

Family

Death

Keith Focke

Keith Focke, 75, of Colby, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Services are pending with Kerssenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby.

Jimmie Monroe Tubbs

Jimmie Monroe Tubbs, 75, of Levant, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. Services are pending with Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby. Mr. Tubbs was born Sept. 28, 1928 in Levant.

Babies

Jonah Wayne Renas

Heather and Greg Renas of Aurora, Colo. announce the birth of their son, Jonah Wayne Renas, on Monday, March 29, at 7:26 p.m. at Aurora South Medical Center. Jonah weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Molly Oliver of Colby. Jonah was also welcomed home by his two brothers — Noah and Isaac.

Card Shower

Marion Keller

A birthday card shower for Marion Keller's 90th birthday on Monday, May 24 is being requested. Please send cards to: Logan County Manor, 615 Price Ave., Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Words lacking to explain husband's absence

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Cliff," is in prison and we're not sure when he'll be out.

We have two wonderful children, ages 11 and 13. We are allowed to visit him six times a month and can talk with him on the phone up to four times a week. Despite his incarceration, he is as involved as he can be in our lives.

I have a problem when meeting new people who ask where my husband is.

The stigma of having a husband in jail is not something I want to carry in the small town where we live.

Plus, I don't think it is something our children's friends should know because they might taunt them. As happens more times than we'd like to think in this country, my husband was wrongfully convicted, and the explanation is a lengthy one. So, short of telling each person the whole story, what reply can I come up with when asked the whereabouts of my husband?

— NEEDS AN ANSWER
DEAR NEEDS AN ANSWER: You could tell your neighbors that you and your husband are having a "trial" separation — but please be aware that the cat will be out of the bag the minute one of your children confides their father's whereabouts to a close friend. In a small town, there are very few secrets.

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 and have lived in Texas all my life, until a few months ago when we moved to Las Cruces, N.M. My younger sister, "Janey," and I didn't want to move, but Mother met "Patrick" online and fell in love. We moved to Las Cruces so they could be together and get married someday.

I like Patrick because he's nice to us, but Janey and I don't get along with his daughter, "Rita." She is 15, and says we have stolen her time with her dad. She is jealous because he pays attention to us, and she can't have him all to herself.

Please tell me how I can let her know we're not stealing her father and that he still loves her.

— STRESSED
DEAR STRESSED: As much as you might wish to put Rita's

'Pox and all,' correspondent says Salina visit good



Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

We got to Salina on Sunday, May 2, just in time to see our granddaughter, Rebekah, break out in chicken pox. Actually, we missed the first few dozen but they multiplied rapidly. At last report, she seems to be done breaking out but is still itching. Her little brother had missed them so far and we hope it continues that way. But even with the pox and all, we had a great visit and enjoyed our kids and grandkids. Brian and Michele's kids had the chicken pox before so they were able to join us on Sunday night at Barry and Kim's home for a BBQ and then the next morning, Michele and the kids came in and we went shopping with them.

When we came back on Tuesday, our daughter, Beth, and her two kids, Nathaniel and Corrine, met us at Wal-Mart for a quick visit before we headed on back to Brewster. It took us a couple of days to recuperate but it was great to see the families and check out the grandkids. Speaking of grandkids, Ruth and Duane Jones have a new great-grandson. He was born on April 26, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, in Greeley, Colo. His parents are Larry and Linda Hoffner and Grandma Linda says he is a beautiful baby. His name is Tristan Jacob and he has a 3-year-old brother named Logan who plans to show him all the tricks he knows as quickly as possible. Oh yes, his parents are Eric and Crystal Hoffner.

That is a true birthday but we do have some birthday anniversaries coming up too. Jerald (Corky) Wolfe of Brewster will be 75 on May 7. Clarice Blakely of Colby will be 95 also on the 7th. The families of these two people are planning family gatherings for them and we hope their special days were just great.

Now on May 25, a former resi-

dent that is now residing in Colorado will be 100-years-old. Dot Mayer, widow of Rudolph, will celebrate her special day with a family gathering and although her eyesight is nearly gone, her family will be glad to read any greetings that come her way.

I will add her address at the end of this column as I do not have it at home. Anyway, a century of living and the ability to remember all the exciting events and happy times is a gift the Lord has given Dot and we wish her a great celebration for this milestone. I remember her beautiful smile, even though it's been several years since I've seen it.

Vi Bowman has been making good progress from her surgery and hopefully she will be back to herself very soon. She thanks all the folks that have called, sent cards and visited and she has a special "Thanks" for daughter Sherrie and son-in-law Brian Eicher and grandkids Michael and Stephanie.

The graduations are almost here and they will begin with the High School Baccalaureate Service at 2

p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 15. Graduation will follow at the high school at 4 p.m. On Monday, May 17 kindergarten graduation will be held at 9 a.m. and at 7 p.m. the junior high graduation will take place. Seems like this school year was very fast although maybe the kids will disagree.

That all-important Play Day will be Tuesday, May 18 so don't forget to wear plenty of sunblock!

Are you getting ready for the Brewster City Wide Garage Sale? It will be Saturday, June 5 from 8:30 a.m. to ?. You can sign up at Gloria's Beauty Shop or the Brewster Senior Center.

Out of town vendors need to contact Gloria Ribordy at (785) 694-2739. There is a \$5 sign-up fee for advertising, posters, map copies and supplies. Please give the address for your sale and list a few of the items that will be sold. Be sure to get things planned now so it won't be so much work the last day or so. Your fee will need to be paid before Thursday, June 3.

There are some friends that are soon going to be moving and some new folks moving to town so we want those that are leaving to know that we wish them the very best and to the new folks, we hope you will come in and introduce yourselves.

Curtis Crouse of Oakley has been helping LaVelle Michael for the last week or so and they have been busy getting things cleaned up and caught up. I'm sure Curtis and my husband will manage to get away before long for some fishing if the weather is good.

On May 19, Gene Schmidt, Victim's Advocate Coordinator for the Attorney General's office for the state of Kansas, will be at the Brewster Senior Center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Anyone that knew Kerrie Ann Aschenbrenner-Petersen-Bevington is urged to come and visit with him and support Kerrie's family. Be sure to mark that date and time on your calendar.

That's it for now, hope all have a great week and I hope all you moms had a very good Mother's Day. See you next time!

Special Olympic Flag group needs help

The Special Olympics Flag Committee is in need of volunteers for their fundraising efforts. Each year over 200 flags are placed at businesses and residences to celebrate some of the legal holidays.

"As with all fundraising events volunteers are needed to continue this worthwhile project," said Chuck Dempewolf, one of commit-

tee members.

"The volunteers place the flags at the businesses or homes on a scheduled route of about 20-25 stops, taking approximately one hour to place the flags at sunrise and another hour at the end of the day to pick up the flags," he said.

The routes can be adjusted to suit the individuals volunteering, access

to a pick up is helpful but not necessary.

"If you would like to help but cannot commit to the time, volunteers are also needed to prepare an area for the existing flags and any new flags by placing a tube in the ground for the flag and marking the curbs," he said.

"This is a great project for individuals, families or organizations and requires only a small amount of time throughout the year."

This project was started six years ago and has raised over \$40,000 in that time. For information or to have a flag placed at their home or business, call Ralph Fisher, 460-2689 or Chuck Dempewolf, 460-3481.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.60
Corn	\$2.84
Milo	\$4.53
Soybeans	\$9.72



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

fears to rest, the person who must reassure her is her father. Tell Patrick privately what you have told me. Or better yet, clip this letter and tell him you wrote it. If he's unable to allay his daughter's concerns, some sessions with a family counselor would be a wise investment.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is 12 and starting to want to wear makeup. She is quite a tomboy and would rather play basketball than do "girly" things.

She wore makeup to the movies last weekend, and her father was very upset. He ordered her not to do it again. She tells me kids are making comments about her because she doesn't dress like a girl or wear makeup. Abby, I don't see anything wrong with her wearing it once in a while.

What's your take on this? Is her dad right, or am I being too easy? Is there a compromise?

— MOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR MOM: Get a cold compress for your husband, because I have news for him. His little girl is growing up, and right on schedule. Now, I don't know how much

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