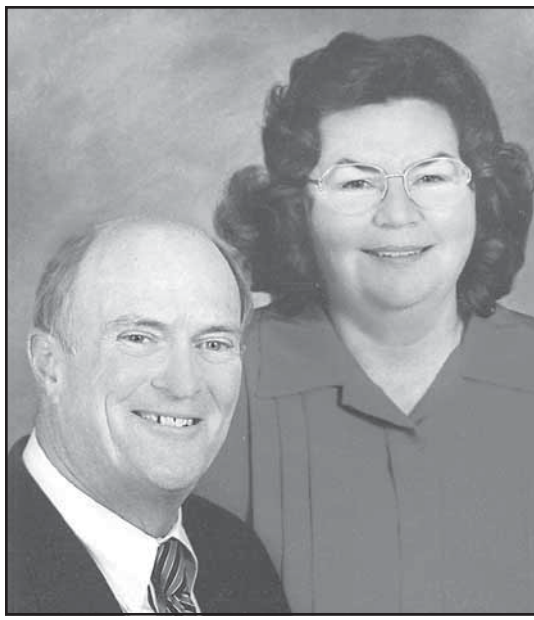




The Barretts in 1963



The Barretts now

Cards will mark 50th anniversary

Larry and Sarah Jane (Munday) Barrett of Colby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2013, with a card shower.

Sarah Jane, a Colby native, met Larry, originally from Cape Girardeau, Mo., in Denver. They married on June 3, 1963, and lived in Gunnison, Colo., where Larry taught school. Later, they moved to Denver where Larry worked in business, then to Colby where they owned and operated Sunflower Savings and Loan. They started

Computer Resource Center in 1984 and recently retired.

Their favorite activities include playing golf and bridge, taking walks and trying new recipes.

They have two daughters: Bonnie (Troy) Corrigan of Bellvue, Colo., and Barbara Niles of Tucson, Ariz.

Cards can be mailed to 645 Woolfer Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Library digs into summer with reading, activities

It is time for summer reading again – and the library staff is digging in. The theme for this summer is Dig Into Reading. The programs are free and open to children, preschool age through eighth grade. The summer reading program encourages reading for pleasure and for information during the summer while helping youngsters retain their reading skills.

The program at Pioneer Memorial Library is divided into three offerings: weekly storytime and activity sessions, special events and Journey to the Center of the Earth (reading challenge game). Judy Kleinsorge, child and youth librarian, hopes that by planning a variety of offerings, the program will meet the interests of youngsters and the busy schedules of their families.

The weekly sessions will begin meeting on Monday, June 3. Sign-up for the sessions is not required and children are encouraged to come when and as often as they can.

Rocky Candy and Fried Worms: this is a creative food activity for youngsters who will be in first through fifth grades next fall. This session will be from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Mondays.

Diggers storytime for preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years) will meet from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, and Wiggles storytime sessions for toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) will meet from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m. on Wednesdays.

There are two activity sessions offered for youngsters who will be in first through fifth grades. They are invited to come for stories and crafts one or both days. Tunnelers will meet on Tuesday afternoons and Burrowers will meet



Melany Wilks

Library Links

on Wednesday afternoons. Both sessions meet from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

Spelunkers for those in the sixth to eighth grade next fall will meet from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. on Thursday afternoons. Middle school students are also encouraged to take part in the Reader's Theater to be performed on Thursday, June 27. Come to the casting session at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, June 3, to get your script. No memorization required.

Youngsters will be able to sign up for Journey to the Center of the Earth (Reading Challenge Game) beginning Wednesday. They will receive age appropriate game cards in which they are challenged to complete a variety of objectives for prizes. Anyone who needs help completing any of the "challenges" can come to the Aid Station in the library basement on Friday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:45 for assistance or supplies.

Children and their families are invited to attend some special events planned at the library. To kick things off the Soil Tunnel Trailer sponsored by the Soil Conservation District will be at the library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and next Thursday.

Then on Monday, June 17, Rolling Hills Zoo will bring some interesting animals to share with everyone. This program will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the library basement.

The Reader's Theater group

will share a mystery this summer entitled "Misadventure in Topsy Turvy Land" at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, in the library basement. This is always a hit with the kids.

On Wednesday, July 3, Randy Sauer of Hays will bring his Dig Into Reading Show to Colby and will perform at the library's annual outdoor event at 8 p.m. Randy will pack the hour with music, dancing and lots of audience participation. His show will be appreciated by literally all ages. Everyone is encouraged to bring their blankets, lawn chairs, sunglasses and bug repellent and settle on the lawn east of the library.

And then to wrap things up, Richard Renner the Vodvill Clown will perform at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11, in the library basement. Whether juggling unicycling, ropewalking, or creating a zany improvisation, Richard performs with unbounded energy and skill.

Also of special note, the library staff will hold special Typhoon Fridays only on Fridays, beginning May 31, when the swimming pool is closed due to inclement weather. A movie will be shown, beginning at 1:15 p.m. in the library basement.

For schedules or more information, stop by the library at 375 W. Fourth St., go to the website at www.colbylibrary.com or call 460-4470. We will be closed Sunday and Monday, Memorial Day. After Memorial Day we switch to summer hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Highway Patrol to step up hours

This weekend kicks off the peak of summer travel. The Kansas Highway Patrol will be working additional hours for the next two weeks, thanks in part to money from the Kansas Department of Transportation through the Special Traffic Enforcement Program campaign.

The program allows officers to work overtime hours, providing extra manpower on the roads and focusing on areas such as occupant protection, enforcing impaired driving laws, and other

traffic safety issues. It started from Monday and runs through Sunday, June 2. This year's focus is "Click It or Ticket," encouraging seatbelt and child safety seat use.

Over the 2012 Memorial Day holiday reporting period, troopers worked one fatal crash on Kansas' highways. One person was killed in that crash and it was not alcohol-related. There were two impaired driving crashes. The Patrol arrested 46 people for impaired driving. Personnel also assisted 1,227 motorists who needed help

on Kansas roads.

"We hope all of those traveling during the Memorial Day weekend have safe travels, as well as throughout the rest of the upcoming summer months," Col. Ernest E. Garcia, superintendent of the Highway Patrol said. "Don't forget, if you are in need of assistance on a Kansas highway, you can call KHP for assistance at *47 (*HP) or *582 (*KTA) for the Kansas Turnpike."

Conference to study genealogy

"Research on the Range," the 2013 conference of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.

The expertise of a variety of archivists, curators and directors of libraries, museums, archives and special collections throughout Kansas will be available, allowing researchers and family historians to learn about institutional records and ethnic studies resources. The public is invited to attend,

but the council recommends pre-registration by Saturday.

The \$45 conference registration fee includes a traditional Mennonite Faspal lunch and homemade ice cream as well as door prizes and free computer family tree and genealogy software programs.

Speakers include Art Binford of the Quaker Collection at Friends University; Ashley Diaz of Emporia State University Archives; Jane Jones of Harvey County Historical Archives; John Thiesen of Mennonite Library and Archives

at Bethel College; Lenora Lynam and Lorna Nelson of the Swedish and Lutheran Records at the Lindsborg Old Mill Museum; Michelle Enke of the Wulfmeyer Genealogy Collection at Wichita Public Library; Patty Nicholas of the Volga German Records at Fort Hays State University; and Randy Roberts of Pittsburg State University Archives.

To register, go to skyways.lib.ks/genweb/kcgs/conf.htm.

Corn planting progresses in Kansas

Cool, wet conditions and abnormal weather patterns have slowed planting season for Kansas corn growers this spring. However, recent weather conditions have allowed rapid progress in the quest to plant 4.6 million acres of corn in Kansas, the fourth largest acreage since 1936.

Last week alone, Kansas corn growers planted 1.8 million acres, approximately 70-percent of the total number of acres predicted for 2013. Since the state's farmers began planting two weeks ago, 3.17 million acres have been planted. Nationally, corn farmers planted at a record pace, planting about 41 million acres of corn in one week.

As the weather has cooperated, farmers have seized the opportunity to plant around the clock. Technology and the personal drive to accomplish more, at a faster pace, have increased productivity significantly, says Kansas Corn Commissioner Ken McCauley of White Cloud. McCauley said his fam-

ily was able to plant much of their corn a few weeks ago, and finished their corn planting last week. Now the family is busy planting soybeans.

"Corn farmers in Kansas and other states needed a week of drier, warmer weather and we got just that," McCauley said.

Most Kansas corn is fed to livestock, or used as a feedstock for ethanol production, where a third of the grain used returns as distillers grains, a high nutrient livestock feed.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report released on Sunday, 71 percent of projected corn acres had been planted across the country, while only 28 percent were planted a week prior. While progress lagged behind the five-year average by 37 points last week, farmers made significant progress, with Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska and North Dakota all increased planting progress by more than 40 points last week.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Jose Ignacio Martinez, 51, San Diego, Jan. 30, possession of illegal drugs, Highway Patrol, released May 8 to other agency.

- Shawn Michael West, 24, Gem, April 5, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released last Thursday for time served.

- Mariana Nicole Christian, 19, Garden City, April 22, probation violation, Court Services of Thomas County, released May 8 to Garden City Juvenile Center.

- Lucas Wayne Turner, 19, Colby, May 3, criminal trespass, interference with law enforcement, criminal damage to property, Colby Police Department, released May 9 on appearance bond.

- Rashed Dominick Patton, 25, Colby, May 8, criminal trespass, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.

- Laurie Ann Palmer, 23, Colby, May 9, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.

- Pedro Galicia, 41, Colby, May 11, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, Colby Police released same day with charges pending.

- Travis Lynn Durham, 31, Menlo, last Thursday, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff, released Friday on recognizance.

- Joseph Kyle Jones, 33, Hoxie, Saturday, driving under the influence (second), Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.

- Joseph Warren Buster, 32, Goodland, Monday, driving under the influence (second), Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on \$5,000 appearance bond.

- Jay Carroll Roulier, 67, Colby, Monday, forgery, Thomas County

Sheriff, released Tuesday to other agency.

- Anthony Michael Vollmar, 30, Oakley, Monday, assault on a law enforcement officer, Thomas County Sheriff, released Tuesday on \$25,000 appearance bond.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.18
Corn (bushel)	\$6.94
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.79
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.44

The family of Bob Bixenman is grateful for so many kindnesses from so many people. Perhaps you sent a card; perhaps you prepared a food dish or baked bread; perhaps you sent prayers. For these gestures and a thousand more, we thank you.

Colby Junior Golf


Sign up at Meadow Lake Golf Course
Thursday, May 30 • 9:00 a.m.

The first practice will follow sign up.
Practice every Thursday starting May 30 - July 25 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 7-17 • Members: \$15 • Non-Members: \$65
— scholarships available —

Golf Coach: Kevan Taylor/Sara Betz/Ed Schmitt
Contact Person: Sara Betz - 785-269-7394 or 785-460-9855

SFC Trenton L. Rhea



SFC Trenton L. Rhea, 33, of Kansas City, MO, died Wednesday, May 15, 2013 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, during combat operations while serving with the United States Army 603rd Military Police Company, United States Army Reserve, Belton, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013 at First United Methodist Church-Celebration Center, 1701 W 32nd St, Sedalia, MO 65301, with Dr. Rusty Savage officiating. Burial with full military rites will be in Blackwater Chapel Cemetery, south of Sweet Springs. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to family choice. An online guestbook is available at www.campbell-lewis.com

Trent was born October 12, 1979 in Hays, KS, to Marshall Rhea, who survives of Oakley, KS and Rebecca Breeden Rhea, who survives of Colby, KS. He was a 1998 graduate of Oakley High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in History from the University of Central Missouri. On April 22, 2006, he married Leah Reid who survives of the home. Trent lived in the Kansas City area the last several years and was a United States Army Reservist with the 603rd Military Police Company out of Belton, MO for the last 12 years, currently deployed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He also served as a Research Analyst for the United States Army's Human Terrain System, based out of Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and was a life member of the V.F. W. Trent had an amazing faith and trust in God, and was a member of Platte City First Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Leah Reid Rhea of the home; and his parents, Marshall Rhea (Julie), and Rebecca Breeden Rhea; he is survived by his three daughters: Autumn Lee Rhea, Joanna Lynn Rhea, and Abigail Christine Rhea; twin brother, Travis Rhea of Ft. Collins, CO; sister, Samantha Repshire of Oakley, KS; step-brother, Jody Kruse of Oakley, KS; step-sister, Jade Kruse of Oakley, KS; paternal grandmother, Eileen Rhea of Oakley, KS; maternal grandfather, Kenny Breeden (Shirley) of Stockton, KS; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harlan and Lynn Reid of Sweet Springs, MO; as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends and fellow comrades.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Harold Rhea; maternal grandmother, Pat Breeden; and his step-brother, Jance Kruse.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home, 226 S. Odell, Marshall, MO, 65340, www.campbell-lewis.com

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