

Deaths

Evelyn C. Johnson

Evelyn C. Johnson, 95, a Colby homemaker, died Monday, August 22, 2011, at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was born Sept. 1, 1915 in Colby, the daughter of Oscar and Margueritte (Sible) Mollerstrom. She lived in the area all her life. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Mandus Johnson.

Survivors include her son Don (Connie) Johnson of Norton and two grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, at Beulah Cemetery. Pastor James Mordock will officiate. Donations may be made to the Colby United Methodist Church in care of Harrison Chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

George Arthur Barnes

There will be a memorial service for George Arthur Barnes of Colby at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the First Christian Church, 385 W. Third St. in Colby. Rev. Carol E. Jolly of the First Christian Church in Goodland will officiate. He was cremated and there will be a private graveside service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Birkley A. Barnes, Box 774, Goodland, Kan., 67735, to help defray some of his final expenses. George Barnes, 76, a retired Colby auto mechanic, died Jan. 23, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. He was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Colby, the son of Levi Harrison and Edith Alfaretta (Shull) Barnes. He joined the Marine Corps after high school and served from 1955 to 1960. He worked as an auto mechanic for Wagoner's Salvage Yard, a cook in Murphy's

Cafe and the Rainbow Drive Inn and did maintenance work at the Ramada Inn. He was a member of the American Legion. In 1957 he married Rosa Burgess of Liverpool, England, while living in California. The couple divided their time between the United States and England. In 1973, he married Shirley Barnes. He was preceded in death by his parents, his half brother Russell Peterson, half sister Violet Peterson and brother-in-law Norman Petty. Survivors include three sons, George R. Barnes and Dale Barnes, both of Liverpool, England; and Glenn Barnes of Australia; a daughter, Rosa Barnes, Liverpool; two brothers, Levi (Patsy) Barnes, Raytown, Mo.; and Roby (Lois) Barnes, Lincoln, Neb.; and three sisters, Flora Forbes, Branson, Mo.; Vetha (Roger) Cormier, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Birkely Barnes, Goodland.

Non-expert has expert tips for growing your own peppers



Kay Melia
The Gardener

For me to write knowledgeably about the growing and proper usage of peppers is a bit comparable to a plumber attempting to convince you that he could safely remove your appendix. The plumber and I might talk a good game, but when it gets down to the nitty-gritty, we both would surely fail. Nevertheless, with pipe wrench in hand, I'm going to steal a couple of minutes of your time to tell my side of the story. I wish I knew more about the nuances of pepper flavors and textures so I could precisely describe to you the proper usage of them all. But if I tried to do that, I'd be lying to you, and mama told me never to do that. Therefore, I'll merely jot down a few words about what I've learned about peppers after so many years of growing them, and the ones I enjoy growing and using. Of one thing, I am sure. Among

the hundreds of different varieties of pepper seeds available to plant in your garden, some are sweet, and others are hot, or pungent. And there are some new ones that are sweet-hot. Knowing the difference when you select your seed or transplants is obviously important when harvest time rolls around. I use a lot of peppers by average gardening standards, because I make a lot of salsa. I plant a couple of varieties of sweet peppers, and this year, I have successfully grown three varieties of the hot ones. Basically, they are the same ones I planted last year. I plant the ones I plant after several years of

trying dozens of different ones, finally settling on the ones that seem to work best in the salsa. I plant a bell pepper called Flavorburst, a relatively new one that is a beautiful lime green color, maturing to yellow late in the season. They are aptly named and look great in the garden. They also seem to be welcome at the Farmer's Market. I also plant an older variety of a non-bell sweet pepper called Gypsy, a small yellow variety that is so very sweet, and the most productive pepper I know. As far as the hot ones are concerned, I plant a beautiful jalapeño called Mucho Nacho. They are big, with great jalapeño flavor. And then I plant a mild Anaheim whose name has changed three times due to patents, and is now called Biggie Chili. They grow to be seven or eight inches long and are truly beautiful. They're a must

for my salsa. Brand new this year is the Cajun Bell, a 2011 All America selection, so it must be good. It has true bell pepper flavor, with an added touch of heat. They are a small yellow bell that turns red as it matures. I have three healthy plants and they are fully loaded with fruit, but we'll see about the flavor at harvest time. I raise all my own pepper plants so I have the freedom to grow the varieties I want. Choices can sometimes be difficult. One seed catalog carries 159 different varieties of pepper seeds, available in different sizes and colors, different degrees of sweetness and heat, and different textures and flavors. Knowing the precise use for them all would take a lifetime of testing and tasting. Wouldn't that be fun?

Teach safe ways to get to and from school

Parents are reminded to take time out to teach and review safety guidelines with their kids to get them back to school safely. "Whether it's their first day of kindergarten, or they are returning after summer vacation, with this change in routine it's important to review safety tips together," says Cherie Sage, state director for Safe Kids Kansas.

School Bus Safety

School buses are, by far, the safest way for kids of all ages to get to and from school. School buses are designed with safety features different than regular passenger vehicles. They are large and highly visible, and the padded, high-backed seats on school buses create protective compartments, like egg cartons. Sage suggests you explain this to your child so they understand why on a school bus they may not be buckling up with seat belts. "It's a different form of protection, but it can send a mixed message to kids when they realize they're not buckling up in a vehicle," she said. More significant dangers lie outside the school bus. "More children are killed or injured crossing the street at bus stops than riding on a school bus," said Sage. Teach your children about the 10-foot danger zone around the school bus, where the driver can't see children on the ground. Young children should take eight giant steps away from the bus to be sure the bus driver

can see them. Older kids should look to the bus driver for an "OK" sign before crossing. Safe Kids also reminds drivers to obey state laws that prohibit passing a stopped school bus.

Walking to School

Safe Kids recommends that children under 10 never cross the street alone. Make sure you follow these additional safety guidelines. Choose the safest route and walk it with children. Look for the most direct route with the fewest street crossings. Teach children to recognize and obey all traffic signals and markings. Make sure children look in all directions before crossing the street. Teach them to stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic. If a vehicle is approaching, wave and make eye contact with the driver and wait until the vehicle stops before crossing the street.

Riding Bikes to School

Many children ride their bikes to school. Unfortunately, bicycles are the most common sport/recreational product involved in injuries among 5- to 14-year-olds. Consider these safety tips for

Bridge Winners

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Joy Davis, first; Cookie Koenig, second; Elaine Ptacek, third; Jean Snyder, fourth; Sarah Jane Barrett, fifth; and Margaret Denneker, sixth.

children riding bicycles to school. Always wear a helmet, and make sure it fits correctly. A helmet should sit on top of the head in a level position, and should not rock forward and backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled, but not too tightly. Use the "Eyes, Ears and Mouth" test to check. 1) Eyes: Put the helmet on. Look up and you should see the bottom rim of the helmet, one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows. 2) Ears: make sure the straps of the helmet form a "V" under your ears when

buckled— snug but comfortable. 3) Mouth: open your mouth as wide as you can. If you don't feel the helmet hug your head, tighten straps and make sure the buckle is flat against your skin. Driving Children to School Always use child safety seats, booster seats, and safety belts correctly every time your children ride. Kids are required by Kansas law to be in a car seat or booster seat until they are at least eight years old, 80 pounds, or 4' 9" tall. Children under age 13 should ride in the back seat.

Logan museum highlights travel

Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, Kansas, is proud to present "Going Places," scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 2, and run through Oct. 23. This exhibit holds 41 diverse artifacts (including a full-sized pony surrey, harness and tack, and assorted carriage accessories) that speak volumes about our insatiable desire for travel, speed, and new technology. Carriages came in an amazing assortment of sizes, shapes, and finishes, from the buckboard phaeton to the sidebar buggy to the booby hut. "Going Places" explores the culture, evolution, and eventual demise of horse-drawn transportation from the early nineteenth century, through the Industrial Revolution, and into the 1900s with the dawn of the automobile age. "Going Places" also covers a broad range of questions: How were carriages sold and who

could afford them? How did they function within America's larger transportation network? What factors led to their eventual demise? The answers are surprising, and frequent parallels to today's car culture make this a fascinating journey. This exhibition has been made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is brought to you by Mid-America Arts Alliance. "Going Places" was organized by the Long Island Museum of American Art, History, and Carriages in Stony Brook, New York. For information, call Dane G. Hansen Museum at (785) 689-4846 or check out our website at www.hansenmuseum.org. Museum Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and holidays. We are handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee. For information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at (785) 689-4846 or check out our website at www.hansenmuseum.org.

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K-State fans, parents & alumni. "ARE YOU READY"? Kickoff for the 2011 Wildcat Football season is almost here! Enjoy our "game day atmosphere" and join us at our first annual "NW Catbacker Tailgate Party" August 27, 2011 • 5 - 8 p.m. at the Oakley Country Club, Oakley, KS. Grilled brats, burgers & hot dogs with all the trimmings \$ 10 a person K-State news from: K-State Men's asst. basketball coach, Brad Underwood; Mike Clark, Ahearn Fund Donor Recruitment - Auction items donated by the K-State Alumni Center - Autographed K-State football & basketball; A round of golf for 3 with Frank Martin, Men's Head Basketball coach at Colbert Hills Drawing for a Tailgate Party, donated by Kite's Bar & Grill for 2011!

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