

Deaths

**Kerrie Ann Bevington**  
Kerrie Ann (Aschenbrenner) Bevington, 27, of Brewster, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003 in Sherman County.  
Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating.  
Burial will follow in Brewster Cemetery.  
Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the chapel. The casket will remain closed.  
Mrs. Bevington is survived by her son, Michael Austin Peterson of Brewster, daughter Taylor Paige Peterson of Brewster; a brother T.J. Aschenbrenner of Brewster; two sisters, Candy Bryant of Quinter and Amanda Roulier of Brewster; parents Thomas and Juanita Aschenbrenner of Brewster and grandmother Theresia Aschenbrenner of Brewster.  
She was born July 25, 1976 in Goodland. She was the clerk of the Kit Carson County Courthouse in Burlington, Colo.  
Memorials are suggested in her name for her children's education. Donations maybe left at the funeral chapel or the Brewster Bank.

**Elmer A. Carpenter**  
Elmer A. Carpenter, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003 at El Jen Convalescent Home in Las Vegas, Nev.  
Mr. Carpenter was born on June 24, 1918 in Thomas County and was a farmer for most of his life.  
Preceding him in death was his wife, Lois, on Jan. 16, 2002 and son, Sammy, in 1995.  
Survivors include a son, Harry Carpenter of Las Vegas, Nev. and one grandchild.  
Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby with Rev. Mike McVay officiating. Visitation is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, and from 10 a.m. until service time at the chapel.  
Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery with Masonic Rites. Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church in Colby and donations may be left at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Babies

**Kaitlyn Abigayle Dible**  
Kemberly A. O'Brien and Larry M. Dible of Goodland announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Abigayle Dible on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.  
She was born at 8:15 a.m., weighing 4 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. and was 16 1/2 inches in length.  
Maternal grandparents are James and Brenda Wheeler of Atlanta, Ga., and Sonny and Beckie Linnell of Goodland. Maternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Stafford of Whittier, N.C. Paternal grandparents are Gayle and Linda Dible, and the late Phyllis Dible, all of Oakley. Paternal great-grandmother is Grace Tice of Hoxie.  
Kaitlyn Abigayle was welcomed home by her two brothers, Tad, 12, Jayme, 8, and one sister, Mallory, 6.

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Fairview Estates director fills in for regular reporter

**By KAREN HODSON**  
*Fairview Estates*  
Lula Thieler is visiting her daughter and husband in Wichita so I will attempt to fill her reporter shoes this week.  
Fairview Estates has been a flurry of activity during the holidays. Mary Grady and Pete Morrison attended Dr. Slavens' open house. The Sweet Adelines group entertained recently.  
Also last week, Karen prepared a traditional holiday meal for 13 Past Worthy Matrons of the Eastern Star.

Online bargain hunter pays premium for painful scam

DEAR ABBY: The price of the laptop computer I purchased on the Internet seemed too good to be true. That should have been my first clue. However, the seller seemed pleasant, had an excellent rating and great reviews.  
Via e-mail, he said he was a reseller of computers and he had an excess of this model. According to him, the money would be safe in escrow through Western Union and he was affiliated with Safe Trading, a well-known online security company.  
I had 10 days to return the computer and get my money back if I wasn't completely satisfied. Otherwise, after 10 days, he would collect his money from escrow.  
He was selling from Spain, but only once did I question him about possible problems. What an expert he was at saying the things I wanted to hear about his online accolades and e-mail references.  
I even apologized for implying that he might be capable of wrongdoing. Well, my money is gone. The escrow and good reviews were fake. The issue is "being investigated."  
Recovery will be difficult or impossible because the \$1,000 was wired from my bank by me. This scammer was an expert, and I trusted him.  
— SADDER BUT WISER

**DEAR WISER: This may seem pessimistic, but if it seems too good to be true, it probably IS too good to be true. I'm printing your warning so others will not be so easily taken advantage of. Caveat emptor — let the buyer beware.**

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved to America from Germany because of a four-year, long-distance relationship with my now live-in boyfriend, "Warren."  
Things were great when we lived apart. We'd spend months together when I had time off from the university.  
Now that I live in his homeland, he spends most of his money gambling on the horses. It has reached the point that he can't afford to pay rent because of his gambling.  
I am looking for work. He is gone all night at the races or betting online. It is starting to ruin our relationship. I realize now I came here for a stranger. I have threatened to go back to Germany if he does not change. I told Warren it was the

They had a cookie exchange and the ladies prepared a large platter of cookies for the residents at Fairview and guests.  
They knew the Red Barn Gang was to entertain that same afternoon.  
The "Gang" played to about 30 residents and guests.  
Former member Marguerite Edmondson led various songs and clowned around giving all of us a good laugh.  
Our reporter Lula Thieler, her husband Earl, Betty Nickols and Gene Hawkins started the Red Barn

**Abigail Van Buren**

- Dear Abby

horses or me. Was I wrong to issue an ultimatum?  
— ME OR THE HORSES

**DEAR ME OR THE HORSES: You were right to draw the line. The "rush" some people get from gambling is the same as the rush addicts get from drugs — and it can be just as addictive. If Warren is unwilling to get help for his gambling addiction, your wisest move would be to cut your losses, tell him auf Wiedersehen and return home.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old professional who works at an upscale retail company. I am very soft-spoken.  
When people talk to me on the phone, they often address me as "sweetie" or "honey." It is incredibly demeaning. How can I politely get co-workers and clients to treat me like an adult and not call me little-girl names?  
— FED UP WITH SOUND-ING YOUNG

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, special remembrances and well wishes during my recent second stay as a patient at Citizens Medical Center. Sincere Thanks & Appreciation goes to Brian Unruh, P.A. Brian is a very dedicated and kind person. He is to be admired for his dedication and expertise in our health care field. We are very fortunate to have Brian Unruh in our Community! My appreciation extends also to the nurses and staff at the hospital for the excellent care that I received. Thanks to Fr. Dana Clark for his understanding, visits, prayers, Anointing of the Sick and for remembering me at Mass. Thanks to the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish for all the Prayers & concern extended to me during my sickness. In warm appreciation to LaDonna Dempewolf for coming to see me everyday and for running errands for me. Her thoughtfulness, caring and friendship meant so much and will always be remembered. Thanks also to Tony Horinek for his very thoughtful & kind act of decorating my hospital room and reminding myself and all who entered of the Christmas Season.

**Thanks again and God Bless You All!**  
*Jeannie Solko*

Gang about 25 years ago and it is still going strong much to everybody's delight.  
Gene and Betty were charter members and still play in the band.  
Other entertainers this week were the Barbershop Singers.  
Jan Wolfe and her pupils played Saturday evening during the evening meal.  
The Sunday before Christmas and to top off our wonderful week of entertainment the McLemore Family did their annual "thank you and appreciation" program to the Colby community. Larry and Jo

**DEAR FED UP: Rather than trying to correct them, consider consulting a speech therapist. Lowering the register of your telephone voice and speaking in a more authoritative tone should solve your problem.**

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "John" for 11 years. We have four beautiful children. John earns enough money so I can be a stay-at-home mom to our little ones.  
My problem is, John's sexual appetite is insatiable. It's driving me crazy. He demands sex twice a day and more often on weekends. If I tell him I'm tired or stressed, he threatens to find a girlfriend or a hooker. I don't know how much longer I can go on like this. Please help me.  
— SEX SLAVE IN WICHITA

**DEAR SEX SLAVE: With four children under the age of 10, it's no wonder you're feeling tired and stressed. Has your husband**

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Booth also joined in the entertainment.  
Esther Wieland and guest Karen Hodson attended a Christmas luncheon for the Colby Garden Club; Helen Frahm was the hostess.  
Karen Hodson hosted the non-denomination Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday and there were eight ladies present, Thelma Johnson gave the devotions.  
Saturday the family of Bessie Calliham hosted an open house to celebrate her 90th birthday.  
Many friends and family came. Bo Curtin also celebrated her

**always been this way? If this is new behavior, he may need to be physically and neurologically evaluated by a physician. If it is not new behavior, then I hope you realize your problem isn't about sex as much as it is about dominance. Your husband is using sex as a bludgeon to keep you in line and show you who's boss.**  
**Marriage is supposed to be a union, a partnership. Marriage counseling could help you both bring your real issues out into the open and improve the level of communication between you. If John refuses, go without him so you can learn assertiveness skills. If you continue to tolerate the status quo, well, your signature says it all.**

DEAR ABBY: Recently I began a wonderful relationship with "Arnie," the man of my dreams.  
My problem is, he is hiding our relationship from certain members

birthday this week and was surprised by two of her great-grandsons from Boulder, Colo., Mike and Dennis Stengel.  
Howard and Joanne Lehman, Oberlin, visited Emerson and Mary Lehman on Sunday.  
Tillie Depperschmidt was visited by son Kenny and Dianne Depperschmidt of Smith Center.  
Marilyn and husband Duane were also here and the men enjoyed a game of pool in the activity room.  
We welcomed Eileen Dible back; she has been recuperating from surgery.

of his family. He told his youngest daughter about me, and she likes me so much she calls me Mom.  
Arnie and his daughter tell me to remain silent when other family members call on the phone. If one of them comes to the door, they tell me to hide in another room.  
Should I be concerned about this? Or should I let Arnie decide when it's time to tell the rest of his family?  
— STRESSED-OUT IN LAS VEGAS

**DEAR STRESSED-OUT: Something is not kosher here. Could Arnie be ashamed of you? Could he still be married? By all means, you should be concerned. If you continue to tolerate this behavior, you'll have no one to blame but yourself.**

**THANK YOU!**

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