

Deaths

Norma Lee Eicher

Norma Lee Eicher, 85, a Colby homemaker, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at her home.

She was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Winfield, the daughter of Everett and Mary Lee (Nace) Stewart.

A son, Michael Eicher, preceded her in death in 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Eicher, of the home; three sons, Jon Eicher and Brian Eicher, both of Brewster, and Greg Eicher, Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Susan Eicher of Lafayette, Ind., and Mary Olson of Palmer, Alaska; a brother, William G. Stewart

Marguerite L. Black

Marguerite L. Black, 86, Hays, formerly of Rexford, died Sunday, July 15, 2012, at Hays Medical Center after a battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 25, 1925, near Selden, to Elsie (Kober) and Joseph Maddock. In 1946, she married Harvey Jack May Jr. They had one son.

She later married Andrew John Black in Tucumcari, N.M. They lived in Rexford.

A Rexford High School graduate, she worked at the Golden Plains High School and the Rexford Cafe.

In 2008 she moved to Hays, living at Epworth Towers and then the Good Samaritan center. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, thrift shops, writing letters and socializing.

Raymond James Mazanec

Raymond James Mazanec, 95, Hays, a Colby High graduate and a brother of Albin Mazanec and Helen Horinek of Colby, died Thursday, July 19, 2012, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born April 24, 1917, in Brainard, Neb., to Adolf and Hattie (Kobza) Mazanec. He graduated from Colby High School in 1939. During World War II, he served in the 7th Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

On May 1, 1945, he married Josephine Horinek.

A mechanic for the Kansas Highway Department, he was a member of the Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, the Sunflower Polka Club, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays and the Knights of Columbus.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, James Mazanec; two sisters, Mary Mazanec and Celestine Seivert; and two son-in-laws, Francis Lang and Larry Hilmes.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners Tuesday were Gail Vacca, first, with 3,750 points; Katie Melvin, second; Alvin Koenig, third; Sarah Barret, fourth; Jean Snyder fifth; Bob Renner, sixth; and Mary Molstad, seventh. All players are welcome at 5:30 Tuesdays.

of Louisburg, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, 1012, at the Brewster United Methodist Church, with burial in the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials in her name to be designated later, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 4, 2009.

Survivors include three children, Randall (Cheryl) May, of Plano, Texas, and John Black and Julie Black, both of Hays, and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be later at the Rexford Community Church. Arrangements are in the care of Brock's North Hill Chapel, (785) 625-2622.

The family suggests memorials to the Dreiling-Schmidt Cancer Center, the Hays Medical Center Hospice or the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home, 2509 Vine, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Condolences may be left at www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com or e-mailed to keithley@ruraltel.net.

Other survivors include his wife, of Hays; three daughters, Caroline Hilmes, WaKeeney; Antonetta "Tony Jo" Lang, Hays; and Ramona (Bruce) Young, Lakewood, Colo.; another sister, Sister Rita Ann Mazanec of Concordia; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012, at the church. Burial will military honors will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Atwood.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Monday at Brock's North Hill Chapel, 2509 Vine, Hays. A Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, followed by a parish vigil service at 6:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.71
Corn (bushel)	\$8.22
Milo (hundredweight)	\$14.05
Soybeans (bushel)	\$16.28

Citizens' responsibilities include careful research before going to poll

If you were to ask the average Christian about his or her responsibilities as a citizen, they would probably say, obey the law, pay your taxes and pray for those who lead us. These answers are correct – but incomplete.

The Bible does indeed teach us that we are to do these things, but the New Testament passages that teach them were written to men and women living in the Roman Empire, and for them, these three things were a fairly complete summary of what it meant to be a good citizen. But as citizens of a representative democracy, we have additional responsibilities and privileges.

When the United States was founded, a new paradigm was created. There would still be people ruling over us to whom we owe honor and our prayers. There would still be taxes collected and we would be responsible for paying them. There would still be laws passed that we would need to obey.

But the American experiment provided for something unique in human history; under the American system, every so often the people become king for the day.

The way it works is that once every couple of years, the people rule through the ballot box.

Proposed laws are sometimes submitted for their approval. Judges wait to find out whether or not they will be retained, and our elected leaders – from the President of the United States to our senators, representatives, state legislators, county commissioners and city council members – wait to see whether or not the people will allow them to retain their power or whether so challenger will receive it instead.

So I am suggesting that on those days when the citizen becomes king, he has a different set



Mark Carlton

• From the Pulpit

of responsibilities than he has on those other days when he is just a citizen. Imagine, for example, that you were a king. All of those passages in the Bible which speak to our responsibility to the government would be irrelevant. Instead we would need to look at those passages in the Bible that tell us how to be a good king. And since we will become king for a day at the August primaries and the November general election, I think we should take our job seriously and rule well. To this end, let us consider a few basic principles.

A. Know what you are doing. Statistics show that 86 percent of voters are uninformed; they know neither the issues nor the candidates. Yet the 86 percent decide most elections. And you wonder why we're in trouble?!

These days politicians now take the ignorance of the average voter into account in their marketing campaigns. Knowing that most people vote on the basis of name recognition or certain hot button issues, political consultants seek only to pander to those things.

For example, political hacks know that the average mailing will be in the hands of a voter for only 15 seconds, the time it takes to glance at it and throw it away. So they prepare mailers that feature a name and a few carefully polled hot button issues, bullet pointed and highlighted with bold type. So the good citizen will be among the 14 percent who know what or who

they are voting for and why.

B. Because issues come and go, character matters. It is almost laughable to consider the actual issues Kennedy and Nixon addressed in their famous debates. They no longer matter because issue change, and the big issue of today becomes the footnote of tomorrow.

When voting for a president, for example, you can almost be certain that something will come up in the next four years that no one ever anticipated. So more important than a candidate's stand on a particular issue is the character of the man or woman who will be making those unanticipated decisions.

C. Some issues matter more than others. There are issues that transcend politics, issues that matter to God. Thus it is important that a candidate not only take the right stand on these issues, but understand why she or he is taking the stand. This goes to the candidates' world views.

So we need to ask, what is the candidate's world view? Who or what influenced them? If they think something is right or wrong, how did they reach that conclusion? What is the basis of the morality? In the final analysis, perhaps the most important question an office seeker can be asked is, "What is your overall view of the universe?"

D. Am I voting for a godly man or woman? It has been said that fish rot from the head down and a nation seldom rises higher than its leaders. Billy Graham once pointed out that not every born-again Christian is qualified to be president. So it might better to have a competent unbeliever than a believing nincompoop. However, all other things being equal, go with the godly candidate.

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Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

President Brennan Ziegelmeier called the monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club to order Sunday at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

July is always the club tour meeting and eleven members attended and shared with the other members what they would be taking to the Thomas County Fair.

Community Leader Donna Lamb reported current 4-H happenings and upcoming events especially talking about a club float for the fair parade and a booth for the fair.

Club members Brennan Ziegelmeier, Brook Ziegelmeier, Jory Koon, Lakin Denny, Hallie Vaughn, Hunter Vaughn, Nathan Strammel, Sarah Lamb, Tucker Gerstner, Lewis Heines, Jacob Koon, Kinley Ziegelmeier and Cassie Wells told about the entries they will be taking to the fair.

The Koon family furnished

popsicles for refreshments and the meeting adjourned to the Colby swimming pool, where members enjoyed a refreshing dip.


– Cassie Wells, reporter

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.



Stop and Take a Moment



Teenier and teenier..

Have you ever thought about how fortunate we are to have the square feet we do in our homes? In my opinion the average square feet of a home in our market is about 950. Many may think that seems very small, but when you think about what is going on right now in New York City, 950 sq. feet is castle size. New York City is inviting local developers to devise plans for "micro housing" units of 275 to 300 square feet. The proposed units would contain a kitchenette, bathroom, and space for a fold-out bed in a combined sleeping/living space. This would be sizing down from the current regulation of 400 square feet. With the high housing prices and shortage of housing, the shift to teenier and teenier is on the way.

With the current shortage of housing in Colby, I am glad there is not a shift going on here to "micro housing". Yes, once again we have so much to be thankful for living in Western Kansas... freedom of space. I am glad I am not a city kind of gal!!!

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ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten- 5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

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