

Deaths

Claude W. Herren

Claude W. Herren, 81, Colby, a lifelong farmer and rancher in Thomas County, died Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the Deseret Health Center in Colby.

He was born Feb. 3, 1931, to Onnie D. and Minnie (Love) Herren in Colby.

On Aug. 26, 1956, he married Cleta Vacura.

Drafted into the army in 1954, he was discharged as a corporal in 1956.

A life member of the American Legion, he was an Odd Fellow Lodge member for 63 years.

He was active in the Boy Scouts for 30 years, serving 18 years as a scout master.

He served on the Mingo Co-op and Soil Conservation boards. As a member of the First Christian Church, he served as an elder and treasurer along with involvement

VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met last Wednesday with President Anita Thiel as chair.

Following routine business, the hospital and family support chairman reported a funeral dinner served for the Deanna Oesterreich family.

The cancer aid and research chairman had helped a member with cancer insurance application.

Publicity reported a meetinging news item in the *Colby Free Press*.

The Americanism report was the goals of Americanism, such at Get Out the Vote; military suicide awareness; Patriots of Tomorrow teaching loyalty and patriotism; United States flag education and distribution of flags; and prisoner of war/missing in action recognition of the third Friday of September, so those brave Americans are

Beans, grains climb with heat

By Sandy Shore
AP Business Writer

Prices for wheat, corn and soybeans are racing higher with little relief in sight from blistering heat across much of the nation's farmland.

Wheat and corn jumped more than 4 percent Monday. Soybeans rose 2.4 percent.

Several weeks of hot, dry weather has caused damage to corn and soybean crops in fields, and there is little rain in the forecast over the next couple of weeks. Wheat has been hurt by adverse weather both in the U.S. and in the Black Sea region of Russia.

Traders are buying up contracts, pushing prices higher, on expectations that supplies will be smaller heading into the winter. "If we have 10 more days of dryness, this market should not stutter at all — we should just continue to march higher," said Mike Zuzolo, president of Global Commodity and Analytics LLC.

As the weeks pass with little improvement, livestock producers, food companies and consumers are bracing for higher prices.

Hog and poultry producers use corn as feed. If prices rise too high, they are likely to sell off more animals, Zuzolo said. That should benefit consumers initially because there would be more meat available, but prices likely would begin to climb around the holidays.

Prices for food made from grains, such as breads and cereals, may begin rising within one to two months, depending on the amount of grain in the product and the company's strategy, analysts have said.

on various committees.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his parents-in-law, Joe and Clara Vacura of Jennings.

Survivors include his wife, Cleta, of the home; a son, Roger Herren, Colby; a grandson, Gavin Herren, Colby; and a brother-in-law Dean (Dorothy) Vacura, of Jennings.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012, at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby, with the Rev. Lyle Knebel officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary, 190 S. Franklin.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to Citizens Medical Center, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

not forgotten.

A financial donation was allowed for free movies for kids in the summertime.

After discussion of rising costs it was decided to raise dues to \$22.50 for the coming year.

The charter was draped in memory of Deanna Oesterreich and a monetary donation made to cancer aid and research as a memorial.

Thiel reported on activities and decisions made at the department school of instruction in Salina.

District President Jenny Holmgren will make her annual inspection tour at the August meeting.

Bills were presented and allowed for payment and the meeting adjourned.

The time for the next meeting has been changed. It will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the post home.

Character relies on certain traits

Hope you had a happy Independence Day and took time to celebrate our freedom with family and friends. I would like to say thank you to all of those in the military who have fought or are still fighting for our freedom and privileges.

In the past I have shared with you excerpts from Character Counts and would like to share with you the six pillars of character that we refer to with youth and adults in our 4-H program.

These pillars of character come from the Josephson Institute. Many other lessons and quotes can be found online at www.charactercounts.org.

- The Six Pillars of Character**
- Trustworthiness*
- Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal. Be reliable — do what you say you'll do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Build a good reputation. Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country.
- Respect*
- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant and accepting of differences. Use good manners, not bad language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.
- Responsibility*
- Do what you are supposed to do. Plan ahead. Persevere: keep on trying. Always do your best. Use self-control. Be self-disciplined. Think before you act — consider the consequences. Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes. Set a good example for others.
- Fairness*
- Play by the rules. Take turns



Clint Milliman

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and share. Be open-minded; listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly. Treat all people fairly.

Caring

Be kind. Be compassionate and show you care. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Get involved in community affairs. Stay informed; vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment. Volunteer.

TRRFCC

You can use this acronym to help you remember that people with good character are terrific:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

If we all practice these six pillars of character, just imagine the better place we would live in. Do your part and practice good character because character does count.

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Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Eric Scott Schiltz, 30, Grinnell, Jan. 31, probation violation, theft (two counts), forgery, failure to appear/child support, Logan County Sheriff's Office, released Friday to other agency.
- Josh Dean Wolfrum, 21, Colby, March 12, failure to pay, failure to pay/giving a worthless check, aggravated indecent liberties with a child under 14, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Thursday on court order.
- Tami Kay Downing, 33, Quinter, July 2, probation violation, Colby Police Department/ Court Services of Thomas County, released last Wednesday on recognizance.
- Melissa Joy Swafford, 30, Colby, July 5, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Florida Department of Corrections, released last Wednesday on recognizance.
- Kirt Alan Dugger, 21, Colby, last Wednesday, failure to appear, failure to appear/theft, Colby Police, released Thursday on \$5,000 bond.
- Skylar Kay Justice, 19, Colby, last Wednesday, failure to appear, Colby Police, released Thursday on \$5,000 bond.
- Craig E. Edwards, 51, Winona, Thursday, battery, Logan County Sheriff, released Friday to other agency.
- Mark Edward Enos, 63, Grover Beach, Calif., Thursday, possession of marijuana with intent to

sell, no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of a communication facility, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Saturday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Cody J. Younkin, 27, Oakley, Friday, driving under the influence, Oakley Police Department, released same day on recognizance.
- Kyle L. Brogan, 49, Colby, Sunday, driving under the influence, failure to maintain a single lane, speeding, Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.
- Laura K. Joseph, 27, Grinnell, Sunday, driving under the influence, refusal to take breath test, Oakley Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Kelsey N. Mann, 22, Bird City, Sunday, driving under the influence, failure to maintain single lane, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day to responsible party.

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Celebration to honor 90th birthday Sunday

The family of Rita Beckman is holding a 90th birthday celebration for her from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Hoxie Long Term Care west conference room.

She was born July 23, 1922, on a farm near Angelus.

Mrs. Beckman has four children, Lottie and Vic Ignacio, of Clifton, Va.; Lynette Ball, of Colby; Stuart and Anita Beckman, of Menlo; and Nancy Beckman, of Leesburg, Va. She also has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family requests no gifts.

Those unable to attend may send birthday wishes to her at Box 167, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.



Rita Beckman

Emporia lists honors

Jessica Leiker of Colby was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Emporia State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

To qualify, students must earn a semester grade average that puts them in the top 10 percent of full-time undergraduate students

enrolled in the college and have a cumulative 3.5 average for all Emporia State courses.

Hailey Kistler of Monument was named to the spring honor roll at Emporia State. To qualify, students must earn a minimum 3.8 semester average in at least 12 graded hours.

Honors program completed

Laura Wolters of Atwood, a May graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's in chemical engineering, has been named as one of 33 students who completed requirements of the advanced academic program this year.

The program is open to current and transfer students and incoming freshmen with records of high academic achievement. As members of the program, students are required to take 15 honors credits; participants from the College of Arts and Sciences must take 16 honors credits. Students also must maintain at least a 3.5 grade average while in the program.

Church burglar apologizes

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A church burglar in South Texas who stole about \$20 has left a note saying: "Forgive me. I need the money."

No arrests had been made in the break-in at South Shore Christian Church in Corpus Christi.

Church secretary Iris Cantu said cleanup of a broken door has been completed and weekend services would go on as scheduled. She

had no damage estimate.

Cantu also says whoever stole the cash and left the apology note on a desk "had very good manners, I'll give him that."

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

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.26
Corn (bushel)	\$7.94
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.55
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