camp Counselor, Meals-On-Wheels, NHS Recycling, Prayer & Action Service Retreat, Pre-School Aide, Red Cross Blood Drive, Totus Tuus/Vacation Bible School Aide, Community Garden, and Wee Words Nursery Aide.

Laura's special honors include National Honor Society, NHS Secretary, Diocesan Youth Council-West Vicariate Representative, Leadership Thomas County, and Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Laura's academic emphasis has been the Kansas State Scholar's Curriculum.

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