

# Family

## Deaths

### Hazel Irene Fields

Hazel Irene Fields, 94, a Colby homemaker and cook, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

She was born Feb. 19, 1916, in Republic, the daughter of John Richard and Arvilla (Plotts) Anderson, and grew up northeast of Colby. She attended Otterbourne School.

On Nov. 24, 1934, she married John Vernon Field in Atwood. They lived northeast of Colby in Rawlins County; in Saratoga, Wyo.; Wiggins, Colo.; Selden; and Colby.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a son, Ray Vernon Fields; a daughter, Judith Ann Fields; three brothers,

Warren, Marvin and Elden Anderson; and two sisters, Norma Jean Thompson and Nida Anderson.

She is survived by a son, Richard (Dixie) Fields of Menlo, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at the Colby Berean Church, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, and from 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials in her name, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Jack Kriss

John D. "Jack" Kriss, 78, a Colby area farmer, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Sept. 13, 1931, in Colby, the son of John and Stella Kriss.

He is survived by a son, John P. Kriss, Lawrence; four daughters, Ladeska "Decky" Makings, Larned, and Melany Shalz, Yvonne Baumfalk and Kimberly Kriss, all of Colby; three brothers, Jim Kriss, Colby; Jerald Kriss,

Littleton, Colo.; and Jay Kriss, Colorado Springs; a sister, Janet Schroeder, Colby; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A family gathering is scheduled for this weekend, and a celebration of his life will be scheduled later. Cremation, no visitation.

The family suggests memorials, with the use to be designated later, in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Kansas bike ride to take eight June days

The 36th year of the most extensive bicycling event in Kansas – a 492-mile ride across the State – begins on Saturday, June 5. Bike Across Kansas, an eight-day ride this year, will originate at the Kansas-Colorado state line with a single route for about 800 riders.

The cyclists will start at Kanarado, west of Goodland, with overnight stops in Colby, Hill City, Minneapolis, Herington and Osage City. Their final night together will be in Eudora on Friday, June 12. The following morning, they will cycle to the Missouri River at Leavenworth, where they will enjoy a celebration picnic at David Brewer Park.

Many of the riders will be from Kansas, but entries are expected from many other states, some as far away as New York, Maryland, Vermont, New Mexico and California. Participants will enjoy the state's favorable cycling conditions, but the main goal is to have fun, get some exercise and experience the beauty of the Kansas landscape and people.

The ride will pass through Brewster, Hoxie, Stockton, Hunter, Abilene, Council Grove, Ottawa and many more Kansas towns.

For information, go to [www.bak.org](http://www.bak.org), or write to Charlie Summers, Newton, Kan., 67114, (316) 283-7528

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day <b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.11
Corn (bushel)	\$3.26
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.41

## 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.

## Garden starts in transplant plots

I consider myself a very fortunate Midwestern gardener, because my season begins a lot earlier than most of you. It's because I enjoy the project of starting a few of my own transplants indoors and growing them to the right size for setting out in the garden later.

As a result, I have the opportunity to "commune with nature" for a longer period of time each year than most. The only downer to what I do is that I must do it inside, as opposed to the great outdoors.

But there are other reasons why the practice of growing my own is positive to me. The most important reason is that I get to select the variety of the vegetable I wish to grow in my garden.

For example, if over the years I found a variety of cabbage seed or plant that proved to superior to the varieties I normally found available, I would be elated. I would also be happy if I was fortunate enough to grow a superior tomato from seed I had stumbled across that proved to be more productive, offered more disease resistance or tasted better than those I had planted.

The same goes for peppers or broccoli or any one of many other vegetables that we normally put into the garden as transplants. The logic holds true in the case of flowering plants such as petunias, snapdragons, columbines or any number of other perennials or annuals.

Don't get me wrong. While I do start several of my own transplants, I still buy the majority of the things I need from my friends at the garden center. They are the ones who supply 95 percent of



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

area gardens with the plants and seeds we grow to maturity each year.

Still, the early-season project of starting a few of my own transplants is something I enjoy, and you might find it rewarding, too.

Here's what you do. Pick up a small bag of material known as seed-starting formula. It is a soil-less mix of sphagnum moss, vermiculite, perlite and other materials that provide aeration, water retention and drainage. Don't try to start your seeds with garden soil or any other kind of soil. You'll get poor emergence and the expensive seed will be wasted.

Here in northwest Kansas, the average last frost occurs roughly about May 6. If you're going to start tomato plants, count backward on the calendar for about six or seven weeks and start your plants on that date, somewhere around March 20. If you start your seeds then and give them proper care, they should be about the right size at planting time on May 10 or there about. Pepper seeds should be planted a bit earlier since they take longer to germinate. Cabbage and broccoli seed can be started later, but they can go into the outside world earlier due to their ability to stand a little frost.

There are a few other significant factors to be aware of when you're growing your own, and I'll touch on those next week.

## Send cards to centenarian

The family of Florence Gilchrist will honor her with a card shower for her 100th birthday on Sunday, March 7, 2010. Send birthday wishes to No. 4 Austin Court, Colby, Kan. 67701.



**F. Gilchrist**

**MOVIES**

**NOW SHOWING**  
February 26th - March 4th

**EDGE OF DARKNESS**  
Starring: Mel Gibson  
Genre(s): Drama/Thriller  
R 1 Hour, 56 Minutes  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:10  
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

**THE WOLFMAN**  
Starring: Anthony Hopkins  
Genre(s): Action/Thriller/Suspense  
R 2 Hours, 5 Minutes  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:10  
Sunday - Thursday 7:00

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## April wedding planned

Maret Peterson and Clayton Schrader of Lawrence plan to marry Saturday, April 24, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Parents of the bride are Dennis Peterson of Wichita and Sally Peterson of Colby. Grandparents are Gerald and Carolyn Cullop of Sterling.



**Maret Peterson and Clayton Schrader**

The groom's parents are Victor and Debra Schrader of Salina. Grandparents are Charlotte Leighton of Salina, the late Raymond Leighton of Lake Isabella, Calif., and the late Ella and Raymond Schrader of Salina.

The bride graduated in 2005 from Colby High School and in 2009 from Emporia State University with a secondary education degree in English and language arts.

The groom graduated from Salina South High School in 2002 and from Washburn University in 2008 with a degree in elementary education. He is a fifth-grade teacher in Topeka.

**EAT HEARTY.....**

**STEAK AND SHRIMP FRY**

**Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.**  
*Your choice of Potato and Salad*

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**Got news? Tell us! Call 462-3963**

**Gem Lions Club**

**SOUP DAY**

**Veggie – Chili Potato**

**MARCH 6, 2010**  
**11 AM TO 7 PM**

**Gem Community Building**

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**TUESDAYS**

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**ATTENTION...**

**Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden Plains High School and Heartland Christian School**

**Senior Parents & HOMESCHOOLERS**

**Hurry in parents!! Deadline is April 26, 2010!!!**

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

**Call Andrea, Heather or Shaly @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.**

**WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS**

**Small Sample**

*I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball*  
**PARENTS:**  
Richard & Peggy Adams

*It's been a real hoot, Whitney go get em girl, and Godspeed.*  
*Love, Mom & Dad*

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