

Family

Deaths

Carl J. Arnberger

Carl J. Arnberger, 72, died today at Gove County Medical Center in Quinter.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Winfred L. "Red" Biggs

Winfred L. "Red" Biggs, 88, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Presbyterian/St. Luke Hospital in Denver. Mr. Biggs was born on Aug. 6, 1916 in Thomas County and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Eldora Biggs, Colby; sons: Errol L. Biggs, Castle Rock, Colo., Ronald L. Biggs, El Dorado, Edd L. Biggs, Colorado Springs; sister, Grace Howard, Denver; and one grandchild.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Mingo Cemetery in Mingo.

There will be no visitation. The body was cremated.

Inurnment will be in Mingo Cemetery.

Memorial funds have been established to benefit the Colby United Methodist Church and Mingo Cemetery. Donations may be left at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Experts offer suggestions on when is best to plant trees

MANHATTAN — When people ask whether spring or fall is better for planting trees, forester Bob Atchison has a patent answer: "It depends on the weather."

"Historically, our region gets most of its moisture in May and June, so many nurseries are geared toward spring tree planting. But, conditions seem especially good this year," said Atchison, rural forestry coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service. "Besides, fall always is the best time to try planting nuts, and it's your choice on whether to buy those seeds or gather them as soon as you can after the nuts drop."

In Kansas, trees begin their yearly seed drop with the bur oak in late August, he said. They end with the black walnut, red oak and ash, in late October or early November.

"You have to protect seeds from the squirrels — which are among the world's best tree planters," Atchison said. "You also should remember that the sooner nuts get planted, the better."

If a short time in storage is necessary, however, the black walnuts will require no special care other than to keep them in piles less than 10 inches tall. That will keep them from heating up.

"Don't go to the trouble of removing the husk around the actual walnut, as you would if you were preparing it for eating. The husk keeps the seed moist, to prevent loss of viability," the forester said.

But, oak acorns do benefit from some special care. As soon as they're collected, acorns need to be soaked in water for 12 to 24 hours; then drained; and finally stored in a cool, dark place until planting.

Senior Center will be closed on Labor Day

The Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, will be closed Monday for Labor Day. The bus will not be available and meals to the homebound will be canceled. Have a great weekend and come back Tuesday for the fun and activities at the center.

There are plenty of other activities scheduled at the center for the week of Sept. 6-10, including exercise at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday. It's also Purple Day, wear your purple. Wednesday is Tell A Lie Day. It's OK, we don't care.

Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and it's also Teddy Bear Day, bring a teddy to show us.

Friday exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. and it's Denim Day. Wear your denim.

Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center.

Donna Schielke, director of the progress center, says no special invitation is needed to join in the lunchtime fellowship and all are welcome.

She did remind everyone that a reservation is needed by noon the previous day.

The menu for the next week includes: Tuesday - salmon loaf or patties, creamed peas, Mandarin oranges, bread, cook's choice complement. Wednesday - oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, mixed fruit. Thursday - Philly steak sandwich, sweet potato casserole, Italian blend veggies, bun or hoagie, pears. Friday - ground beef stroganoff, beets, cantaloupe, noodles, bread, applesauce cake.

The building is also available for rental for events.

For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

Bertrand, Ribordy set wedding day

Samantha Carrell Bertrand and Jeffrey Todd Ribordy, both of Colby, announced their engagement recently.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Oakley High School and a 2003 graduate of the Northwest Kansas Technical College majoring in cosmetology and business. She is currently employed at "The Cut Above" in Oakley.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Oakley High School and is currently pursuing a degree in accounting at Colby Community College.

Parents of the couple are Patricia and Randall Sangster, Kevin and Gina Moritz-Bertrand, Jennifer Ladenburger and Rory Dumler and Bob and Vivian Ribordy.

Babies

Olivia Grace Ryan

Jason and Tiffany Ryan, Garden City, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace, born on Monday, July 12, 2004 at St. Catherine's Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. Stewart and Ann Crow of Independence.

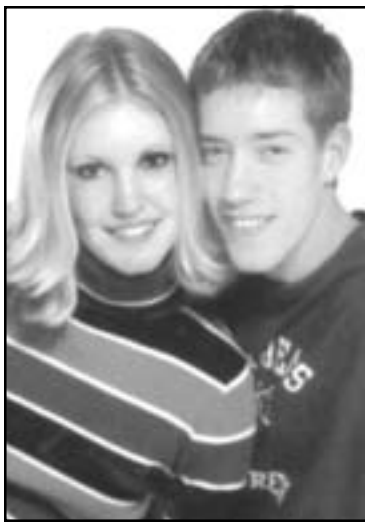
Paternal grandparents are Bill and Kathy Ryan of Colby. Maternal great-grandparents are Nevelyn Crow of Tulsa and Fred Wilkin of Independence.

Paternal great-grandparents are Ethel Ryan of Gem and Vi Lindeman of Oakley.

Erik Wesley Ahrens

Katrina and Kenneth Ahrens of McCook, Neb. announce the birth of their son, Erik Wesley on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs., 2.8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Mary Weaver of Anchorage, Alaska, Buddy Ahrens of McCook, Neb., and Kristine Ahrens of Colby. Great grandparents are Eleanor and James Crabb of Wauneta, Neb. and Helen Ahrens of Sealey, Texas. Great-great



Samantha Carrell Bertrand and Jeffrey Todd Ribordy

Grandparents of the couple are Stuart and Mona Close, Gene and Anita Bertrand, Margaret Sangster, and the late Robert Sangster and Loretta Weeks and the late Jr. Weeks.

The couple will be wed on Friday, Oct. 22, at the Oakley Christian Church.

Couple plans November wedding

Dan Baalman announces the engagement of his daughter, Meagan Elizabeth to Curtis Barnickel, the son of Jon and Mark Barnickel.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Colby High School. She is also a graduate of Emporia State University with a bachelor of arts degree English and a minor in creative writing. After completing her degree at Emporia, she attended the Denver Publishing Institute at the University of Denver.

She currently is the editor and feature writer for *Inside Cherry Creek*, a Denver-based magazine.

The groom-elect graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and a minor in computer information systems. He con-



Curtis Barnickel and Meagan Elizabeth Baalman.

tinued his education at the Art Institute of Colorado in graphic design. He currently is working as a graphic designer for Paragon Printing.

He also is a freelance web designer for many Colorado companies. The couple have planned their wedding on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Parkside Mansion in Denver.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.93
Corn	\$2.35
Milo	\$3.46
Soybeans	No bid

Juenemann, Selden; Charlie and Glenda McClurg, Pratt, and Larry Havlas, Plainville.

Great-grandmother is Amelia Juenemann, Colby.

Corrections

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.

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Ad Council

THANK YOU

Mere words seem so inadequate to express our deep and sincere appreciation for all of the kindness shown to our family during the last two years. So many of you came forward with assistance in our time of need which allowed us to focus on the things we needed to be doing. May our tribute to Bill be the continuation of good deeds for one another.

With love and thankfulness the family of Bill Draper.



WILLIAM EDWIN DRAPER

February 23, 1943 - August 25, 2004



William Edwin Draper was born on February 23, 1943 in Cheyenne County, Kansas to Charles and Harriette (Mossburgh) Draper. He attended grade school at both North Walnut Grove and McDonald Grade School and graduated with the Class of 1960 from McDonald Rural High School where he was an involved student and excelled in athletics. His father was foreman of Wiggenshorn Ranch where he developed his love of cattle and horses. Following high school he attended Cleveland Chiropractic in Kansas City for a short time and then returned to western Kansas. He married Lynda Franklin. To this union were born two sons, Neal Lynn and Nolan Edwin. He began his lengthy career with the Rural Electric Cooperative system in Bird City with Northwest Electric. In 1972 he went to work for Great Plains Electric in Colby and retired from Midwest Energy in August of 2004. Bill married Susan Morgan in 1976 and they had two daughters, Tanya Marie and Shanda Morgan.

Bill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Colby, serving the church in many capacities. He was also a member of the St. Francis Masonic Lodge and had served as a 4-H leader in his daughters' club.

Bill was a man of many talents. From building furniture to building homes for his family, he enjoyed working with his hands. He spent many hours in the solitude of the great outdoors, building fences, corrals and barns for his livestock which started as a "hobby herd" of 3 cows and continuously grew over the years.

Family, friends and faith were of great importance to Bill. He was involved in his children and grandchildren's lives as well as the lives of many of their friends. He showed that interest by attending and assisting with many church, school, sporting and 4-H events. One of Bill's finest traits was his great compassion and encouragement for people in need of it. He was a loyal friend to may who will miss his gentle heart and quiet strength.

Bill departed for his heavenly home on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at the Logan County Hospital, Oakley, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Sue of the home, sons Neal and wife Tammy of Ford, Kansas, Nolan of Atwood, Kansas, daughters Tanya Douthit and husband Chad of Brandon, South Dakota and Shanda of the home, grandchildren Megan Mentlick of Colby and Chance and Braden Draper of Ford; his father Charles Draper of St. Francis, brother Robert and wife Stella of St. Francis, sisters Raythel Lea Reuber of Ludell, Phyllis Bexley of St. Francis, Vivan Jones of Lincoln, Nebraska and Joann Lee and husband Ray of St. Francis and a host of nieces and nephews. His mother, and infant sister Janet and a niece Heather Draper, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 28, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church of Colby, Kansas with Reverend Carol Rahn officiating. Musicians were Al Hatch as soloist, Vicki Edgar as organist and Sharon Kriss, piano. Honorary pallbearers were the McDonald Rural High School Class of 1960. Pallbearers were Karl Wittstuck, Kevin Reuber, Gail Lee, Brain Draper, Dale Reuber and Jarrod Rietcheck, nephews of Bill. Burial was in Beulah Cemetery of Colby, Kansas.

Memorials in Bill's name may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Colby or Thomas County 4-H Scholarship Fund.

Funeral was conducted by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

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