

Deaths

Josephine 'Jo' Heier

Josephine Heier, 87, a Page City homemaker and farm wife, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter.

She was born Aug. 3, 1926, on a family farm near St. Peter, to Jacob and Katherine (Niernberger) Bollig. She attended school at St. Peter.

On Aug. 26, 1947, she married Bill Heier at the St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Peter. They farmed south of Page City.

A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley, she was in the altar society and also taught the first communion religious education class for many years.

Among her interests were sewing, crafts and painting or varnishing the wooden toys Bill had made. They enjoyed attending ball games and school activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers, Alphonse Bollig, Edgar Bollig, William Bollig, Walter Bollig, Albert Bollig, Alfred Bollig and Clarence Bollig; and six sisters, Seraphine

Bollig, Seraphina Scheck, Lorraine Herrman, Angelita Newman, Frances Holzmeister and Ruby Bollig.

Survivors include her husband, Quinter; three daughters, Judy (Don) Conway, Dodge City; Norma (Ralph) Zerr, Park; Dorothy (Bryan) Latham, Winona; one sister, Louise (Leonard) Dreiling, Arlington Heights, Ill.; six grandsons; and seven great grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at the church in Oakley, with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with a rosary/wake service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the church, St. Joseph's Catholic School, or the Gove County Medical Center, in care of the funeral home Box, 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

Kathleen A. Steavenson

Kathleen A. Steavenson, 77, a retired registered nurse from Colby, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, at Keck Hospital of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

She was born Nov. 4, 1936, in Hays, the daughter of Thomas A. and Clara E. (Bremenkamp) Ryan. She earned her degree as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Nursing School in Denver and nursed for several years at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver and St. Thomas Hospital in Colby before becoming a full-time homemaker.

On June 24, 1961, she married Daniel C. Steavenson.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 2006; her parents; five brothers, Thomas Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Ryan, Rodney Ryan and Dennis Ryan; and a sister, Mary Margaret Caruso.

Survivors include two sons, Craig A. Steavenson, Phoenix; and Mark J. Steavenson, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; three daughters,

Shirley (Margarita) Steavenson-Colon, Santa Paula, Calif.; Lisa J. (Barry) Almer, Maver, Ariz.; and Kimberly Brier, Colby; a brother, David M. (Tracy) Ryan; three sisters, Ethel (Bob) Ortiz, Zita Bates, and Judith (John) Sears; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating and burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with a vigil and rosary at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to St. Judes Children's Hospital, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com.

Adelia Ann 'Dee' Perrin

Adelia Ann "Dee" Perrin, 90, Ellis, formerly of Oberlin, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at the Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney.

She was born July 24, 1923, in rural Decatur County near Jennings, to William and Anna (Flaska) Petrask.

She was a long time legal secretary for the Lund Law Firm in Oberlin and then worked part time for the Decatur County Register of Deeds office. She was a member of the Ellis AARP and enjoyed bowling, gardening, cooking and time with her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a brother, Melvin Petrask, and a sister, Eleanor White.

Survivors include two sons, David Perrin, Holdrege, Neb., and Tim (Denise) Perrin, Arapahoe, Neb.; a daughter, Melissa (Tim) Stanton, Ellis; a sister, Darlene Ferarese, Littleton, Colo.; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at the Keithley Funeral Chapel in Ellis, with burial in the Big Timber Cemetery in rural Jennings.

The family suggests memorials to the Humane Society of the High Plains or the Ellis Food Bank.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.keithleyfuneralchapel.com.

Dehydrated corn is quick and tasty

I have three freezers at my house, and they're all full. It's a nice problem to have, admittedly, but there comes a time (the holidays) when it's time to clean 'em out.

Fortunately, I've also been on food-dehydrating kick lately, and my need to clear some freezer space in preparation for holiday leftovers pairs nicely with dehydrating. Basically, food that is dried can take up space on my pantry shelves rather than in my freezer.

Sweet-corn kernels currently occupy a large part of my freezer space, about five gallons of it. So into the dehydrator they go.

If you've never tried dehydrating anything, I recommend it. You can use drying techniques on everything from jerky to fruit to marshmallows.

Last year, I was given several bushels of apples from my mom's and cousin's trees. Sliced and dried, these apples were a tasty snack for several months.

For corn, dehydrating is amazingly simple. You don't even have to thaw it first.

Start by spreading the kernels (frozen or not) across the screens of your dehydrator. If the spaces in your screens are larger than

the kernels, you may need to get screen liners or netting to place under the kernels.

Slide your screens into your dehydrator and set it for about seven hours at 135 degrees. When it's brittle and crunchy, the corn is done.

I like dried corn by itself as a snack. It tastes exactly like a juicy kernel of sweet corn, but with a bit of extra texture and crunch.

Or, you can use dried corn in soups and casseroles.

Best of all, it will sit happily on your pantry shelves for a long time without spoiling or taking up freezer space you might need when trying to cram a Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas ham in there.

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Heather Alwin

• Frankly Frugal



Marcella and Ralph Albers

Married in a snowstorm, now celebrating 65 years

Ralph and Marcella Albers will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013.

The couple married at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Grainfield during the 1948 snowstorm.

Their children are Eulalia (Gary) Muschik of Unionbridge, Md.; Marvin (Bette) Albers of Oakley; Vickie (Richard) Farney of Wilson; Elaine (Ken) Ptacek of Colby; Stan Albers of Hoxie; Sandy (Monty) Moore of Monument; Chris (Terri) Albers of Oak-

ley; and Lynn (Vivian) Albers of Pagosa Springs, Colo. They have 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Their anniversary was honored with a celebration in July at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center in Oakley, at which their children were hosts. The family also wishes to honor them with a card shower.

Cards can be sent to 603 Parkview, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Orchestra sets concert; new members welcome

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will open its season with a holiday concert, "Many Merry Melodies" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Frahm Theater on the Colby Community College campus.

Andrew Salvador will conduct the performance, which will feature a Christmas singalong and gift drawings.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m., Bev Rucker will conduct "Dial 'M' for Music," featuring Ed

Rucker as French horn soloist. Salvador also will conduct "Movies, Mystery and Magic" featuring magician Josiah Akers at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

The orchestra welcomes new members, with rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Colby Community College band room.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For details, go to www.prairieorchestra.com.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 37 members and guests Brent Bogart, Paul Brigham, Marc Bremenkamp, Mike Bremenkamp, Elaine Bremenkamp, Mitchell Gatz and Mandy McGreer.

Marc Bremenkamp was recognized as the November student of the month. His plans include studying meteorology at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Eric Griggs had the program. His guest, Brent Bogart, is the District Executive for the Coronado Area Council for the Boy Scouts of America.

Bogart said he hopes to have a successful community fundraiser for 2014. He said an annual budget of \$4500 is needed for programming and training materials.

In Colby, Bogart said, there are 37 first- through fifth-grade boys in Cub Scouts and 40 children ages sixth grade through 18 years in two troops and one post.

Bogart said participants in the Explorer Post, an education-based program, can be boys or girls. Currently, there is an active post with local law enforcement to allow interested kids to explore their interest in law enforcement.

Bogart said area scouting programs need volunteer positions and welcomed anyone interested in volunteering to contact him.

Ken Frahm won Roto-Lotto. The Club meets at noon each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union.

-Relda Galli

Hoxie grad places second

Karl Pratt of Hoxie, a Fort Hays State University senior, took second place in the graduate student men's division at the West Central Region National Association of Teachers of Singing student auditions on Oct. 31 in Emporia.

The regional vocal competition featured singers from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Pratt was one of 22 Fort Hays students at the competition, of which six were selected as regional finalists and five as semi-finalists.

Pratt also qualified to compete

in the inaugural national student auditions to be held in the spring of 2014, and he was a semi-finalist for the college men's upper division musical theater.



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Markets

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

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