

Family

Deaths

D. Norlene Schiltz

D. Norlene Schiltz, 83, mother of Kristen Ostmeyer of Colby, died Sunday, April 25, 2010, in Denver.

Services are pending with the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, (785) 462-7979.

C. Morris Barnett

Charles Morris Barnett, 84, a retired Colby are farmer, died Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born Aug. 1, 1925, on a family farm north of Colby, the son of Lester and Adele Barnett. After graduating from Colby High School in 1943, he joined four of his brothers in the military during World War II.

He receiving tank mechanic training and was assigned to Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army in Europe. His brother Lynn was killed in action, as their oldest brother had been. This resulted in his transfer to a noncombat unit in Europe until his return to the U.S., where he was discharged in 1946.

On Aug. 17, 1952, he married Anna Mary Fleming of Hoxie at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church near Studley. After living in Colby for a short time, they moved to John Pratt's farm, while he built a new home for his family. The couple celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last year.

In addition to full-time farming, he worked for the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for 29 years before retiring. In later years, he did crop adjusting around Colby and Atwood.

He continued as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Barnett had served as a deacon and on various boards at the Colby First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Samuel, Lynn, Vernon and Victor Barnett.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Charles M. (Rylinda) Barnett Jr., Colby; a daughter, Cheryl Ann (Forrest) Townsley, Monument, Colo.; two brothers, Wilbur Barnett, Colby, and Bernard (Marian) Barnett, Alabaster, Ala.; two sisters, Helen (Bill) Klein, San Diego, and Grace (Harold) Jones, Colby; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, with Stan Smith of Quinter officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to be designated at a later date in Mr. Barnett's name, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Entrepreneurship students win honors at state challenge

About 20 students in Sue Mardock's entrepreneurship program involved in a "social entrepreneurship" project on the Colby Community College campus received top honors at a competition April 9 in Wichita.

The students presented two business plans at the Kansas Community College Business Plan Challenge at Wichita State University. Marilyn Horinek received first place honors for her Horinek Angora Ranch plan, and Colby students earned third place for their Green Team Plan.

Green team members include Horinek, Nancy LaPell, Robert Borneman, Demetria Stephens, Jared Hall, Cory Woofter, Jennilee Rice, Callee Warren, Brittiani Gruber, Erica Crain, Joe Monroe, Richard Rippe, Eli Wise and Anne Bohr.

Support team members are Mardock, program director and instructor; Cody Mead, web designer; Chad Magee, chemistry instructor; and Angie Dijanic-Rogers, agronomy instructor. Horinek received \$1,500 for her first; the team won \$500. The Green Team received \$500 also. The prize money is intended for the students to use to start up the

business.

Changing trashy behavior is the goal of the Green Team plan. The first step is to survey students, faculty and staff, complete a trash audit, and to educate everyone on the benefits of recycling. They plan to place recycling bins in buildings and encouraging everyone to sort trash. The class will take materials to the recycling center.

These efforts will reduce the amount of trash the college sends to the landfill and save money on hauling fees charged by the city. An ultimate goal is to recycle the organic matter discarded by the college cafeteria into mulch.

Horinek's plan is eligible to compete in the 2010 Shocker Business Plan Competition, which has a first-place cash award of \$10,000. It will be recognized at the Center for Entrepreneurship banquet on Friday in Wichita.

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Delightful season in full swing



Kay Melia

- The Gardener

I think most gardeners would agree with me that this is an extremely delightful time of the year. Granted, it would be more delightful if the wind would go down.

While a freeze or a frost is still a possibility, the last week of April means that the backyard growing season is just about in full swing. More vegetable and flower seeds will be carefully placed in the ground in the next couple of weeks than at any other time of the year.

The garden soil has been freshly turned, the grass is growing and gardeners everywhere are looking forward to another season of wheelbarrow-loads of home-grown food and armloads of beautiful flowers.

How about you? Are you going to join the increasing number

of Americans who will make a genuine effort to plant, cultivate, irrigate and harvest some of your own food and flower bouquets this year?

Actually, there is still plenty of time to prepare a garden plot or flower bed for planting. Here in northwest Kansas, the soil temperatures are just now beginning to edge their way up to the levels that our most important backyard crops are most comfortable at.

When soil temperatures reach 60 degrees and above, it's safe to

plant most of your favorite annual flowers and be assured they will germinate. Still, I would wait another week or 10 days just in case a late spring cold snap surprises us, as it often does. The same goes for all the warm season vegetables, such as green beans, squash, cucumbers, okra, sweet corn and peppers.

I would wait until about May 15 to plant cantaloupe seed or set out sweet potato plants; both seriously dislike cool soil or cool air.

The beginning gardener must understand that it will not be an easy summer project, but I can think of no other effort that offers more potential satisfaction. The beauty of the flowers and the quality of the freshly harvested vegetables are of course the goals we

attempt to achieve. But there are other pluses involved, including the fresh air, the communing with nature and the sheer physicality of the process.

Thousands of Americans will plant a garden for the very first time this summer. The so-called recession has prompted large numbers to give it a try.

There will be disappointments the first time out, but there will also be triumphs. Seek out friends and neighbors, Master Gardeners, or those you know who have been successful in the past years. They would love to offer helpful information and advice.

There is plenty of time to get started. This weekend would be the best time to make the decision.

Open house, cards mark 100th birthday

The family of Mary Wessel invites you to an open house and card shower marking her 100th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Sheridan County Assisted Living Complex.

Cards may be sent to 826 18th St., Room 106, Assisted Living, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.



Mary Wessel

Strokes topic of call-in show

Strokes are the topic for this week's Doctors on Call program on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Dr. Daniel Sanchez of the Plainville Medical Clinic and Phil Sechtem from Fort Hays State University's Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will answer questions in this live viewer call-in program.

The half-hour program will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday and again at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

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Cafeteria workers get revenge

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Students at New Jersey's Atlantic City High School have learned not to mess with the lunch ladies.

Cafeteria workers served only cheese sandwiches two days in April as punishment for a food fight.

School Superintendent Fredrick Nickles says the school supplies only the basic food requirement when there's been a food-throwing incident. Nickles says the policy has been effective over the years.

Only the group that engaged in the fight out of the school's three lunch periods was punished.

Parent Bridgitte Reid became

angry after her daughter explained the menu. Reid called it "prison food."

Markets

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