

Deaths

Betty K. Johnson

Betty K. Johnson, 76, Kearney, Neb., mother of Jimmy (Vicky) Giesenhagen of Colby, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at her home. She was born, May 2, 1935, in rural Shelton, Neb., the daughter of John and Mary (Hostler) O'Brien. In 1954, she graduated from Grand Island, Neb., High School, and married Art Giesenhagen in North Platte, Neb., that year. On Oct. 18, 1975, she married Charles E. Johnson in Hastings, Neb. They later moved to McCook, Neb., before moving to Kearney, where she worked at Penny's and the University of Nebraska at Kearney food service. A member of the First United Methodist Church in Kearney, she volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital, enjoyed bowling and crocheting, and loved to attend NASCAR races. Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Gary O'Brien and John O'Brien, and a brother-in-law, Ralph Scott. Survivors include her husband

of Kearney; three other sons, David (Deb) Giesenhagen, North Platte; Darrel (Jeanette) Giesenhagen, Holdrege, Neb.; and Gary (Donna) Giesenhagen, Kearney; a daughter, Carol Criss, Kearney; two brothers, Steve (Lori) O'Brien, Kearney; and Hubert (Phyllis) O'Brien, Ponca, Neb.; a sister, Lola Scott, Edenberg, Texas; a sister-in-law, Phyllis O'Brien, Beatrice, Neb.; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four step-children. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney, with the Rev. Carla Gunn and the Rev. Marvin Valdois officiating and burial in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be today at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour before service time at the church. The family suggests memorials to the family for designation. Online condolences may be left at osrfh.com.

Financial security involves thoughtful estate planning



Clint Milliman

• Knowledge for Life

Are you prepared to make difficult decisions in the light of a loved one passing away? Maybe the better question is, can you make those difficult decisions? Do you have a plan in place? Without a plan, you may not be able to decide who gets what without going through a lengthy legal battle. Also, without a durable power of attorney, you may not be able to make important lifesaving decisions for a loved one, including your children who are 18 and older. Just think about the problems if something happened to them as they were away at college and you could do nothing for them because you did not take the time to get a durable power of attorney. Your best defense is offense, by getting a plan in place for you and your family. An estate plan is a plan for the disposition of resources and prop-

erty after death or during crisis. A will is one component of an estate plan. Although necessary to direct the distribution of assets after death, almost 70 percent of U.S. adults do not have wills. Many people think they do not need a will because they do not have many assets, or they think that preparing a will costs too much. Dying without a will is called dying "intestate" and means that state and federal regulations will determine the distribution of assets. A carefully written legal will, however, provides for family and others in a manner consistent with a person's desires. In addition, a variety of other important legal documents make up an estate plan and can protect assets and ensure that financial strategies and health care decisions are made prior to death. These documents include a general durable power of attorney, a health care power of attorney and a living will. These documents are best completed before a crisis occurs. Thomas County Extension and

the Thomas County Community Foundation will be holding an estate planning meeting, called "How to Survive the Death Tax" on Thursday, March 15. Addressing the ever-changing estate tax laws and essential elements of an estate plan will be attorney Ken Wasserman. This meeting will help you to know what you need in place to protect you from possible changes in the estate (death) tax and to help make those difficult end-of-life decisions a little easier. Make arrangements to attend this informative meeting designed for everyone regardless of net worth. The program will be at the Thomas County 4-H Building and will start at 5 p.m. with a meal. Reservations are requested by Friday, March 9, by calling the Thomas County Extension office at (785) 460-4582. If you have questions or need more information call or e-mail me at milliman@k-state.edu.

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.

Rexford's gang has some fun

By Gwen Griffiths  
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I've been reminded recently why I like living in small towns so much. I grew up in a town of around 1,000 people and have since lived in a variety of towns, both small and large. There are times that I miss the convenience of the larger towns, but the friendliness and character of smaller towns cannot be matched. This week I remembered to stop by the Red Barn and managed to catch the Red Barn Gang at play. I had never seen many of the instruments they used and especially enjoyed a kazoo number. The music reminded me of the tunes my grandpa used to play on our piano when he came to visit. Our family attended the boys' basketball game on Friday night and enjoyed both games. It's neat to see a community cheering for their players and being good sports no matter what the outcome. This weekend is the Christian Workers Conference at Heartland



GWEN GRIFFITHS/Colby Free Press  
Jay and Nancy Dahl and Jolene Hanson (right) made music during the Red Barn Gang's monthly practice in Rexford.

Christian School in Colby. Call (785) 687-2565 to register. And that's the news from Rexford. Don't forget to send me your news - or reasons why you enjoy living in a small town. You can

call 687-2076, e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com, or just leave a note in the jar by the door at the Red Barn. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Thursday**  
2:35 a.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.  
7:43 a.m. - Helped Highway Patrol with accident on Taft.  
1:36 p.m. - Caller reported fight earlier. Incident occurred on I-70, turned over to sheriff's office.  
3:12 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop.  
4:49 p.m. - Welfare check.  
8:33 p.m. - 911 caller advised of vehicle harassing him.  
11:19 p.m. - Caller requested a check for drugs. Everything OK.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Wednesday**  
1:52 p.m. - Released Devon McCormick.  
4:39 p.m. - Booked Patrick Stubblefield.  
5:20 p.m. - Released Stubble-

field.  
8:20 p.m. - Aggravated sexual battery report filed on Social and Rehabilitation Services contact.  
**Thursday**  
12:29 a.m. - Took inmate to Larned State Hospital.  
12:46 a.m. - Booked Adam Donald Cline.  
1:08 a.m. - Released Cline.  
1:24 a.m. - Booked Becki Ann Karnes.  
1:40 a.m. - Released Karnes.  
2:16 a.m. - Booked Peter William Heier.  
3:38 a.m. - Booked Marcia Joann Miltner.  
4 a.m. - Released Miltner.  
7:53 a.m. - Helped Highway Patrol with collision on Taft.  
9:27 a.m. - Booked Michael McKinney.  
9:53 a.m. - Released McKinney.  
10:56 a.m. - Adam Donald

Cline arrested on warrant.  
11:12 a.m. - Booked Cline.  
1:49 p.m. - Caller advised of fight earlier at the college. Police said incident occurred on I-70, turned over to sheriff's office. No report at this time.  
2:01 p.m. - Assisted Gove County Sheriff's office with warrant arrest at 125 S. Mission.  
2:32 p.m. - Released Jacob Lynn Fortin.  
4:08 p.m. - Booked Josh Wolfrum.  
4:11 p.m. - Released Wolfrum.  
8:50 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle in the 3400 block of County Road B. Unable to locate or make contact.

Cards honor couple

The family of Bonnie and Walt Biggs of McDonald are holding a card shower in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday,

Feb. 23, 2012. Cards may be sent to them at 6885 Road G, McDonald, Kan., 67756.

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.

Farm Service has meetings

The Farm Service Agency in Kansas will hold Conservation Reserve Program informational meetings across the state. Kansas currently has 2,531,716 acres enrolled in the program; 517,708 acres expire Sept. 30. Landowners with expiring land or land not currently enrolled are encouraged to attend. Meetings are at 10 a.m. next Wednesday at The Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin, at 11 a.m. next Wednesday at the Rogers Bar and Grill in Herndon, and at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Midwest Energy Building in Atwood. General sign-up will be Monday, March 12, through Friday, April 6. For information, contact the Farm Service office at 462-7671.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
In the Matter of the Estate of Vaneta E. Ruda, Deceased.  
Case No. 12-PR-8

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:  
You are hereby notified that on February 10, 2012, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Timothy Ruda, an heir, devisee, and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Vaneta E. Ruda, deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Timothy Ruda, Petitioner  
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.54
Corn (bushel)	\$6.37
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.91
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.62

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Carol J. Williams, a/k/a Carol Jean Williams, Deceased.  
No. 2011-PR-46

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that an Amended Petition has been filed in this Court by Melissa Siruta, one of the heirs of Carol J. Williams, a/k/a Carol Jean Williams, deceased, requesting: Descend be determined of the following described real estate:  
An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Gove County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Gove County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Logan County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Logan County, Kansas, less and except three tracts, as more particularly described in the Petition;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Logan County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-two (32), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Logan County, Kansas, less and except three tracts, as more particularly described in the Petition; and

Lot Thirteen (13), Block Four (4), Pioneer Subdivision to the City of Colby, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the ("Revised) Family Settlement Agreement" signed by the parties and filed with the Amended Petition.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Amended Petition on or before March 8, 2012, at 10:00 AM in said Court, in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

MELISSA SIRUTA  
PETITIONER  
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CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER SPECIALTY CLINIC

100 E. College Drive, Colby, KS 67701-3799  
(785) 462-7511; Fax (785) 460-4876  
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT  
PLEASE CALL (785) 460-1223



March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Werth Larsen Reeves Nagamani	2 Frankum	3
4	5 Huston Rubinowitz	6	7 Volz Sharma Cossette Frankum	8 Keats	9 Frankum Keats	10
11	12 Huston	13 Birney Bazaz Fields	14 Pham Tirre Kennedy Korman	15 Curry Larsen	16 Frankum Challens	17
18	19 Foot Clinic Clifford	20 Fisher Holmes	21 Frankum	22 Keats	23 Keats	24
25	26 Huston	27 Parks Fields	28 Volz Annest	29	30 Clifford	31

FAMILY PRACTICE

FAMILY CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE  
Brewster Kellogg, D.O.  
Darren Matchell, D.O.  
Steven Bear, M.D.

NORTHWEST KANSAS ORTHOPEDICS  
\*Mekki Saba, M.D.

CONSULTANTS

ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY

Board Certified  
Michael Volz, M.D.

CARDIOLOGY

Cristine Fisher, M.D.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Meier Clinic - Angie Witman

DERMATOLOGY

Karen Johnson, M.D.

DIABETES

Phillip Challans, M.D.

GASTROENTEROLOGY

Jeffrey Huston, M.D.

GYNECOLOGY

David Forschner, M.D.

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

January Fields, M.D.

NEUROLOGY

Khoi Pham, M.D.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

William Clifford, M.D.  
William Keats, M.D.

ORTHOPEDICS

Robert Bassett, M.D.

ORTHOPEDICS

Rajesh Bazaz, M.D.

Timothy Birney, M.D.

James Holmes, M.D.

Admodios Hatzidakis, M.D.

Kevin Nagamani, M.D.

Ted Parks, M.D.

Vivek Sharma, M.D.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

(Ear, Nose, Throat)

Jerrold Cossette, M.D.

PLASTIC SURGERY

Conrad Tirre, M.D.

PODIATRY

Steven Larsen, D.P.M.

James Reeves, D.P.M.

PULMONARY (Chest)

Timothy Kennedy, M.D.

RHEUMATOLOGY

David S. Korman, M.D.

GENERAL SURGERY

Charles Frankum, M.D.

UROLOGY

Wallace M. Curry, M.D.  
Darrell Werth, M.D.

VASCULAR SURGEON

Stephen Annest, M.D.

**Gem Lions Club**  
**SOUP DAY**  
VEGGIE • CHILI • POTATO  
March 3, 2012 • 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Gem Community Building  
Free Will Donation

Quilt Cabin  
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**SALE-A-BRATION**  
March 1 - 3 • 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
March 5 - 10 • 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Deepest Discounts in 10 years!!**  
Interior Connection  
Quilt Cabin  
1525 S. Range  
785-462-3375