



Dwyane and Norma Jenik, 1957



Dwyane and Norma Jenik, now

Couple plans to celebrate their 55-year anniversary

Dwayne and Norma Jenik of Colby will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013.

The couple met in Oakley shortly after Dwayne, born in Colby, graduated from Oakley Consolidated High School in 1957. Norma's dad had moved the family to Oakley from Waldron, Ark., to run the projectors in an Oakley theater.

They married on Aug. 7, 1958, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Oakley after Dwayne completed basic training for the Air Force.

During his 20 years in the Air Force, the couple lived in New

Mexico, Puerto Rico, Salina, Japan, Germany, Alaska, Omaha, Labrador and Michigan. They have three children, Sheila, born in Puerto Rico, James and Sher-yl, both born in Salina.

During his military career Dwayne held positions in security police and hospital administration. Norma managed the Goose Bay, Labrador, base service station and traveled with a church choir in Germany.

The family enjoyed traveling near the bases where they were stationed.

Dwayne retired from the Air Force in 1978, and the family moved back to the Omaha area

where he completed a degree at the University of Nebraska while Norma worked at Offutt Air Force Base.

The Jeniks moved to Fort Collins after his graduation, where Norma worked in a bakery for several years, later cooking for a day care center for nine years. Dwayne was a salesman for a chemical manufacturing company, traveling Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas.

The couple moved to Colby in 2001 and have worked part-time at the Kansas Country Store since 2005.

Plant cantaloupe late in year; harvest at the right moment

Before we head out to the cantaloupe patch, I want to sincerely thank all of you who reacted to last week's column about the possibilities of Gardening 101. Literally dozens of you sent your stamp of approval for the creation of some kind of gardening instruction to our young high school students, and several of you forwarded the column to teachers, other school officials and school board members. Thank you!

Most of us enjoy a good cantaloupe, whether it comes from the store or our garden. Naturally, it tastes so much better from the garden because cantaloupe has a tendency to lose some of its flavor when shipped long distances. But growing our own cantaloupe isn't the easiest crop to produce in our garden and as a result, less than 25 percent of all backyard gardeners mess around with it.

In the first place, a cantaloupe seed is sometimes difficult to coax into the sprouting mode. You plant five seeds in a hill, and maybe only one emerges. There are two reasons for that. Number one, you planted the seed too deep. Never



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

pile more than a half inch of soil on a cantaloupe seed, and be sure the soil is moist. Number two, cantaloupe seeds will not germinate in cool soils. The soil temperature should be a minimum of 65 degrees before you plant. Therefore, cantaloupe should be the last thing you plant in your High Plains garden, which also means that cantaloupe will probably be one of the last things you harvest, just before the watermelon. It generally takes from 75 to 80 days for melons to ripen.

And then there's the added problem of knowing when to harvest them, and that's important because a cantaloupe will not continue the ripening process after it has been picked, like your tomatoes do as they sit there on your kitchen counter. So, you should utilize the "slip" method of harvesting a melon at the time of its

greatest flavor. If you think the cantaloupe is ripe, carefully pick it up and give it a very slight tug. If it's ready, it will "slip" from the vine. If not, just lay it back down and try again tomorrow. Just because the color of the cantaloupe seems to indicate it is ready to harvest, be advised that different melon varieties show different color at maturity. Some will still have a few green streaks in the nice tan color when it's fully ripe. So try the "slip" method several times when the melon is ripening.

I have always considered the cantaloupe as the dessert of the gardening season. The sweet, musky flavor can also be described as earthy, floral, spicy or berry-ish. A good cantaloupe is truly ambrosial. Years ago, I heard the story from a gardener that when cantaloupe are ripe and the aroma begins to drift over the neighborhood, the possibility of theft is extremely high. A famous plant breeder agreed with that assessment. He said "when a cantaloupe is ripe, there is a huge increase in 'finger blight' ... and there is no known cure."

4-Hers work hard at fair

It's been a busy fair week around Brewster. Congratulations to all the hard working 4-H kids.



Angie Moore

• Brewster Correspondent

Brewster School enrollment will be from 9 to 3 Thursday. For information call the school at 694-2236.

Anyone in the Brewster area interested in participating in the talent show for the 125th celebration on Saturday, Aug. 24, please contact Lesa Juenemann at 694-2575 by Wednesday, Aug. 14. The talent show will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

It is not too late for you to add an entry to our parade. Contact Fred Juenemann at 694-2575 for information.

If anyone in the Brewster area has a quilt to display, contact Erna Palmgren at 694-2726, Donna Farley at 694-2421, or Betty Schroeder at 694-2255.

And if you have a car, tractor or motorcycle to show, call Juan

ita Aschenbrenner at 694-2729.

There are lots of other activities being planned for the birthday celebration. For information check out the website at www.leanabc.wix.com/brewster125-2 or like them on Facebook.

The Brewster master gardeners wish to thank the businesses and individuals who donated to the flower pots on Main and Kansas Ave. If anyone is interested in becoming a master gardener or wanting to help beautify Brewster with flowers, contact Lesa Juenemann, Colleen Lall, LeAnne Carney or Leisha Carpenter.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail angiem@st-tel.net, call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.

Deaths

Agnes McKenney

Agnes McKenney, 98, Colby, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Baalmann Mortuary in Colby is handling arrangements.

Corrections

In a photo caption on Page 5 of the Wednesday, July 31, *Colby Free Press*, Jenna Crampton, in the picture of cattle being washed, was incorrectly identified. This was a reporting error.

☆☆☆☆

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)	\$6.96
Corn (bushel)	\$6.16
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.86

When you Give Blood You Give Another Birthday, Another Laugh, Another Hug, Another Chance.

Please Give Blood.

For more information on donating blood, please call 1-888-719-8929 or in the Wichita area, 268-0834

Budget kids' school costs carefully

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which tracks the cost of raising a child in the U.S., reports families spent between \$1,420 and \$3,300 per child for clothing and educational expenses in 2011.

With the beginning of the 2013-14 school year on the horizon, Elizabeth Kiss, K-State Research and Extension family resource management specialist, is encouraging families to start doing the homework needed to identify back-to-school expenses, and to consider how to cover essential costs.

To begin, Kiss suggested checking with schools for a list of fees, such as rental fees for books, a computer, band instrument or extracurricular activities; required supplies; and extras such as immunizations, school and sports physicals, dress code or uniform, etc.

Families also are encouraged to check the cost for school breakfasts and lunches, and eligibility to apply for reduced prices.

According to Kiss, families also will need to consider the cost of transportation and how children will spend after-school hours. For example, will there be additional costs for after-school programs or childcare?

Once aware of basic costs, she

encouraged families to:

1) Invite children to help inventory school supplies – crayons, tablets, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. – left over from the previous school year.

2) Compare the list of what they have with what each child will need to begin a shopping list.

Kiss advised prioritizing expenses, as you would with any shopping experience, and suggested watching for sales.

Large families, neighborhood friends or groups may be able to save by buying school supplies in bulk and dividing them, she said. After identifying the "must-haves" – enrollment fees, school lunch, transportation – Kiss encouraged families to inventory school clothes and shoes.

Children may be able to continue wearing summer clothing during the first few weeks of the new school year. If so, families will be able to take advantage of sales on fall and winter clothes.

While families may be able to postpone buying new clothes, parents are encouraged to check the fit and condition of children's shoes, and to make replacing shoes that are outgrown or no longer offering support a priority.

A child's age and stage in life will influence spending, said Kiss,

such as buying fewer clothes and doing laundry more frequently for a child in a growth spurt.

Older children may want fewer but more expensive clothes, and may be able to contribute to the cost, said Kiss, who encouraged families to consider alternatives such as a neighborhood exchange, garage sales and thrift stores, where gently used clothing can typically be purchased for significantly less.

To simplify shopping, she suggested:

- Making a shopping list and taking it with you.

- Reviewing priorities before entering the store, and keeping your budget in mind.

- Shopping at a time when the store will be less crowded.

- Examining clothing construction and other merchandise (a backpack, purse or lunch box are examples) carefully before buying.

- Checking care labels for clothes because dry-cleaning or other care requirements add to costs.

Information about managing money successfully is available at K-State Research and Extension Offices and at www.ksre.ksu.edu.

Wildflower society to have meeting in Salina

Wildflower enthusiasts from all over Kansas will travel to Salina in September for the Kansas Native Plant Society's 35th Annual Wildflower Weekend.

The free three-day event, held Friday to Sunday, Sept. 13 to 15, includes opportunities to learn about the prairie ecosystem, treasure hunt for wildflowers and enjoy spending time with other wildflower enthusiasts.

This year's theme is "Then and Now: Landscapes of the Smokey

Hills." Attendees can ride a tram through a field of bison; attend a campfire cookout; tour multiple prairies, Coronado Heights and Kanopolis State Park with experts from the plant society; listen to a presentation on soil erosion; and participate in a photo contest and silent auction.

At the silent auction fund raiser, part of the Saturday morning meeting, attendees can bid on donations of items like plant books, live plants, seeds, artwork, baked

goods and other plant-themed goodies.

The photo contest deadline is Sunday, Sept. 1, and entries must be submitted digitally. The winner will be announced on Saturday, Sept. 14.

All events are free and open to the public, though there is a small charge for a tram tour of the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge. For information, go to www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org.

Business-man pays for settlement in quarters

MARION, Ill. (AP) – A southern Illinois business-man has paid off part of a court-ordered legal settlement with nearly four tons of quarters packed into dozens of bags.

Roger Herrin, of Harrisburg, was ordered by an appellate court to repay \$500,000 in insurance money related to a 2001 car accident in which his teenage son died.

The reimbursement followed years of legal disputes about how the insurance money was apportioned to the crash victims.

So in protest of the court's order, Herrin repaid nearly a third of the money – \$150,000 – with 150-pound bags of quarters he had trucked in by the Federal Reserve bank in St. Louis. The quarters were delivered to a Marion law

firm. Herrin says he paid in quarters because paying in pennies wasn't feasible.

Thank you

Thomas County Fair Board for selecting me to be the 2013 Grand Marshal. I also want to thank the Bickner family for the use of the car and Bridget Bickner for driving. Holly Whittaker and her staff for another well organized and successful parade.

- Ken Christiansen

Some like it HOT, HOT, HOT... and some like to shop the COOL want ad way!!

The Colby Free Press - 462-3963

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Colby Cemetery District #1**, Thomas County will meet on August 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Thomas County Board of Commissioner's room @ 300 N Court Ave for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Gall's residence @ 2491 County Rd Dd, Gem KS 67734 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2012		Current Year Estimate for 2013		Proposed Budget Year for 2014	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Estimate Ad Valorem Tax Tax Rate*
General	96,815	1.400	115,000	1.019	90,000	60,915 0.864
Debt Service						
Employee Benefits	7,189	0.217	18,000	0.114	12,000	889 0.013
Totals	104,004	1.617	133,000	1.133	102,000	61,804 0.877
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	104,004		133,000		102,000	
Total Tax Levied	104,421		74,791		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation	64,575,710		65,975,281		70,486,247	

Outstanding Indebtedness,	2011	2012	2013
Jan 1,	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
A.D. Deaver
Chairman

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Monday, August 5, 2013)

YOU Can Make A Difference

PLEASE RECYCLE!