

Deaths

Anton 'Tony' Riedel

Anton A. Riedel, 94, a retired Colby farmer, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at his daughter's home in Lee's Summit, Mo. He was born Dec. 7, 1917, in Thomas County, the son of William H. and Antonia Riedel, and graduated from Colby High School in 1935. On July 30, 1937, he married Anna F. Deibert. He farmed and raised sheep southwest of Colby for 50 years, until he retired and moved into Colby in 1994. The couple enjoyed square dancing in their early years. He was preceded in death by his wife, in 2005, his parents and seven brothers and sisters. Survivors include two sons,

Richard (Kolean) Riedel, Gardner, and Ron (Kathy) Riedel, Wichita; a daughter, Kaylene (Johnnie) Crabb, Lee's Summit; a step-sister, Elanora Hemmert, Wheatridge, Colo.; five grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. The family suggests memorials to the church or the Thomas County Historical Society, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Leonard E. Cox

Longtime Sharon Springs resident Leonard E. Cox, 82, a retired railroad and trucking sales manager, and father of Kevin (Jeanne) Cox of Colby, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune. He was born June 9, 1930, at Weskan, the son of Addie (Knight) and Wilbur E. Cox. In 1947, he graduated from high school at Weskan, going on to attend Kansas Wesleyan University to study music. He served in the Navy, playing with Navy bands in Washington and at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. One of his favorite memories was playing for President Harry Truman on his yacht. On Sept. 1, 1949, he married Elsie Elizabeth Maki at the Methodist Church in Waukegan, Ill., with his Navy chaplain officiating. Early in their marriage, he had a big band named Lenny's in the Kansas City area. In 1950, he started a railroad career, living and working in Kansas City, Des Moines, Iowa, Salt Lake City and Santa Rosa, Calif. He retired in 1974 as district sales manager for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas, or Katy, Railroad. In the 1980s, the couple moved back to the San Francisco Bay

area from Kansas, where he became vice-president of sales for Budway Trucking. In 1991, they returned to Sharon Springs. He was a member of the Sharon Springs United Methodist Church and Rotary Club. Golfing was a favorite hobby. For the last 12 years, he filled the pulpit of the United Methodist Church in Kanorado. He stayed involved with music as well, sometimes playing tuba for the high school pep band. Preceding him in death were his parents and five brothers, Don Cox, Ronnie Cox, Delbert Cox, Ralph Cox and Glen "Billy" Cox. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Jeanne Moffat, both of Sharon Springs; another son, Darrell (Johannah) Cox, Lawrence; a sister, Betty Schmitt, New Harmony, Ind.; and eight grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, at the Sharon Springs United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Anglemeyer and Pastor Justin Schlichenmayer officiating and inurnment, with military honors, in the Weskan Cemetery. The family suggests memorials in his name instead of flowers, in care of the Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Jeanette Richmeier Wideman

Jeanette Richmeier Wideman, 50, Lakin, sister of former Colby resident Judi (Chuck) Feldt, now of Hoxie, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Jan. 18, 1962, in Hays, the daughter of Edwin Joseph and Agnes Armilda (Flax) Richmeier. She attended grade school in Ellis and graduated from Morland High School in 1980. After earning an associate degree in business and accounting from Fort Hays State University, she was a tax preparer at H&R Block and a homemaker. She liked bingo, traveling and dancing and drove many people to appointments and on errands. Survivors include her parents; a son, Timmy (Laci) Wideman

of Lakin; two brothers, Kenny (Vera) Richmeier and Jim (Anna) Richmeier, both of WaKeeney; two other sisters, Shirley (Randy) Eichman of Fort Myers, Fla., and Cathy (Mark) Conrady of Lakin; and a granddaughter. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Peter, with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney. A parish vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. The family suggests memorials in her name to help with her granddaughter's education, in care of the funeral home, 336 North 12th St., WaKeeney, Kan., 67672. Condolences may be left online at www.schmittfuneral.com.

At Halloween or any time at all, beware of these household hazards



Diann Gerstner

• Knowledge for Life

Happy Halloween! Since this is Halloween evening, I'm sure you are busy with Halloween traditions and activities so it is too late for ideas dealing with Halloween. But in the spirit of Halloween I'm focusing on "Beware."

New products and technologies have created new hazards. Although new, they are often such insignificant items that it never crosses our mind that it might be a hazard to a child. The latest report I read was about those cute little detergent packets.

**Beware of detergent packets.** Poison control centers have reported nearly 1,500 cases of kids eating the small single-use packets of concentrated detergent. The problem is many of the packets resemble candy because of their colorful, multi-layered shape. This is a good reminder to keep all types of cleaning products out of children's reach.

**Beware of button batteries.** Keep button batteries out of your child's reach. If a button cell battery is ingested, immediately seek medical attention. The batteries can become lodged in the throat, burning the esophagus. It takes as little as two hours to cause severe burns once a coin-sized lithium battery has been swallowed. Once burning begins, damage can continue even after the battery is removed. Because kids can still breathe with the coin lithium battery in their throats; it may not be obvious at first that something is wrong.

In 2010 alone, more than 3,400 swallowing cases were reported in the U.S. Nineteen children sustained life-threatening or debilitating injuries and others died. You don't think you have many button batteries around your home? Think about mini remote controls, singing greeting cards, watches, bathroom scales and flameless candles.

Tip: The National Battery Ingestion Hotline is available anytime at (202) 625-3333 - call

collect if necessary - or call the Poison Help hotline at (800) 222-1222.

**Beware of magnets.** Today's magnets can be very small and powerful, making them popular in toys, building sets and jewelry. As the number of products with magnets has increased, so has the number of serious injuries to children.

In several hundred incidents, magnets have fallen out of various toys and been swallowed by children. Small intact pieces of building sets that contain magnets have also been swallowed by children. If two or more magnets, or a magnet and another metal object are swallowed separately, they can attract to one another through intestinal walls and get trapped in place.

The injury is hard to diagnose. Parents and physicians may think that the materials will pass through the child without consequence, but magnets can attract in the body and twist or pinch the intestines, causing holes, blockages, infection and death, if not treated properly and promptly.

Tip: Watch carefully for loose magnets and magnetic pieces and keep away from children under 6.

**Beware of recalled products.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission is very effective at getting dangerous products off store shelves, such as recalled toys, clothing, children's jewelry, tools, appliances, electronics

and electrical products. But once a product gets into the home, the consumer has to be on the lookout. Be aware of the latest safety recalls to keep dangerous recalled products away from family members.

Tip: Join Consumer Product Safety Commission's "Drive to One Million" campaign and sign up for free e-mail notifications at www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. An e-mail from them could save a life.

**Beware of dead batteries.** A smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector can't work if the battery has no power.

Each year, about 3,000 people in the U.S. die from fires in the home. Many of these fires occur at night while people who are sleeping unknowingly inhale toxic gases and smoke. More than half of the fires occur in houses without a smoke alarm. Fires that result in death in houses with smoke detectors are almost always due to not enough detectors or dead smoke alarm batteries.

Smoke alarm batteries should be changed every six months. Changing the batteries every time we change our clocks is a good way to remember. This weekend we change our clocks, so be wise and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.

If you are elderly or infirm and live in Colby, call the Colby Fire Department (785) 460-4454 and they will change the batteries for you. Call soon as they will be changing batteries this Saturday.

There is little to no investment needed to prevent these dangers. Simply by being aware of these hazards, many lives can be spared and life-altering injuries avoided.

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.

Rexford residents get busy making noodles

It was a big weekend here in Rexford. My family started off the week by helping to pack meals for hungry children through the Feed My Starving Children food pack event Friday afternoon in McCook. We went up with a group of home school families through Christian Family Educators. Many others from the area participated throughout the weekend.

Friday morning, a group of Rexford residents got together to make noodles for the Lions Club Pheasant Hunters Dinner in November. They estimated it would take four or five hours to make all of the noodles needed for the event.

Shepherd's Staff had two events this weekend. Women from the High Plains Baptist Church in



Nataasha Griffiths drew a name for the door prize at the museum Saturday.



Gwen Griffiths

• Rexford Correspondent

raiser for the Rexford Museum held at the Red Barn. A good group of people came to play bingo and enjoy cake and ice cream. Proceeds from the event will go toward replacing the roof on the museum.

Sunday, Rexford Community Church had a guest, Greg Strange, who sang a number of songs and spoke to the congregation. Following the service, members of

the church ate lunch together, and then wrapped and packed over 100 shoeboxes to be given as gifts through Operation Christmas Child.

There was to be no Kids Club today.

Keep the opening weekend of pheasant season, Saturday, Nov. 10, on your calendar and plan to attend the Pheasant Hunters Dinner. More details will be coming next week.

That's the news for the week! Please feel free to contact me with news by calling (785) 687-2076 or e-mailing griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

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)	\$8.42
Corn (bushel)	\$7.46
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.79
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.43

**Kiss Unwanted Items Goodbye** Sell them in the **Classifieds - 462-3963**

DAR

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Oct. 24 at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby.

Regent Sharon Maurath conducted the meeting. Roll call was answered with "a snake story in your memory."

Cheryl Goetz gave national defense. Gladys Rowley gave the treasurer's report. Eva Lee Wheeler gave the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as corrected.

A vote to save nickels to be given to the Chippeau Indian School carried.

A skit, "Four Ladies' Journey to America," on a trip in 1620, was presented by Judy Watkins, Kay Weber, Gayle Bremenkamp and Maurath.

Following a recess for lunch at Mabel's, reports were given by Bremenkamp, Weber, Watkins, Goetz and Fran Mann.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, in Hoxie.

- Eva Lee Wheeler, secretary

**NORTHWEST KANSAS Foundation for HOPE FUNDRAISER**  
Personal Touch  
Saturday, Nov. 3rd  
5 - 9 p.m.  
100% proceeds go to the Foundation  
Call for an appointment  
785-462-8308

**An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving DINNER**  
Sunday, November 4th  
Serving: 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Colby Sacred Heart Church Basement

Please join us for:  
Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Salads, Homemade Pie, Iced Tea, and Coffee

Meals-on-Wheels available by calling 462-2179 before Sunday.  
On Sunday, please call, 443-2298

Elevator access to the basement!  
Free will donation will be accepted.

**Shop by Candlelight at EMERALD EDITION**  
Antiques & Interiors  
145 West 3rd, Colby, KS 67701  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, November 3rd, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Enjoy the ambiance of the evening with Wine and Hors d'oeuvres  
Saturday, November 3rd. 10:00 - 4:00 • Sunday, November 4th. 1:00 - 4:00

**OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**Lauren Bell**  
Parents: Max & Renell Bell  
Sponsored by: Colby Rotary

Lauren, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for October 2012.

Lauren's school and community activities include CHS Ambassadors, Young Humanitarians, Student Council, Yearbook, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Prom Committee, Forensics, Cosmic Crayon and International Club.

Lauren's special honors include National Honor Society, Top English II, Algebra II, English I, Geometry Student Awards; Sophomore Class President; Freshmen Class Representative; National Honor Society Treasurer; Yearbook Co-Editor & Section Editor; 2nd Team All-League Honorable Mention-Basketball (Sophomore); 1st Team All-League-Volleyball (Sophomore); Most Improved-Softball (Junior); All Sport Letter Winner-Freshman thru Junior.

Lauren plans to attend Kansas State University to major in pre-Pharmacy.