

Deaths

Wilbur D. Barnett

Wilbur D. Barnett, 88, a Colby farmer, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. He was born Nov. 9, 1920, in Thomas County the son of Lester and Adele Barnett. On Nov. 10, 1949, he married Doris E. Cayton in Colby. They farmed and raised livestock north of Colby. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Colby. Preceding him in death were his wife, on Sept. 12, 2005, and a son, Roger D. Barnett, on Nov. 20, 1951. Survivors include a son, Warren D. Barnett of Colby; a brother, Bernard Barnett, Alabama; two

sisters, Helen Kline, San Diego; and Grace Jones, Colby; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Colby in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Ardis M. Boersma

Ardis M. (Smith) Boersma, 95, Colby, a retired elementary teacher formerly of Bird City, mother of Sue Parks of Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. She was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Cheyenne County. Preceding her in death was her husband, Robert Boersma, in 1973. Survivors also include a brother, Dean Smith of Bird City; three

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City, with inurnment in the Bird City Cemetery. No visitation. Cremation. The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan., 67756.

Robert Warren Hawk

Robert Warren Hawk, 86, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at the Union Printers Home in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born Oct. 26, 1925, in Colby, the son of Loyal Dale and Lois (Mallory) Hawk. He graduated from Colby High School in 1943. Serving in the Navy during World War II, he was stationed in Pearl Harbor and assigned to a PT boat. Following his discharge in 1946, he enrolled in the University of Kansas to study engineering. On Feb. 8, 1947, he married Nadine Morton in Oberlin. He withdrew from college and they moved to Colby, where he worked for Safeway, working his way up from sack-boy to store manager before moving to Colorado Springs. He continued working for the Safeway company, relocat-

ing four times before retiring to Colorado Springs. He was a member of the Masons, the Elks, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. An avid fisherman, he traveled to Canada, California and other places on fishing trips. Survivors include his wife, of Colorado Springs, four daughters, Sharon Hawk, Colorado Springs; Susan (Michael) Farley, Denver; Jo (Brad) Miller, Cody, Wyo.; and Sandy Hawk, Colorado Springs; two brothers, Dale Hawk Jr., Colby; and Gary Hawk, Great Bend; a sister, Betty Brenn, Colby; and two grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with Pastor James Mardock officiating. No visitation. Harrison Chapel of Colby is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Moulden

Dorothy M. Moulden, 98, a Winona homemaker, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley. She was born Nov. 18, 1912, in Logan County to Evert and Pearl (Frew) Holsapple. On Nov. 4, 1935, she married Loyd W. Moulden at North Platte, Neb. She was a member of the Winona United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Rebekah's Lodge. Preceding her in death were the parents; her husband in 1992; a son, Lynn, in 2011; a granddaughter, Marcy Moulden, in 1976; four brothers, Edwin F. Holsapple, Frank Holsapple, Fred Holsapple and Floyd Holsapple; a

sister, Mary Etta Mamlgren; and a daughter-in-law, Joyce (DeVries) Moulden. Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn (Harold) Herring of Grove, Okla., three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at the Winona United Methodist Church, with Pastor Sheryl Johnson officiating and burial in the Winona Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. The family suggests memorials to the church or to Logan County Manor in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Northwest gets top rating

On Sept. 30, Northwest Tech's Kansas Institute of Diesel Technology's program received the complete evaluation results from the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation. All eight areas met the strict industry standards required for Master Accreditation, the highest level of achievement recognized by this organization. Although many educational institutions strive for it, only a small percentage achieves this accredi-

tation. Both the education and automotive communities should be proud of this commitment to quality in training that Northwest Tech offers. "It's really great to be involved with a highly developed program," said Lester Cress, diesel service writer. "This is a great accomplishment for the Diesel Department and its students." For information visit www.nwkte.edu or call (800) 316-4127.

Pheasant dinner Saturday in Rexford

This week we had the chance to see old friends and make new ones in Rexford.

Congratulations to the Todd Family - Jay and Brandy, Taylor, Tylor and Tanner. They were selected to be the 2011 4-H Family of the Year; this award was given at the Achievement Banquet on Thursday.

Everyone is invited to the Rexford Lion's Club Pheasant Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rexford Community Building on Main Street. There will be chili, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, and lots of yummy desserts. Cost is the same as last year.

Rexford is sporting a brand new coat of yellow paint on all the street corner curbs, thanks to a group of 37 men from Celebration Community Church in Hays. They came to Shepherd's Staff for a weekend retreat and wanted a service project. They also cleaned dirt out of gutters, hauled and split firewood, cleaned up various



Gwen Griffiths

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properties and helped winterize a home - all in the space of two hours. A big thanks to them.

Shepherd's Staff also held the Country Keepsakes quilting retreat this weekend. It's always fun to walk through and see all the different designs and patterns that the ladies come up with during their time here.

The Gideons held their monthly meeting Saturday at Shepherd's Staff.

And that's the news from Rexford for this week. I'd love to publish your news, too. It can be left in the jar in the Red Barn (I will pick up news on Fridays), called to 687-2076, or emailed to griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!



GWEN GRIFFITHS/Shepherd's Staff

Three men (above) from the Celebration Community Church in Hays worked on brightening up the curbs around Rexford Saturday. Meanwhile, this quilter at the Country Keepsakes retreat began to put all the pieces together.



Insurance website full of consumer information

One of the most commonly overheard phone conversations around the Kansas Insurance Department goes something like this:

"If you will look on our website, www.ksinsurance.org, ... you will find the most current information."

Our nationally-recognized website provides a valuable information source for consumers and insurance policyholders, as well as the casual visitor. It also allows insurance agents and companies to access and send documents needed by us as part of our regulation of the insurance industry in Kansas, and it helps them find current information for their clients.

We have more than 600,000 "hits" on our pages every month. Some of the more popular topics for those investigations include Medicare Supplement, the proposed health benefits exchange work done by volunteers, company searches, storm damage estimates and vehicle insurance information.

Our website was recently named (again) as one of the top insurance department sites in the United States. We're proud that others across the U.S. recognize our site as a quality product. But we will continue to look for ways to make it more consumer- and agent-friendly.

If you haven't visited our site lately (or at all), below is a sampling of what else you can find.

File a complaint. By clicking on "File a Complaint" under our Quick Links pull-down tab on the top right side of the home page, you



Sandy Praeger

• Kansas Ins. Commissioner

can follow the instructions for filing a written, formal complaint regarding an agent or company. Although you can call us at our Consumer Assistance Hotline, (800) 432-2484, to talk about an issue, a formal, written complaint is required if you need additional assistance from us.

Publications. If you want a copy of one of our many publications and have a printer with your computer, you can print off the publication yourself to save time and money.

Department news releases. The fastest way you can view news releases, columns and consumer alerts distributed by our department is to check the "News" tab at the top of our home page. That directs you to our latest releases as well as a listing of current state legislation affecting insurance. Also available are TV and radio public service announcements you can watch and listen to online. Our most current news releases are featured on our home page as well.

Compare rate quotes. Our "Compare Rates" link is located under the "Quick Links"

tab at the top right of our home page. Just enter some information and continue clicking until the table of quotes from Kansas-licensed companies appears. In that area you also have access to the online versions of our publications, in case you need additional detail about the type of insurance you are looking for.

Federal health reform legislation information. We have informative pieces that help explain the Affordable Care Act and its effect on Kansans. We also have PowerPoint presentations and links to short video clips that help explain law. Work on the health benefits exchange portion of the law is also located in this area.

Search capability. Our search tab at the top right of the home page provides a form that only searches within our website, not the entire web. It also will link you to other states' information through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners site.

These are just some of the many consumer service selections that appear on our site. Along with consumer information, we have agent and company services for your use, including a company/agent locator.

For any suggestions you have about items you would like to see on our site, use the "Contact" link at the top right of our home page to send us an e-mail.

We hope that our website continues to be a "hit" with you.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 31 members and guests Michelle Spence, Leroy and Joan Ziegler and Heidi Lowry.

President Connie Renner announced the club has been awarded a \$750 grant from the Rotary district for the Community Walking Trail project.

The monthly collection for Genesis-Thomas County was taken.

Marla Crumrine had the program. Her guest was Lowry, who is with the Rawlins County Dental Clinic. The clinic serves primarily northwest Kansas residents but also has patients from Nebraska and Colorado. They provide dental care for uninsured, under-insured and Medicaid recipients and their goal is to enhance oral health care access.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.63
Corn (bushel)	\$6.45
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.82

- Relda Galli

Kittendale calendar a hot idea

HULL, Mass. (AP) - They're cute, they have amazing moves, and women swoon over them - they're also furry.

The Hull Seaside Animal Rescue shelter has released its fifth annual Kittendales calendar, each month featuring a cat from the shelter being held by a muscular man.

Susan Davis, the calendar's production coordinator who came up with the idea, tells the *Patriot Ledger* (<http://bit.ly/p18R1O>) the

name is a takeoff on the famed Chippendales male dancers.

The calendar is a major fundraiser for the nonprofit and every penny raised goes to the shelter.

During the past five years, the men in the calendar have included a physician, actor, dentist, teacher, pilot, construction workers, firefighters and personal trainers. More than 75 cats have also been featured.

The shelter in the past has sold calendars to overseas customers.

Corrections

The story, "Changes in store for medic service," on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Nov. 2, edition of the *Colby Free Press* misstated Keny Gatlin's last day as director for Thomas County's emergency medical services. His position ended on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

This was a typing error.

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