

# Family

## Deaths

### Gwendolyn Harwerth

Gwendolyn Harwerth, 94, of Colby, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2003 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Berean Church in Colby with Harwerth (Brent) and Pastor Francis Harwerth officiating. Burial will be at McDonald Cemetery in McDonald.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby. The family will be at the funeral home between 7 and 8 p.m. Mrs. Harwerth is survived by a

son, Pastor Francis Harwerth of Colby; one daughter, Juliana Layne of Holdrege, Neb., 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Harwerth in 1956.

Mrs. Harwerth was born Oct. 16, 1909 in McDonald and was a lifelong area resident. She was a homemaker and a member of the Berean Church of Colby and Federated Church in McDonald.

Memorials are suggested to Prairie Senior Living Complex or the Berean Church and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

### Barbara Jane Burd

Barbara Jane Burd, 80, of Hays, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004 at St. John's of Hays Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Burd is survived by two sons, Michael Allen of Hays and Scott Lee of Burdett; a brother, Robert Bell of Grand Junction, Colo., 5 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in August of 2002, four brothers, one sister and one step-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Burd was born May 18, 1924

## Free foster parent classes planned

The Saint Francis Academy is offering free parenting classes to adults interested in providing foster care.

The parenting classes will begin in Colby, Tuesday, Oct. 26, with

## Art club starts

## fall season; new

## member welcomed

High Plains Art Club members held their first meeting of the season at South Wind Plaza on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Rosie Van Dyke was welcomed as a new member. Refreshments for the day were furnished by Jo Bricker.

After working on their individual works of art during the morning session and going to lunch together, they visited Van Dykes home to view her many works of art.

In the afternoon session, Marlene Carpenter, president, presented a program on watercolorist, John Cody, who lives in Hays with his wife. They have three children. Cody was born in 1925 and has had an interest in moths since he studied them in college when he took a course in entomology. He later went to medical and has been a practicing psychiatrist for more than 25 years, something he says he did, in part, so that he could afford to paint.

During his lifetime, Cody has traveled all over the world studying moths and painting intricate watercolors of the many varieties of these insects with appropriate foliage backgrounds. Cody's paintings are so life-like that many of them have been published in the Audubon Magazine. Prints of his painting are for sale at the John Cody Gallery in Gatlinburg Tennessee and a full color book has been published about his life and with prints of his paintings. In 1990 he had a one man showing at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

After the program a business meeting was held and the club's art show at the Prairie Museum of Art and History was discussed. The club members felt that the show was a success.

The art show to be held at the Carnegie Art Center in Goodland, opening on Oct. 3, was also discussed.

Bev Kern, treasurer, informed anyone planning to participate that they should have their artwork at the Carnegie Art Center in Goodland on Saturday, Oct. 2. Marj Brown, secretary, collected a description of the paintings each person will take to the show and sent the information requested to the center.

The club will meet again on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at South Wind Plaza at 10 a.m. with Jo Bricker as program chairman and Bev Kern as hostess. All local artists are invited to join them.

## Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.13
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Soybeans	No bid

# Group's medical items in short supply

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

Officials with the Colby VFW are urging those who have borrowed crutches, wheelchairs or other medical equipment that they are no longer using to return the items to the facility, 220 N. Lake Ave.

Dale Deaver, one of the VFW members in charge of the equipment, said the borrowing of medical

equipment is free and available to anyone in need of these items for as long as necessary.

However, the VFW's supplies are getting short and in order to help the next person in need, Deaver said he wants to remind borrowers, if finished with the equipment, to return the items.

"We would also appreciate any donations of crutches, wheelchairs,

bathroom medical accessories for those temporarily handicapped as well," he said.

Another concern he noted was the foot rest on wheelchairs, which are sometimes removed while the person is recuperating at home.

Removing the foot rest is not a problem, Deaver said today, the problem is when the wheelchair is returned without the foot rest being

reattached. Anyone returning items can either leave the equipment by the front entrance to the VFW building on Lake Avenue or they can call Deaver at (785) 443-1113 or another member for assistance.

"There are also VFW members, like myself, willing to take equipment to people in need of a medical item when transportation is limited," he said.

# Hospice auction scheduled here in November

she said.

The quality of this year's program will give auction item contributors a platform to show their support for Hospice, she said.

More than 300 items are expected this year. Featuring some of those contributions available, Niblock said, there will be a large garden shed constructed by Bill Olsen at Straight Line Truss and Woodwork; along with a Broil Master barbecue grill and golf trip to Colvert Hills in Manhattan.

"I can't think of a better cause to have your name linked to," Niblock said. "People know how important

Hospice is and what it does for people in our community. The public appreciates what our contributors do for Hospice."

Right now, we'd like to ask people to do two things," she said.

The first she suggested would be to donate something to the auction and secondly to buy a ticket for the auction early.

All the proceeds will go toward the mission of Hospice, which is to help terminally ill persons live out their last days with dignity and comfort by providing trained healthcare professionals who help with issues such as pain management and coun-

sel on death and dying.

It also provides counseling to family members on dealing with a loved one with a terminal illness.

Board members are out in full force talking with groups and/or businesses about contributing to the auction, she said.

However, if someone has not been contacted by a board member and would like to donate to the auction or wants tickets, call either (785) 462-6710 or toll-free at 1-800-315-5122.

Tickets are also available in Colby at Kansas Quick Lube, Colby Bowl, His Shop and Colby Photo.

The Thomas County Hospice Services is making its final preparation for its annual fundraising auction Saturday, Nov. 6 at City Limits Conference Center in Colby.

The auction, which raises funds to ensure that Hospice support is available to terminally ill individuals and their family members, will provide a unique opportunity to Christmas shop and help a worthy cause at the same time, said Jenny Niblock, president of the Hospice advisory board.

"The conference center ambiance and food are always a class act. This should be our best auction ever,"

## Folk dance company to perform in Colby

The Balkan Folk Dance Company Frula will perform at the Colby High School auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. (CDT) Thursday, Sept. 30.

Those wanting to attend will be admitted by Western Plains Arts Association season tickets or by tickets purchased at the door for \$15 for adults, \$8 for students and children.

The dancers are considered to be among the fastest and most exciting in Europe, officials said.

Frula will present folk dances from all regions of the former Yugoslavia as well as Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania.

"Their breathtaking technique transforms customs from these cul-

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tures into a theatrical show through the use of dazzling costumes, athletic prowess and flamboyant motion," officials here said.

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Golden Buckle square dancers meet Saturday in Colby

Barbara Whitehead of Wichita will call for the Golden Buckle's Square Dance on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. at the Colby Community Building.

Lessons may soon be available so interested persons are invited to come watch members and dancers from other clubs in the area enjoy an evening of fun and exercise, said Delma Dible, spokesperson.

### Christmas craft and gift show

The 32nd annual Zeta Mu Christmas Craft and Selected Gift Show is planned for Sunday, Nov. 21 at the 4-H Building and Russell National Guard Armory in Russell.


There are some booth spaces available. If interested, call (785) 483-5351, (785) 483-2900 or (785) 483-7388 or write P.O. Box 205, Russell, Kan. 67665.

## THANK YOU!

The family of W. L. (Red) Biggs would like to say "Thank You" for all of the cards, memorial contributions, gifts of food, telephone calls, and other expressions of sympathy we received following Red's death. We truly appreciate everyone's kindness and caring.

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