

Deaths

Beverly J. McCormick

Beverly J. McCormick, 81, Colby, died Sunday, July 24, 2011, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Viola K. Newman

Viola K. Newman, 82, Colby, died Sunday, July 24, 2011, at Colby Care Center. She was born Aug. 15, 1928.

Services are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-2331.

‘Ernie’ Schielke

Ernest Schielke, 95, a retired Colby farmer, died Friday, July 22, 2011, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born Jan. 12, 1916, in Hebron, Neb., the son of William and Sarah (Pabst) Schielke, and grew up north of Gem.

On Oct. 13, 1940, he married Ernestine Gilkerson, a telephone operator from Oakley. They farmed southwest of Colby.

He was a member of the Flying Farmers’ Association, the Colby Rotary Club and the Colby United Methodist Church, while being instrumental in getting Rural Electric power to farms in the area. He retired from farming in the mid-1980s.

Preceding him in death was his wife, in 1999.

Survivors include three sons, Elmer Schielke, Dean Schielke and Elwin Schielke, all of Colby, 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

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

High Plains Art Club

At the July 12 meeting of the High Plains Art Club, co-president Ruth Hughes conducted the meeting.

Fritz Ostmeyer was the host. She gave a presentation on Thomas Kincade, painter of light, whose works portray family values and faith in God.

Club historian Marj Brown brought a scrapbook for the club members to see.

The club was scheduled to have a display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in November and December. This has been moved to March and April due to a conflict at the museum.

Brown asked about having a juried art show with judges and prizes. She will start a list of things to be done. Margaret Denneler will talk to the school art teacher about display forms.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Elaine Ptacek, first; Barb Ulmer, second; Cook- ie Koenig, third; Alvin Koenig, fourth; Katie Melvin, fifth; and Sarah Jane Barrett, sixth.

Corrections

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
<b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.05
Corn (bushel)	\$7.05
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.88
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.70

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Check out produce at your county fair

Some fairs are over, some are underway, and others are still to come.

If you can possibly stand this terrible heat, try to get out and see the fair exhibits. In some cases here in Northwest Kansas, it’s a matter of surviving some of those unusual July gully-washers that have dumped several inches of rain overnight. And then there are our friends in southern Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas that are enduring day after day of debilitating, triple-digit temperatures and hardly a cloud in the sky anywhere.

To talk about unusual gardening seasons is a bit trite of course but this has been an unusual gardening season, trite or not. And you can see the unusualness of the season with a visit to just about any county fair around, where the normal fine quality of the produce isn’t quite up to par.

Triple-digit temperatures, day after day after day, will do that to garden produce, as well as to garden producers. In many cases, it becomes a matter of doing our garden chores in the very early hours of the morning, or not at all.

For those of us who managed to keep things going in the backyard, most of us have removed the pressure cooker or the hot water bath kettle from storage and are trying



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

to preserve some of the remaining goodness.

It’s pickling time at this elderly household, and while I’m grateful for even an unusually small crop of cucumbers, I’m also happy for a bumper crop of dill.

Dill is one of those herbs that has so very many uses in most gardening households. Not only is it a must for pickles, but in the early spring, it’s fern-like young leaves make wonderful seasoning agents for spinach salads, for soups, or for almost any other cooked vegetable.

I haven’t planted any dill for years in my garden. Those plants that are not used each summer always drop their seeds to the ground in the fall and new plants emerge the following spring when the soil is tilled for the new season.

Keep an eye on those big sweet onions as they mature. About a week after the tops fall over, pull them and store in a shady place. Leave their tops on until you are ready to use them, or to store them for the winter. And please – try to stay cool!

Mom delivers 16-pound baby

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) – A Texas mom expected a big baby, but nothing like this: 16 pounds, 1 ounce.

Janet Johnson remained in an East Texas hospital after giving birth to what her doctors called one of the biggest newborns they’ve ever seen. She was awaiting word on whether her son, JaMichael Brown, ranked among the biggest births in state history.

“Everybody was amazed that he was so big,” Johnson, 39, said. “I don’t think too many people have heard of having a 16-pound baby.”

JaMichael was born July 8 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. Johnson has gestational diabetes, which results in big-

ger newborns for many mothers. Doctors had estimated JaMichael would be around 12 pounds prior to the cesarean birth.

The hospital has asked the state’s vital records department whether JaMichael is big enough to approach any Texas newborn records, said Victoria Ashworth, a hospital spokeswoman. He is certainly the biggest in the history of the Longview hospital and was born, Ashworth said, almost two years to the day after the hospital delivered its smallest baby ever, who weighed just 15 ounces.

Guinness World Records says the heaviest newborn ever recorded weighed 23 pounds, 12 ounces, born to an Ohio woman in 1879.



The Gifts in 1961



The Gifts in 2011

Couple to celebrate 50 years on Saturday

Jim and Charlotte Gift of Visalia, Calif. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the Neighborhood Church, 5505 West Riggins Avenue, Visalia, Calif.

Their family would like to invite family and friends to join them in celebration.

They have three married children, Lydia Ruth (Scott) Sills of Riverdale, Calif.; Dorcas Anna (Jeff) Fikejs of Palmdale, Calif.;

and Nathan Andrew (Cheryl) Gift of Wichita; and nine grandchildren.

Jim Gift grew up in Rexford and attended Sterling College, where he met Charlotte Wilkins of Leoti in the fall of 1959. She completed her degree the morning of May 22, 1961, and the couple was married that evening. They later celebrated with a reception in Rexford.

For those unable to attend, cards may be mailed to 36002 Road 124, Visalia, Calif., 93291.

Museum to hold book signing

Marci Penner, executive director of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, will be at the Prairie Museum of Art and History from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday for a book signing.

The Cooper Barn, one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Architecture, is featured in Penner’s new book, *The 8 Wonders of Kansas Guidebook*, a 272-page book filled with more than 800 photos of the 216 entries in the 8 Wonders contests.

Photographer Harland Schuster, Morrill, went to each one of the 216 places between May and November last year to take up-to-date pictures. Designer Liz King provided information to go with the photos.

Penner worked with all the entries to compile background information, location, contacts, web sites and hours to make the book a handy tool when exploring Kansas. Mennonite Press, Newton, printed the book. Koerperich Bookbinders of Selden, one of the commerce category finalists, bound the limited hard-back version.

The top 8 Wonders entries in the categories of architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, people, and the overall 8 Wonders are featured in a two-page spread. The remaining finalists are recognized on a half page.

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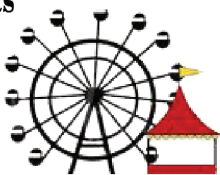
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