

Deaths

Arnold T. Albers

Arnold T. Albers, 85, a retired railroad section foreman and farmer from Colby, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at his home. He was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Thomas County, the son of Joseph A. and Veronica (Beckman) Albers. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Albers, in 1994. Survivors include a son, Randy (Barbara) Albers, Colby; six daughters, Shirley Shaw and Jolene (Bill) Olsen, Colby, Arnette (Lonnie) Gilchrist, Kingston, Okla.; Audrey (Ernie) Schaffer, Liberal; Sue Weems, Cimarron; and Veronica (James) Messer,

Council Grove; a brother, Ralph Albers, Oakley; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Norbert Dlabal officiating and burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with vigil and rosary at 6:30 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Vaneta E. Ruda

Vaneta E. Ruda, 93, a Colby homemaker, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She was born Sept. 28, 1918, in Colby, the daughter of Earl J. and Ethel M. (McGinley) Passel. Preceding her in death were her husband, Victor J. Ruda, in 1994; a son, William M. Ruda; and a grandchild. Survivors include a son, Timothy G. Ruda, Atwood; a daughter, Linda K. Petty, Colby; and four grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 20, 2012, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Norbert Dlabal officiating and burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Atwood. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with a vigil and rosary service at 6:30 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Sacred Heart School, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701. also sent to the Atwood Lions Club for the Christmas party. Several items had been received from the district and Lions International. Hale mentioned that it is the club's turn to hold the Valentine party, asking if invitations should be sent to the Atwood and Gem clubs. Old business centered on the Dec. 3 pancake feed. The profit was less than the previous year, but considering the higher cost of supplies and the snow storm that day, the club did all right. In new business, the president appointed a committee to plan the Valentine's party for Monday, Feb. 13. The ham-and-bean feed on Saturday, March 10, was discussed. Zweigel won the drawing. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the union.

High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions met Jan. 9 for their first meeting in 2012 at the Colby Community College student union. President Melinda Morton opened the meeting with the flag salute, followed by prayer offered by Elmer Lawver. Guests were Chuck Zweigel and Donna Lawver. District Vice Gov. Sheryl Brenn brought greetings from Lions International president Dr. Wing-Kun Tam and District Gov. Ralph Rogers. Brenn spoke on her duties as vice governor, as well as local, state and international projects conducted by the Lions. She remarked on the sight, hearing and diabetes projects, relating how many of the projects are conducted jointly with other organizations. She mentioned youth programs and the Heartland Eye Bank at Hays. Brenn concluded by presenting an "I Believe" pin to Morton. The pin represents the international president's motto, "Whatever you believe, it can happen." Communications included several thank-you cards sent to those who helped with the pancake feed, including the Scouts. Thanks were

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

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Price. Wheat (bushel) \$6.23, Corn (bushel) \$5.88, Milo (hundredweight) \$10.04, Soybeans (bushel) \$10.40.

Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

U.S. Department of Transportation Ad Council

Above-normal temperatures don't leave wheat without defense

The winter weather in Kansas so far has been unusually warm, for the most part. This has caused wheat to green up and has created some concern about whether this will make the wheat more susceptible to cold injury if temperatures drop sharply. Although the wheat is green, and may even be growing a bit in the more southern areas of Kansas, that does not mean it has lost all of its winter hardiness. As long as nighttime temperatures are below freezing for the most part, wheat will retain its winter hardiness - although not quite the level of hardiness it would have in a "normal" winter. An occasional period of one to three days where nighttime temperatures do not get below freezing will not cause any significant loss of winter hardiness either. But if nighttime temperatures consistently stay above freezing for a week or so, there will be some loss of winter hardiness.



Clint Milliman

Knowledge for Life

The process of gaining and losing winter hardiness in winter wheat is a gradual one. Temperatures fluctuate most years as winter begins and ends, and the winter hardiness level of wheat tends to ratchet up and down with the temperatures. After a warm spell in winter, wheat will lose some winter hardiness - but wheat will regain its winter hardiness as temperatures get cold again. Every time this happens, however, the wheat will lose some winter hardiness. The peak level of winter hardiness in wheat occurs when temperatures get

cold and stay cold all winter. Wheat that greens up and then goes back into dormancy will not have quite the same level of winter hardiness as wheat that remains dormant all winter. So the bottom line is that wheat in Kansas should still have an acceptable level of winter hardiness at this point. Nighttime temperatures have been cold enough for wheat to retain its winter hardiness. Don't forget that Thursday is the deadline to register for the Soil Fertility School to be held in Atwood. For information or to register give the Thomas County Extension Office a call at (785) 460-4582.

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.

Square dance festival to be in Hays this week

The Shooting Stars Square Dance Club in Hays will sponsor the annual Snowball Festival on Friday and Saturday at the Black and Gold Ballroom in the Memorial Union at Fort Hays State University. Friday evening will feature Al Braun along with area callers. Rounds will be from 7 to 8 p.m. and squares from 8 to 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, there will be an introduction to rounds workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, led by Jeanne Shane. In the afternoon, Braun will lead a square workshop from 1 to 2 p.m., there will be a "Plus Dance" workshop from 2 to 3 p.m. and a Plus dance from

3 to 5 p.m. Dinner break will be at the Reed Center, 317 W. 13th St. Donations are welcome. On Saturday evening, Braun returns, having come out of retirement. Jeanne and Warren Shane will be callers, with rounds from 7 to 7:45 p.m., the grand march at 7:45 p.m., and squares and rounds from 8 to 10:30 p.m., followed by a party. Singles and couples are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person for the weekend, less for individual sessions. For information, call Carol Gordon at (785) 625-6846.

Wreck Friday sends woman to hospital

A Colby woman was taken to Citizens Medical Center for a checkup Friday after her van and a sport-utility collided in front of the post office at Fifth Street and Court Avenue. Police Chief Randy Jones said Sannattanea Cole, 18, was eastbound on Fifth about 4:35 p.m. Debra Pochop, 44, Atwood, was southbound stopped at the stop sign on Court. The street was congested by cars parked around the Community Building, the chief said. Pochop told officers the sun was in her eyes and she did not see the approaching van when

she started up. The vehicles collided a low speed, causing damage to the left front of the van and the right front of the sport-utility. Cole reportedly told officers she was pregnant, and they called an ambulance for her. Her husband, Samuel Cole, was a passenger in her vehicle. Elizabeth Pochop was in her mother's truck. The Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament was under way in the Community Building, and pretty much every parking space along the two streets was full.

University honors Colby grad

Cade Carter, Colby, a senior majoring in finance, has been named a College of Business and Leadership Honor Scholar for earning a perfect 4.0 grade average during the fall semester at Fort Hays State University.

Carter is a 2009 graduate of Colby High School. The college comprises the departments of Economics, Finance and Accounting, Informatics and Management and Marketing.

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SPECTRUM ENERGY CONSULTANTS, INC. ("SEC") is holding a Town Hall Meeting Monday, January 23rd from 6pm to 9pm City Limits Convention Center (East end of the Comfort Inn) 2227 S. Range in Colby, Kansas - 785-460-0131 (ask for Julie). There is no charge for attending. No reservations needed however seating may be limited.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! Admission is free with complimentary ticket. Western Plains Arts Association & Colby Free Press. Admission is FREE WITH TICKET. Please send me tickets (limit 4) to see the USAF Brass in Blue Concert.