

# Family

## Deaths

### Olive Thiel Dillinger

Olive Thiel Dillinger, 93, of Colby, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She was born Feb. 9, 1912 in Shelby County, Ill. and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Dillinger is survived by her husband, Troy Dillinger of Colby; a son, Dale L. Thiel of Colby; a daughter, Sonja R. Nelson of Prescott, Ariz.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brewster Community Church with Pastor Mike

Pinkelman officiating. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Luther H. Thiel on Oct. 10, 1995; a daughter, Iris A. Thiel on May 16, 1956 and a grandson. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at Brewster Community Church. Memorials are suggested to Brewster Community church. Donations may be left at any Colby Bank, Farmers Bank and Trust in Brewster or at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

## Harvest tomatoes at first blush

When they reach a certain age, tomatoes Americans' favorite garden vegetable, which is really a fruit start acting like teenagers. All they do is hang around. They're in the throes of suddenly active hormones which in the tomatoes' case, produce gas! They're still attached to their vine, but become totally closed off from its day-to-day operations.

Vegetables guru Chuck Marr says this "adolescent" stage is when tomatoes need to leave the vine. The fruit on plants now growing in home gardens and patio pots is beginning to reach that age.

"Until frost is in the forecast, I recommend always harvesting tomatoes when they show the first blush of red color," explained Marr, who is the horticulture program leader at Kansas State University Research and Extension. "Tomatoes will ripen off the vine, as well as on.

"Off the vine, however, they'll have lower odds for cracking or bruising. They won't touch the ground and rot. Plus, you'll have some control over the ripening process."

If stored in a cool 55- to 60-degree basement, for example, tomatoes ripen very slowly, he said. If warmed to 85 degrees, they ripen quickly.

When garden temperatures soar above 95 degrees, indoor-ripened tomatoes also produce better color. Hot weather stops the fruits' red pigment formation. The result is an odd orange-red.

The ability to ripen indoors or out is unusual in the vegetable world, Marr said.

The process is as complex, yet effortless as a teenager's growth spurt:

- \* The tomato (fruit) reaches full size while still green.
- \* It starts to develop a jelly-like material around the seeds and a pale white-green color that has distinct white streaks radiating from the fruit's blossom end.
- \* The tomato is now fully formed "mature green."
- \* "Tomatoes harvested before they reach the mature green stage won't ripen to have the flavor or quality of one left on the vine a little longer.

## Babies

### Maya Elise Rodriguez

David Rodriguez and Jessica Schroeder of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Elise Rodriguez, on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Maya weighed 7 pounds, 1.9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Diane Ashbaugh of Oakley; Steve and Judy Schroeder of Salina; Florence Rodriguez of Colby and Gilbert and Celia Rodriguez of Woolforth, Texas.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.36
Corn	\$1.87
Milo	\$2.82
Soybeans	No bid

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**Tillie Depperschmidt's 90th Birthday**



**Saturday, September 24, 2005**  
**Open House 2 - 4 p.m.**  
 Fairview Estates  
 1630 Sewell Ave.  
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*No gifts please*

# Healthy aging can be accomplished

## Healthy Haps

whether it is your eyesight, hearing, joints, etc. Are you willing to accept help by using assistive devices or by using outside health workers? Yearly checkups should be part of your routine. Taking refresher courses such as defensive driving and college classes will keep your skills and your mind sharp. The old saying "If you don't use it you will use it" is so true.

Get your rest, but keep busy and active. A toned, wise body will help you along the way.

Travel if you are able, getting

away and refreshing yourself with different scenery will keep you sharp.

Play cards or games daily. Your mind will thank you for it. Don't keep a big yard or house, downsize for your body's ability. This will keep you more independent and you will make your own decisions where you will live (versus others making them for you).

If you have trouble making decisions tell your family so they may get you help and services that you need.

Falls and broken bones are often the consequences for not accepting the age that you are and the abilities

that you now have. Seniors who make the decision themselves to downsize their living arrangements (by moving to either senior housing or assisted living) find their lives much easier and still keep their independence. Too many times, family members turn into full-time caregivers and burn out occurs with both the senior and the family member. People try to fight their age instead of embracing it and accepting changes. Community services are available to all seniors. For further information, contact the health department at 460-4596 or Northwest Kansas Area on Aging at 1-800-432-7422.

# Russell Springs reunion draws in many



**Jean Lowe**

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home of Janet Wright to visit and reminisce. Family members in attendance ranged from age eight months to 80 years young.

Kenneth and Louise Smith spent Friday night in Hutchinson with Bernard and Mary Smith, Lindsay and Aaron Smith and a friend, Tony Rubinik. The grandparents' grandchildren live in Manhattan and were guests of their parents for Labor Day weekend.

# Queen family holds August reunion

Descendants and other relatives of Benton A. Queen and Sarah "Nellie" (Call) attended the family reunion on Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Colby Community Building in Colby. Benton was an early pioneer and the first rural mail carrier of Thomas County. Four of Benton's children were represented. A noontime lunch and evening dinner were served to 51 persons present. There was a great time of visiting and picture taking. A computerized slide show picturing Benton and Nellie and their children was on display. Genealogy charts and lists to present date were available for update and/or information. The 1942 Stephen Post Queen family history (revised) was also available as was the book of the descendants of Benton A. Queen.

Attending were descendants of Alex Queen: Deborah Thomas, Commerce City, Colo.; daughter Michelle Cordes and their children Dayne, Egan and Cimone of Littleton, Colo.; daughter Dacy and Lonnie Aragon and their children Phil and Cecily Abeyta and Lonnie Aragon, Jr., Commerce City, Colo.; Marty (Margaret) Fulton-Glaubenslee, Omaha, Neb.; Janet Sanchez; Sue and Wes Livingston and their son, Wesley, Thornton, Colo.; Tami Gerlock, Pueblo, Colo. and Bernard (Pinkie) Lewis, Colorado City, Colo.

Descendants of Josephine (Queen) Ziegelmeier family in attendance were: Dorothy Metzler, Colby; Vera and Donald (Ziegelmeier) Sadler and grandson Andrew Morford, Colby; and Erla Jean Lulue, Mobile, Ala.

Alice (Queen) Howell family was represented by Max Howells,

Tulsa, Okla. The Levi Queen family consisted of Eugene and Vickie Queen, Damascus, Ore.

Also attending were descendants of Herbert A. Queen: Edna Queen, Long Beach, Calif.; Freda Hunt, Schoenchen; Herbert F. Queen, Grainfield, with his son, Uriah Queen, Elizabeth, N.J.; Henry and Wilma Queen, Bremerton, Wash.; Sylvia Tanner, Independence, Mo.; Leonard and Donna Queen, Dighton, and their children Christine Queen and her son Christopher Queen, Ellsworth and David and Mary Vilaysing and daughter Ashley Vilaysing, Hays. Other relatives of this family group that were also present include: Dorothy Bourquin, Colby, and her son John and Janice Bourquin and their children Matthew and Michael and Miriam Bourquin, Thornton, Colo. and John's grandson Caleb Bourquin, Wichita, and Dorothy's daughter-in-law Reta Bourquin and her daughter Christine Beatson, Lomis, Neb.; Margaret Greer, Holcomb and daughter Chris Murphy, Garden City.

The next Queen family reunion will be Aug. 4 and 5, 2007.

## Card Shower

Evelyn Johnson of Colby will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday.

She was born Evelyn Mollerstrom on Sept. 21, 1915, in Colby. She married Mandus Johnson on April 4, 1942, in Colby. He died in 1968. She has lived in Thomas County her entire life as a homemaker and an employee of Hopper Hardware, Nickerson Farms and Mode 'O Day.

She has one son, Don and Connie Johnson of Norton and two grandchildren; Paige of Columbia, M.D., and Daniel of Kansas City, Mo.

Friends and relatives of are invited to celebrate her birthday by sending cards to her at 1170 West 3rd, Colby, Kan. 67701.

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# CUMC Auction for Missions

**Sunday, September 18 ~ 12:00 ~ 950 S. Franklin, Colby, KS**



**Antiques**  
 1860 Spool chest

**Automobiles**  
 1987 Ford Ranger 4x4

**Clothing Items**  
 Berber Jackets  
 Canvas shoes and purse  
 Fleece Shirts  
 Fuzzy Boa  
 Hair Barrettes  
 Hats signed by Mark Schultz  
 Lapel Pins  
 Team Hats  
 Warm winter coats  
 Wooden Boot Jack



**Food Items**  
 Dinner at Bourquin's  
 Homemade Beef Jerky  
 Homemade Bread  
 Homemade Fruit Roll-ups  
 1/4 beef, custom processed  
 Pie a month for a year  
 Pineapple cream cake  
 Smoked Turkey, delivered

**Home Decor**  
 Candle Holders  
 Christmas Ornaments  
 Heart Wooden Caddy  
 Mikasa Crystal  
 Nightlights  
 Oil Painting on Canvas  
 Painted Oriental Fan  
 Pictures, framed & unframed  
 Scroll Woodworking  
 Stair Basket  
 Wooden/wire shelf

**Made from the Heart**

Baby Towel Wrap  
 Burgundy crocheted Table Cloth

**All proceeds will be used for the mission projects of the church.**

**Special Thanks to TNT Auction!!**

Beaded Bracelets  
 Chenille Quilt  
 Crocheted Afghans  
 Exquisite Baby Quilt  
 Fleece Blankets  
 Placemats, Napkins, hotpad set  
 Polar Fleece Baby Hat

**Services**  
 Bickner Electric—4 hours service  
 David Starkey—Legal Services  
 Sharon Kriss—Piano Entertainment  
 Shirley Malcolm—10 piano lessons  
 Green Acres—Lawn Care  
 Dr. K. Thummel—Teeth Whitening  
 Marj Brown—Painting Lessons  
 Pat Ziegelmeier—6 piano lessons

**Miscellaneous**  
 WPAA Season Tickets  
 Leather Throw Rug  
 15-piece punch bowl  
 Wicker Picnic Basket  
 Signed CD by Mark Schultz  
 Candy bowl (filled)  
 Decorative lamps & vases  
 HP Officejet Pro 1170Cse Copier

**Gift Baskets**  
 American Girl Basket  
 Avon Basket  
 Movie Baskets  
 Tea Basket

**Trips**  
 1 day Plane trip  
 3 nights in Estes Park  
 1 week in Branson, MO

