

Family

Deaths

Robert C. Rose

Robert C. Rose, 73, Colby, died Friday, May 21, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 472-7979.

Russell F. ‘Junior’ Lemman

Russell F. Lemman Jr., 83, died Friday, May 21, 2010, at his home in rural Rawlins County northwest of Levant. Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Gladys M. Collins

Gladys M. Collins, 86, Oakley, died Friday, May 21, 2010, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. She was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Logan County, the daughter of William D. and Nanna J. (Lehman) Gfeller. On Feb. 17, 1942, she married Chester L. Collins at Winona. A lifelong resident of Logan County, she was a rancher, farmer and homemaker. She was a member of the Winona and Oakley United Methodist churches. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1990, and four brothers, Harold, Ralph, Chet and Don Gfeller. Survivors include a son, Phil L. (Lori) Collins, Winona; three daughters, Diane (Roland) Jenkins, Scott City; Linda (Alden) Cady, Gravois Mills, Mo.; and Nancy (Craig) Wilford, Derby; special friend Bill Jones, Oakley; three sisters, Helen (the late Maurice) Boyd, Oakley; Lois (Kenny) Nickelson, Salina; and Freida (Tom) Wickizer, Springfield, Mo.; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. Cremation. A memorial service is planned, with Pastor Sheryl Johnson officiating and inurnment in the Winona Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Winona United Methodist Church, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Ina Jane McElheny

Ina Jane McElheny, 4-month-old daughter of Melinda (Rogge) Anders and Joseph McElheny of Hoosick Falls, N.Y., died Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Ina was born Dec. 28, 2009, in Bennington, Vt. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Ernie and Libby Ziegelmeier of Gem, Frederick and Anna May (Myers) Rogge of Sublette, Francis McElheny of Lockport, N.Y., and Jack and Silvia Murphy of Hillman. Mich. She is survived by her parents, of the home; a sister, Tayler Rock, Goose Creek, S.C.; and grandparents Milton and Martha Rogge, Sublette; Eileen and Dennis Klingler, Wilson, N.Y.; and James McElheny, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A private memorial service was held in North Pownal, Vt. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, in Gem.

Heirlooms or hybrids?



Kay Melia

- The Gardener

I was reminded a couple of weeks ago about the many wonderful aspects of heirloom seeds and plants, and certainly, those seeds and plants that are labeled as such today served us well in the garden for many years. An heirloom is a seed or plant whose history dates back at least 50 years. Heirlooms are those that my parents planted in the '30s and '40s and are still around today. You can find them at about any store that sells seeds. These are open-pollinated seeds, not hybridized, but seldom labeled as such. And as a result, a beginning or inexperienced gardener will buy them and plant them without hesitation. There are also those veteran gardeners who seek them out in the seed catalogs and the store racks, not wishing to buy the newly developed hybrids. Hybridization is a dirty word to some gardeners, particularly those of the young-to-middle-age set who still do not cotton to the idea of messing around with Mother Nature. Recently, in the Salina Journal Home and Garden section, published each Thursday, a horticulturist by the name of Maureen Gilmer, wrote an article entitled “Don’t take a gamble; plant heirloom seeds.” She wrote about “hedging your bets,” and “diversifying,” and how one year, “we had terrible weather, all my hybrid tomatoes failed, but my heirlooms thrived despite the cool season.” The location of her garden has never been divulged in the *Journal*, although she gives a blog and an e-mail address. She scares me to death by recommending to her readers to plant nothing but heirlooms. I find myself wondering why the plant scientists and breeders have worked so hard and long to develop hybrid seeds and have spent years and years crossing the heirlooms with newly developed cultivars. Today’s hybrids resist disease and drought and present

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the gardener with a safe, healthier plant. Increased production alone is reason enough to select a good, recently developed hybrid. I was a farm kid growing up in the late '30s and '40s on a wheat farm. My dad planted Turkey wheat, Tenmarq and Blackhull, just like everybody else. And then came Wichita and the beardless varieties like Chiefkan and Red Chief. A good wheat crop then was one that produced 20 to 25 bushels per acre. No farmer plants these old varieties anymore – nobody. Today’s highly developed wheat varieties are the name of the game, as they should be, and 50 to 70 bushel yields are the norm. For good production, good disease resistance and healthier plants, we should always plant the hybrids. If the mood strikes, plant an heirloom and plant it near a hybrid variety that has been crossed with some of the heirloom’s genes and qualities. Crop science is better now than it was then. It’s not 1940 anymore, it’s 2010.

Markets

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Wheat (bushel)	\$3.75
Corn (bushel)	\$3.10
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Corrections

A photo caption on Page 4 of the Friday, May 21, *Colby Free Press*, incorrectly identified A.J. and Jennifer Kraemer as A.J. and Jennifer McMahan. This was an editing error. ☆☆☆☆☆ The date of the Ostmeier reunion on Page 1 of the Friday, May 21, *Colby Free Press* was

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 27 members and four guests. President Jerry Arensdorf announced that Christy Gugelman had been approved for membership and will begin the “grueling” two-week waiting period prior to her induction. Kris Cameron gave an update on the Rotary/Chamber Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, June 11. Sign up sheets were distributed for teams, sponsors and volunteers. Arensdorf and Mike Tubbs discussed the Highway Clean-Up Project. Gary Schuette introduced his father-in-law, Dave Arnoldy, who, along with Rotary District Governor-elect Keith Hooper, is involved with the Humanitarian Effort to Lessen Poverty Foundation. The project, based in the Philippines and supported by Rotary clubs, aims to use nutrition, health, education and livelihood to establish sustainable living standards. Ron Evans provided members with the weekly “useless” knowledge: “25 percent of the vegetables consumed in the United States are French fries.” Gugelman won Roto-Lotto. Other guests were Gary Adrian and Andrew Toth. The club meets at noon each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union.

Program donates to schools

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Carol Raile - May 25th

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