Markets

Family

Deaths

Betty K. Johnson

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 Mc-Cook, 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 at osrfh.com.

Betty K. Johnson, 76, Kearney, of Kearney; three other sons, David (Deb) Giesenhagen, North Platte; Darrel (Jeanette) Giesenhagen, Holdrege, Neb.; and Gary (Donna) Giesenhagen, Kearney; a daughter, Carol Criss, Kearnev; 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.

Financial security involves thoughtful estate planning

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 Online condolences may be left disposition of resources and prop-



erty after death or during crisis.

A will is one component of an estate plan. Although necessary direct the distribution of asto sets 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

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

Cards honor couple

The family of Bonnie and Walt Feb. 23, 2012. Cards may be sent Biggs of McDonald are holding a to them at 6885 Road G, McDoncard shower in honor of their 50th ald, Kan., 67756.

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 be forever barred. or land not currently enrolled are

Wheat (bushel) Corn (bushel) the Thomas County Milo (hundredweight) Community Founda-Soybeans (bushel) tion will be holding an estate planning meeting, called "How

to Survive the Death

Tax" on Thursday,

March 15. Address-

ing the ever-changing

estate tax laws and es-

Hi-Plains Co-op \$6.54 \$6.37 \$10.91 \$11.62

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Quotes as of close of

previous business day

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that an Amended Petitio 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: escent be determined of the following described real estates

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 Elever (11) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Gove County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interes 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 Principa 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 Elever (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, Logar County, Kansas;

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) or Section Twelve (12), Township Elever (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 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.

Rexford's gang has some fun

By Gwen Griffiths

griffithsgang@gmail.com 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

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday 2:35 a.m. - Driving under the battery report filed on Social and

influence report filed on traffic Rehabilitation Services contact. 7:43 a.m. – Helped Highway Patrol with accident on Taft.

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 call 687-2076, e-mail griffiths-(785) 687-2565 to register.

ford. Don't forget to send me your Red Barn. I'll be waiting to hear news - or reasons why you enjoy from you. living in a small town. You can

8:20 p.m. – Aggravated sexual

field.

gang@gmail.com, or just leave a And that's the news from Rex- note in the jar by the door at the

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, 12:29 a.m. - Took inmate to turned over to sheriff's office. No

report at this time.

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

wedding anniversary on Thursday, Corrections

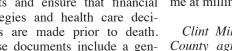
• Knowledge sential elements of an estate plan

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-oflife 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.



with a person's desires.

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.

p.m. - Booked Patrick 4:39Stubblefield.

5:20 p.m. - Released Stubble-

SOUP DAY

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Interior Connection

Quilt Cabin

Larned State Hospital. 12:46 a.m. – Booked Adam

Thursday

Donald Cline.

1:24Ann Karnes.

1:40 a.m. – Released Karnes. 2:16 a.m. - Booked Peter Wil- frum. liam 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.

1525 S. Range

785-462-3375

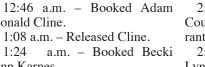
10:56 a.m. - Adam Donald

Gem Lions Club

Gem Community Building

Free Will Donation

🜔 🔆 Quilt Cabin 🔀



rant arrest at 125 S. Mission.

2:32 p.m. – Released Jacob Lynn Fortin.

4:08 p.m. - Booked Josh Wol-

4:11 p.m. – Released Wolfrum. 8:50 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle in the 3400 block March 12, through Friday, April 6. of County Road B. Unable to locate or make contact.

Parks

Fields

Volz

Annest

Huston

2:01 p.m. - Assisted Gove encouraged to attend. Meetings County Sheriff's office with war- 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 signup will be Monday, For information, contact the Farm Service office at 462-7671.

Timothy Ruda, Petitioner

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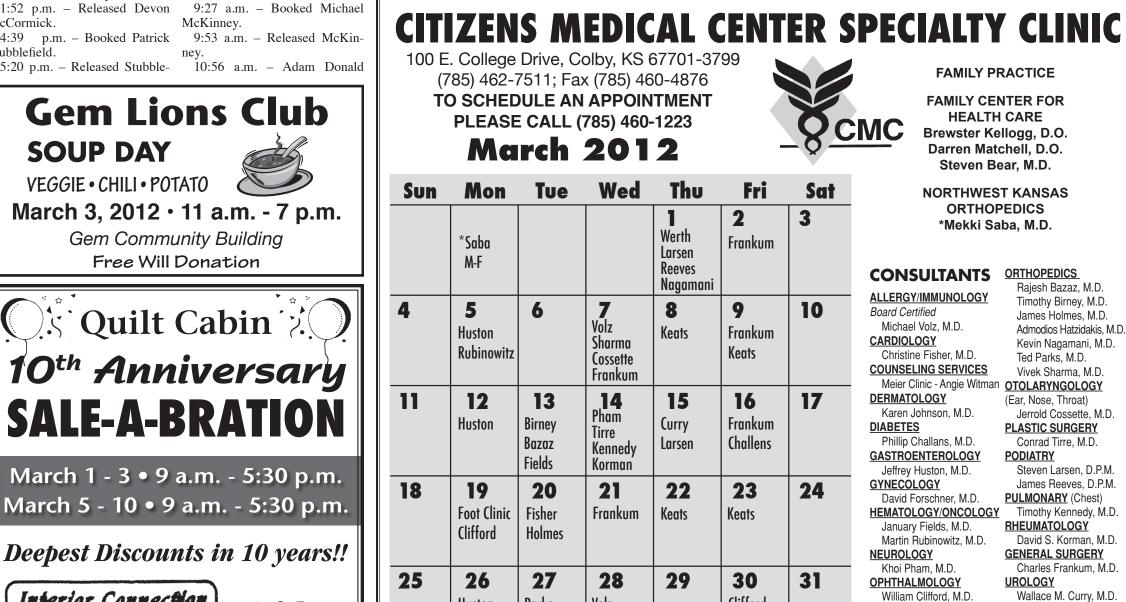


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