

Family

Deaths

Willie A. Engelhardt

Willie A. Engelhardt, 94, Colby, retired farmer and grain elevator owner/operator, died Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Fairview Estates in Colby.

He was born Aug. 23, 1915, in Thomas County, the son of William A. and Minna B. (Nahrung) Engelhardt.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Ethel in 1958 and his second wife Mary Jane in 2010.

Survivors include a stepson, Leland Nordstrom of Kennard, Neb.; two daughters, Betty Rader, Lenexa; and Mary Patterson, Novato, Calif.; four grandchildren;

two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the Mingo Bible Church, with Pastor Tom Peyton officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery with military rites.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

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

Irma Jean Hibbs

Irma Jean Hibbs, 87, Salina, formerly of Rexford, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at the Sterling House in Salina.

She was born Aug. 28, 1923, in Rexford, to Chris and Martha L. (Tucker) Mosher. She graduated from Rexford High School in 1941 and attended Fort Hays State College.

On Jan. 26, 1944, she married Lester Hibbs in Salt Lake City, where he was stationed while serving in the Air Force.

In the fall of 1945, they moved to Colby and the following spring moved to the Cogdill farm southeast of Rexford. In 1958, the family moved to Rexford where Lester worked in her father's grain business. They later purchased Mosher Elevators, where she was bookkeeper until retired in 1982.

Mrs. Hibbs was a member of the Rexford Community Church,

the Order of Eastern Star, the Royal Neighbors and the Rexford Bridge Club.



Irma Hibbs

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on Jan. 13, 1988, and two sisters, Jennie Rico and Blanche Barnett.

Survivors include her children, Jan (Lee) Holmes, of Salina, Mart (Jim) Dechant, of Hays, and Gary (Karen) Hibbs, of Rexford; a sister, Dorothy Renner, of Colby; eight grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Rexford Community Church, with the Rev. Lane Purcell officiating and burial in the Rexford Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to Sterling House, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

James L. Withers

Services were to be today, Monday, May 9, 2011, for James L. Withers, 76, a retired rancher and farmer, Colby, who died Thursday, May 5, 2011, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born March 5, 1935, in Colby, the son of Wilson Daniel and Viola Jean (Moffit) Withers.

Survivors include his wife, Julie P. Withers of Colby; a son, Matthew G. (Nancy) Withers, Wichita; three daughters, Tammy L. (Randy) Robben, Sharon Springs; Connie R. (Shad) Mehl, Leoti; and

Sallie J. (Elliot) Jensen, Andover; a brother, Robert (Louise) Withers, Colby; and nine grandchildren.

Services were to be at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Revs. James Mardock and Guy Rendoff officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery with Mason graveside services.

The family suggests memorials to a memorial fund in his name to be designated at a later date, in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Impressive garden comes from effort

Have you ever visited a garden or yard of a friend or neighbor and been greatly impressed by what you saw? I certainly have!

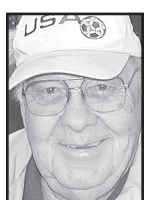
When I do that, I try not to be too surprised because if I showed too much amazement, I would be indicating to my host that my own effort might seem much less impressive than theirs – I don't like to admit that, but there it is. We all should do more garden visiting to have good looks and ask more questions about the efforts of those you respect.

The gardening fraternity always appreciates those who seem to know what they're doing out there in the backyard. And there is much to be learned from other gardeners, but only if you ask questions about what you see.

I know of no successful gardener who refuses to discuss why his garden looks good. Most gardeners like to talk, and most times we should listen intently.

So, you might ask, what is it that this so-called "good gardener" knows that I don't know? For starters, if you know for a fact that he is producing more than you, I'll bet you a couple of zucchinis that his garden soil is superior to yours. That's a good place to start, because, all factors considered, if your soil is not sufficiently enhanced, your garden will not produce as much as the guy down the street who plows in lots of leaves, grass clippings, dry manure or other organic materials in the fall of the year.

Maybe it's the method of irrigation he uses. Ask him how he assembled his drip system, or find out how he utilizes those soaker



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

hoses efficiently. Or perhaps he owes his success to the old ditch type of adding moisture to his crops.

If you see a particularly healthy row of green beans, ask him what variety they are. What's their name? Where did you get the seed?

If you see that his tomato vines are loaded with blooms or fruit, and are a healthy shade of dark green, ask what kind they are and what he did to have such good looking plants. Learn about the names of other beans and tomatoes and all the other things you plant. Believe me, some are better than others!

But you know, when it's all said and done, I would bet three zucchinis that this so-called "good gardener" guy simply puts in a lot more time out there than you do. Paying close attention to what you started out there is the bottom line.

It's the gardener who pulls the weeds and adds the moisture at the proper time that reaps the big crops. The amount of time spent on the job is paramount.

It's kinda like this. The lady asks the guy what he's going to do today. The guy says "nothing." The lady says "but that's what you did yesterday." The guy says "but I haven't finished yet."

The middle of May is approaching. It's time to get to work!

Rotting meat found in storage

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh police say they found only rotting meat, not a corpse, after they were called to a self-storage facility by someone who reported a rancid odor.

Police went to Extra Space Storage in the city, and found only several large paper bags of plastic-wrapped meat.

Police tell the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* that the unit was

disinfected with bleach and hosed out by firefighters.

The manager of the business has declined comment.

Recognition planned for great Rexford yards

The competition has been set to keep our yards looking neat and clean in the community.

The City of Rexford will be recognizing one resident per month, beginning in May, who has kept their yard looking nice. Recommendations can be dropped off in the box out front of the city building, or made by contacting any of the council members, or calling Jolene at 687-2220.

Golden Plains High School graduated 27 students Sunday. The eighth grade graduation – 13 students – and middle school awards will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It doesn't seem possible



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

the school year comes to an end Thursday.

I hope all mothers were treated as royalty on Mother's Day, like the queens they are, with flowers, cards, hugs and gifts. It is very nice to feel loved and appreciated by our children.

Condolences are extended to the family of Irma Hibbs, whose funeral service was Saturday at the Rexford Community Church.

Open house Saturday to honor 85th birthday

The family of Ada Kruse is having a party and open house to celebrate her 85th birthday from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 317 Center St. in Oakley.

Born May 6, 1926, she has six children, Wes and Izetta Rummel, Colby; Bo and Dawn Opel, Austin, Texas; Stan and Lisa Ste-

phens, Oakley; and Garth Kruse, Oakley; and the late Jerry and Larry Kruse.

She has 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The family requests no gifts. Those unable to attend can send cards to 906 Court Terrace, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Fake identification a 'tall tale'

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — Police in one southwestern city say a tall tale of sorts has led them to discover an online service that is selling fake IDs to dozens of young people.

Washington, Pa. police Officer Johnathan Miller says police were alerted April 9 when several young people tried to buy beer and other alcoholic beverages from a beer distributor on Saturday.

The tip off was a fake Pennsylvania driver's license that says one

of the purchasers was 54-feet tall instead of 5-feet, 4-inches tall.

The *Observer-Reporter* newspaper says as many as 60 young people may have bought the IDs online, which even include holograms and other security features found on state drivers' licenses.

Charges are pending against those caught with the IDs, which cost about \$200 each – but can be had for closer to \$100 each if purchased in bulk.

Back pain to be topic of call-in program

Back Pain is the topic for this week's *Doctors on Call* on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Dr. Vivek Sharma and Physicians's Assistant Mark Heineman from Hays Orthopedics will answer questions about back pain, in this half-hour live call-in

program at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It will be repeated at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15.

For information, visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

Corrections

The obituary for James L. Withers on Page 4 of the Friday, May 6, edition of the *Colby Free Press* contained several typographical errors. These were transcribing and editing errors.

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