

Deaths

Lester and Pearl Powell

A joint memorial service for Lester and Pearl Powell of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of McDonald, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Senior Center in McDonald.

John Hines of the Bar None Southern Baptist Church in Casper, Wyo., will officiate; inurnment will be in Grace Cemetery near McDonald. A reception will follow at the senior center.

Lester Perry Powell, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at his home.

He was born Jan. 31, 1931, in Cheyenne County, on the family farm northwest of McDonald, the son of Robert Perry and Martha Jane (Watkins) Powell. A polio survivor, he moved into McDonald with his parents in the early 1950s.

On Jan. 1, 1959, he married Pearl Jane Fox in Scottsbluff, Neb. They lived in McDonald, where, in addition to cattle and wheat farming, he was engaged in custom combining. He was a volunteer firefighter, building a water tanker for the department, driving an ambulance and eventually became McDonald's town judge.

As a pilot, he volunteered with the Antique Thresher Show, the Civil Air Patrol and the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children, as well as being a district director of the Kansas Flying Farmers. He was a member of the McDonald Masonic Lodge for over 50 years.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert Powell in 1952 and Martha Powell in 1976, and six siblings.

He is survived by a sister, Gertrude Ilene Cochran of Silver Lake, as well as his children and their descendants.

Pearl Jane Fox, 73, died Monday, March 12, 2012, at her home in Mesa.

She was born at home on Nov. 22, 1938, in Riverton, Wyo., to Bernard William and Eunice Louise (Loghry) Fox. At the age of 6, she had rheumatic fever. Much of her childhood was spent in Wyoming, Utah, Nebraska and Colorado



Pearl and Lester Powell

do until she eventually was placed under the care of the nuns operating St. Euphrasia's Children's Home in Denver.

When she aged out of the foster-care system, she took a job at the Powell Nursing Home in Scottsbluff, Neb., where she later met and married Lester. A homemaker, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and raised money for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, as well as selling Tupperware, Avon and Stanley products. She was an artist, having done several oil and acrylic paintings under the guidance of Marilyn Frisbie.

The couple moved to Mesa in 1986, and Lester worked for the Rogers Corp. at Chandler, Ariz., until he retired in 1996. They joined the Tri-City Baptist Church, now in Chandler, in 2004.

Following Lester's death in 2007, Pearl resumed her art work, creating and distributing over 7,000 greeting cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard in 1972 and Eunice in 1969, and three siblings, an infant boy, Darlene Lamb and June Fox.

Survivors include two sisters, Judy (Stanley) Karys, Chicago, and JoAnn (Stanley) Mengers, Grand Island, Neb.; four daughters, Ellen Marie (Nicholas) Shultz and Carol Ann Powell of Mesa; Martha Louise (David) Farley, Adair, Iowa; and Debra Lea Peter (Kenneth Ryan), Pueblo, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arizona services were arranged by Falconer Funeral Home, Gilbert, Ariz., and the Tri-City Baptist Church.

# Sophomore auction highlights end-of-school concert Thursday

People are busy getting ready for graduation and the end of the school year here.

We attended the spring band and choir concert at Golden Plains on Thursday evening and enjoyed hearing the music performed by all of the groups. The concert was followed by the annual Sophomore Worker Auction. There was quite a crew of workers up for bid, and somehow we came home with three of them committed to help us this summer.

Shaun Gilbert received a Dane Hansen scholarship for the next two years. He also received a Kansas State University academic scholarship. He will be graduating from Colby Community College this spring and will trans-



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fer to Kansas State in the fall. He is pursuing a degree in engineering.

Clara Gillum, Raenell Lunsday and Joan Todd made a tour of their childhood homesites earlier this month. They visited Page Goodland. They shared many memories and lots of laughter.

The Country Quilting and Keepsakes quilt-

ing group spent the weekend at Shepherd's Staff doing what they do best – creating beautiful projects that will be cherished by each person who receives them. They arrived Thursday and quilted into the wee hours of each morning, then left Sunday afternoon.

Youth from Lutheran churches all over western Kansas came for a "Wild Wild West" retreat on Friday and Saturday. Many of them took advantage of the spring weather by playing paintball before and after the actual retreat.

A city-wide garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday, June 23. If you are interested in participating, please give me a call so we can add you to the list. And as always, news can be left in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, emailed to griffithsgang@gmail.com, or called to (785) 687-2076.

## Who's got a bid for this hardworking sophomore?



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Josh Barnhart (right) got auctioned off at the Golden Plains Sophomore Worker Auction on April 26 by auctioneer Gary Gillum. Sophomore Class President Leea Juenemann (center right) and Vice President Tristan Schwarz (center left) read

the worker descriptions to inform potential bidders of each worker's skills while other class members await their turn to be auctioned off. The class thanked Gillum and the bidders.

## Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club met March 23, with Lois VanHorn as hostess.

Following the flag salute, seven members and guest Jean Lowe answered roll call with their plans for Easter.

Phyllis Elliott read a birthday card from Ruth Lowenthal, a former member of the club who now lives in Lawrence.

A paver was given in honor of the club; "Shakespeare Club Since 1907" will be printed on it.

Jane Bandy gave the program on "Making the Best of It."

Bandy shared her family's journey in coping with her husband's Alzheimer's disease. She said that as more and more people

are diagnosed with the disease, it will touch all of our lives. Most of those at the meeting said they have had friends or family members affected.

Having been a teacher, education was important to Bandy. She said since she could not change the disease, she could change her attitude towards it. John Hopkins Medical Center was the best resource and she ordered and read all of the material.

She added that her faith, family, writing and her sense of humor has helped her the most. She wrote poems and thoughts about her family's situation. She also writes in a gratitude book about what she is thankful for every day.

## Corrections

A photo titled "Couple wins contest" on Page 1 of the Monday, April 30, Colby Free Press, incorrectly identified two people. The two people facing the camera were Judge Glenn and Diana Schiffner, not Marvin and Betty Albers. This was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.09
Corn (bushel)	\$6.12
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.52
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.73

## Thank You

We thank all who gave so much preparing for and taking part in the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thank You, family for the perfect celebration for this special day. We appreciate the many beautiful cards and greetings received. All do, indeed, make cherished Golden Memories.

Becky & Jerry Kersenbrock

# Colby grad parent of year in Mississippi district

Martin Keil, the son of Marvin and Else Keil of Colby, was named the 2012 Parent of the Year by the Rankin County School District in Mississippi.

Keil, a 1982 graduate of Colby High School, has lived in Brandon, Miss., for 24 years, where he and his wife, Angie, have raised their two daughters. Claire is a senior at Brandon High School and Madison is an eighth grader at Brandon Middle School.

With the title, he will be considered for the Mississippi Parent of the Year Award, along with others from around the state.

The school district, third largest in the state, serves over 19,000 students in 27 schools, said Keil.

His activities have included the Parent Teacher Organizations of the middle and high schools in Brandon, a middle school fund-raising team, stage manager and trumpet player for the elementary and middle school show choirs and working with the school's scholastic team.

Most notably, he has served as a school board member, allocations committee director and currently is board president.

"As a Christian, I feel we should

be involved in our community and give back to society," said Keil. "If we're not investing in our children's future, what are we doing?"

## Cocky rooster crows at inn

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – Every day a colorful character visits a fried chicken restaurant outside Memphis and loudly announces his arrival – with a crow.

Nobody seems to know where the red rooster came from, but *The Commercial Appeal* (bit.ly/HXY-QZ1) reported he first showed up about three months ago and has been a daily fixture since at Gus' Fried Chicken in Collierville.

He's been known to cross a busy street, but most often crows from a fenced field across the street from the restaurant.

Collierville Animal Services has been trying to catch him. Shelter manager John Robinson says he doesn't want the cocky fowl to meet an untimely end at the paws of a raccoon or other predator.

Robinson said of the bird that he fears no man – or Gus.

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