

Deaths

Vera Steiger

Vera Steiger, 95, Menlo, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, in Dallas. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Elaine Ptacek, first; Katie Melvin, second; Jean Snyder, third; Alvin Koenig, fourth; Kevan Taylor, fifth; and Larry Barrett, sixth.

Colby man graduates

Johnathan Michael Schmidt graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agribusiness on May 14, 2011. Schmidt is the son of Judy Schmidt of Colby.

Records short for cemetery

MONACA, Pa. (AP) — A lender that recently bought a western Pennsylvania cemetery at sheriff's sale needs to determine who's buried there so it can sell to a new owner who will properly maintain the property.

The previous owner of Union Cemetery in Center Township could only provide burial records from 1870 to 2001, which is why Brad Emmer, president of Florida-based Equity Max Inc., needs to hear from families who've buried loved ones. Emmer's firm bought the cemetery 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh in July.

Emmer tells the Beaver County Times he "felt helpless" when the newspaper published pictures of belt-high weeds and overgrown gravestones earlier this year but says, "It's our property now and we're going to take care of it."

Emmer plans to sell the cemetery once the grounds and the records back in order.

Building kids' character involves struggle, pressure

Clint Milliman

Knowledge for Life



The Thomas County Fair has come to a close. It was another successful year.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the parents and volunteers that helped in any way at the fair. I would also like to thank all of the trophy sponsors and livestock buyers. We have great support of our 4-H program here in Thomas County. You all believe in what 4-H can do for our future.

One thing 4-H does is build character. Below is an excerpt from Michael Josephson's book, "Making Ethical Decisions," called "Let the Butterfly Struggle."

"There's a parable about a mother who discovered a butterfly struggling mightily to escape its cocoon through a tiny opening at the top. She became concerned when the creature seemed to give up.... Certain that the butterfly wouldn't make it out without help, she enlarged the hole. On its next try, the butterfly wriggled out easily. But the young woman's joy turned to horror when she saw its wings were shriveled and useless. Her well-intentioned intervention had interrupted a natural process. Forcing the butterfly to squeeze through a small opening is nature's way of assuring that blood from the creature's body is pushed into the wings. By making it easier, she deprived the butterfly of strong wings. Childhood, too, is a sort of cocoon. If a healthy adult is to emerge, parents must allow, even encourage, their children

to struggle, make mistakes, learn from them, and pay the price for bad judgments and conduct."

Of course, good parents should protect their children from serious harm, but being overprotective can itself inflict damage. Adversity is not always an enemy. Teaching a young person develop wings strengthened by self-confidence and self-reliance.

Helen Keller once said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved."

Through completing their projects for the fair, 4-Hers have had their struggles and challenges. They have sought the advice of their parents and project leaders to help them complete their projects. The fair is a time for the 4-Hers to show off what they did and what they learned. It is also a time to see the character that was built over the past year through participating in the 4-H program.

Thanks again to all of you involved in the 2011 Thomas County Fair. You made it a great ending to the 4-H year.

Clint Milliman is the Thomas County agriculture and natural resources agent with Kansas State Research and Extension. A native of Illinois, Milliman works with area 4-H clubs, farmers and ranchers.

Couple plan to marry Saturday in Wilson

Avery Dawn Schultz of Brewster and Paul Joseph "P.J." Kasper of Wilson plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Schultz of Brewster. Her grandparents are Marvin and Mary Garrett, Brewster; Dale and Marge Koenig, Colby; the late Betty Koenig, Colby; and the late Victor Schultz, Colby.

Schultz graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in art and a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She owns and operates Sincerely Yours, a boutique, bakery and flower shop, and the Sportsmen's Lodge, both in Wilson.

The groom is the son of John and Belinda Kasper of Wilson. He is the grandson of Theresa



Avery Schultz and P.J. Kasper

and the late Lewis Kasper, Wilson; and the late Ben and Mary Beth Neuarth, Wichita.

Kasper is a 2005 graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. He is a 2008 Juris Doctorate recipient from Washburn University School of Law and is an attorney at Peterson and Kasper in Ellsworth.

The couple plans to live in Wilson.

Low risk of mosaic from seed

With wheat streak mosaic posing a severe problem on some wheat fields in 2011, some producers may be wondering if seed from that wheat can be used this fall or if the wheat streak mosaic virus can be carried over into the following season from the seed.

Kansas State University plant pathologist, Bill Bockus, said that viruses in general are mobile within the wheat plant, but they have a hard time getting through the barrier formed between the developing kernel and the rachis and making it into the seed.

"Australian scientists, however, reported in a 2005 issue of the journal Plant Disease, seed transmission by wheat streak mosaic virus," Bockus said.

"They reported seed transmission rates of 0.5-1.5 percent from infected genotypes. I don't recall that seed transmission has been reported in the U.S. However, based on the Australian research, one has to assume the potential exists to introduce the virus into new areas via seed to a very small degree."

Obviously, without the mite vector, the virus will not spread from the 0.5-1.5 percent infected

plants that develop from the seed, he said.

If the mite is present, it most likely will already be a vector of the wheat streak mosaic virus, so the impact of seed transmission within an individual field seems very small.

With regards to using the grain from the field with wheat streak mosaic virus for seed, the major problem will probably be that it will be shriveled, Bockus said.

"All else being equal, small seed often produces less vigorous plants than large seed. A producer who uses small seed and plants according to bushels per acre will plant more seeds per acre than someone who uses large seed," he said.

"If the germination rate of the small seed is still high, that tends to compensate for the less vigorous plants that come from small seed compared to large seed, according to my data. But, if the producer is planting by seed number per acre, then it is best to use large, dense seed.

"The key is whether the seed has high germination and good seedling vigor."

Spruce trees go to joiners

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August. Everyone who joins the nonprofit foundation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The 6- to 12-inch trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in each area, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, and are guaranteed to grow.

"Colorado blue spruce trees provide homeowners with many benefits," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the foundation. "They can be used as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees and even as a living Christmas tree."

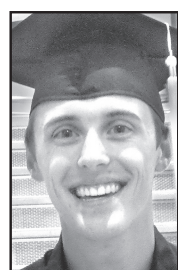
New members will also receive The Tree Book, about tree planting and care, and Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Aug. 31.

Reception to honor Westwood graduate

Kahle Phillips will celebrate his graduation from Westwood College with an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at 912 Court Terrace in Colby.

Colby High School. He graduated magna cum laude from Westwood College in Denver on Friday, July 29, with a Bachelor of Science degree in game art and design.



Kahle Phillips

His family would like to invite family and friends to join them in observation of his achievements.

Phillips is the son of Rick and Kim Jones of Colby and is a 2008 graduate of

He plans to live in Denver. For those unable to attend, cards may be mailed to 912 Court Terrace, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• Brandon Joseph Boutte, 32, Westminster, Colo., July 14, sale/distribution/cultivation of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released July 28 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Jason M. Maez, 34, Marysville, July 20, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released July 25 on recognizance.

• Donna M. Lowe, 54, Colby, July 22, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.

• Mackenzie Alan Shields, 21, Grinnell, July 22, probation violation, Decatur County Sheriff's Office, released same day to other agency.

• William King Bright, 40, Colby, July 23, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

• Allison Ciara Dupler, 18, Colby, July 23, driving without a license, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Travis James Graves, 26, Colby, July 23, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Matthew Dylan Conover, 26, New Castle, Colo., July 24, ob-

struction of official duty, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.

• Rachel Cara Funk, 23, Colby, July 24, hosting minors, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Abraham Louis Kirby, 35, Colby, July 24, domestic battery, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day to Larned State Hospital.

• Cherisse Marie McCormick, Kansas City, Mo., July 24, obstruction of official duty, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.

• George Christopher Smollock IV, 18, July 24, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Malea Ashley Stefan, 21, Hays, July 28, giving a worthless check (two charges), Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on \$500 appearance bond.

• Albino Gamez, 50, Colby, July 30, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• John Micheal Morgan 24, Colby, July 31, domestic battery, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Ethan Cole Stickel, 19, Colby, July 25, minor in possession/con-

sumption, Colby Police, July 25, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Ali Karim Alhusseini, 34, Longmont, Colo., July 26, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.

• Anre Jay Edwards, 31, Oklahoma City, July 26, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.

• Grant David Jennings, 21, Colby, July 26, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a narcotic drug, Colby Police, released July 28 on signature bond.

• Jade Edward Bliss, 18, Colby, July 28, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• John Micheal Morgan 24, Colby, July 31, domestic battery, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

welfare check on subject. Everything OK, civil standby provided.

6:33 a.m. - Unlocked Fike Park. 10:05 a.m. - Caller reported subjects repeatedly contacting about on-line submission in the city limits of Colby. Information provided.

12:24 p.m. - Caller reported property stolen. Report filed. 12:51 p.m. - Caller reported subject appeared to be sleeping in vehicle. Spoke with subject; everything OK.

1:44 p.m. - Caller reported van parked blocking entrance to building. Spoke with subject.

5:14 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.

8:22 p.m. - Caller reported subject lying beside road on Willow by Holiday Inn Express, possibly fell off vehicle. Not found.

8:51 p.m. - Walk-through at the fairgrounds.

9:34 p.m. - Numerous calls about an explosion in the 200 block of S. Lincoln and 600 block of S. Grant area. Fire department reported it was a salute to the races at the fairground.

10:26 p.m. - Helped motorist in the 1100 block of S. Country Club Dr.

22:54 p.m. - Walk through at Bosselman's.

11:16 p.m. - Provided information to motorist at Bosselman's.

11:21 p.m. - Locked building at Fike Park.

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Friday 11:37 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to restrooms.

3:57 p.m. - Caller reported injury accident at K-25 and Cottonwood.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported cow out at Country Club Dr. and Veterans Memorial Dr. contacted owner.

8:45 p.m. - Report filed for subject being threatened.

9:58 p.m. - Caller requested deputy for child custody issue. Criminal restrain report filed.

10:39 p.m. - Helped Colby Police.

11:04 p.m. - Booked Matthew D. Mouser.

Saturday 2:38 p.m. - Caller reported elderly couple in need of assistance at U.S. 24 mile 64. Tire changed.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported rollover accident at County Rds. 33 and b.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle tried to run her off the road at I-70 mile 53 westbound. Not found.

9:45 p.m. - Walk through at the fairgrounds.

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.

THANK YOU FAMILY AND FRIENDS... The family of Gloria Ribordy wishes to express our sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and visits during our recent loss, at a time when these things mean so much. Your generosity and support during this difficult time are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. We thank God for friends such as you.

Markets

Table with market prices: Wheat (bushel) \$7.38, Corn (bushel) \$7.26, Milo (hundredweight) \$12.25, Soybeans (bushel) \$12.63

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Colby advertisement including logo, member FDIC, address (240 W. 4th St., Colby, Kansas), and promotional text: 'Your only Colby Chartered Bank!', 'The only Colby Chartered 5 Star Rating Bank by BauerFinancial', 'Open 20+ hours per week more than any other bank for our customers' convenience', '2010: Helped sponsor over 100 events, representing over 50 groups and service organizations', 'We have our ROOTS where others have only their branches!', 'We're Stable, Secure...Your Community Bank.', 'Farmers & Merchants...Together... Making a Difference.'