

Family

Deaths

Eugene S. Fields

Eugene S. Fields, 86, a native of Rawlins County, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the Mountain Vista Healthcare Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo.

He was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Ludell to Henry Axel and Ellen Gustov Larson Fields. The family moved in the spring of 1925 from Ludell to a farm in southwest Rawlins County, where he attended school through the eighth grade.

On Nov. 12, 1944, he married Helen L. Kersenbrock on the family farm. In 1945, his father retired and moved to Colby, and the young couple took over the farm.

In 1971, they moved to Colorado, where he took up remodeling. An excellent woodworker, he made much of the furniture in his house. He moved to Yuma, Colo., in 1988, where he continued remodeling homes until 2001, when he suffered two strokes. He was involved in the Yuma Church of Christ, and the Strasburg Community Church he and his wife moved to Strasburg, Colo., in 2004 to be closer to family.

After breaking a hip in October, he moved to a rehabilitation center and then a retirement community, Mountain Vista Healthcare Center, both in Aurora, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Floyd, Vernon and Glenn Fields, a sister, Anna, and a daughter, Carolyn, age 4, in 1952 from leukemia.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Mick (Marlene) Fields, of Strasburg; and Jay (Cheryl) Fields of Wheat Ridge; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 6 p.m. (Central Time) Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at the church in Strasburg. A committal service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Mountain Vista Healthcare Center or to the church, in care of Brown Funeral Home, Box 432, Eads, Colo., 81036.

Online condolences may be left at www.brownfuneraldirectors.com.

Claudia J. Patry

Claudia J. Patry, 64, Salina, formerly of Colby, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the Kaye Pogue Hospice in Salina.

She was born April 5, 1946, in Colby, the daughter of Earl and Mildred (Larsen) Jones. Growing up in Colby, she married James Patry on Aug. 21, 1965.

They lived in Wilson for 40 years before moving to Salina to be nearer family. She was a homemaker, a daycare provider and assistant librarian at Wilson High School.

She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson and its altar society.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Terry (Donna) Patry, Assaria, and Neal Patry, Salina; two daughters, Carrie (Tracy) Piepho, Bennington,

and Teresa (Brandon) Schulze, Norton; two brothers, Newell Jones, Pensacola, Fla., and Richard Jones, Colby; three sisters, Lorraine Kilgore, Chanute, and Kathy Siruta and Linda Kistler, both of Colby; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at the church, with Father Jim Hoover officiating and burial in the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Foster Mortuary, Wilson, and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church with the family present. A vigil service will begin at 7 p.m.

The family suggests that, instead of flowers, memorials be made to the hospice or the library, in care of the mortuary, 610 24th St., Wilson, Kan., 67490.

Polish stunt cyclist conquers Spanish skyscraper

MADRID (AP) — A Polish stunt cyclist has hopped up 921 steps to the top of Europe's tallest hotel, giving a whole new meaning to the phrase "taking the stairs."

Krystian Herba said it took him 19 minutes and 27 seconds Wednesday to get to the peak of the 614-foot (186-meter), 52-story Gran Hotel Bali in the eastern Spanish resort city of Benidorm.

Herba does not pedal but rather bounces his way up, taking usually two steps at a time but sometimes three. He told The Associated Press that the journey went perfectly, saying "I am tired but very happy."

Hotel guests, onlookers and TV crews lined the staircase as Herba ascended.

"They were clapping, saying my name," he said with a chuckle.

Herba said he has been cycling for 17 years and got started in his odd genre by tackling stairs in famous buildings in Poland before heading elsewhere in Europe. In October, Herba hopped to the top of the 50-story Millennium Tower in Vienna, the tallest building in Austria.

For his next trick, Herba plans to take on the 63-story Messeturm, a skyscraper in Frankfurt, Germany.

And how did he handle the trip down Wednesday? Like any sensible person, he took the elevator.

"The trip up was enough," he said.

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After years of waiting, Roundup Ready alfalfa has again been approved for planting. Farmers will have to consider the opportunities and risks of using this crop.

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One area might be at establishment. While we do have other good herbicides, they all cause some crop injury as they kill weeds. Roundup causes less injury, so stands should develop faster.

Troublesome weeds like waterhemp and thistle, curly dock and dandelions might finally meet their match with Roundup. Winter annual weeds can be controlled easily with Roundup, which might be useful if you typically wait too long in the spring to use other herbicides.

Roundup Ready alfalfa also will carry some risks, however. For one, seed will be more expensive and it might be tempting to spray more often, so you might end up spending more on your alfalfa. Unless you also get more yield or higher prices, it may not pay.

We also run the risk of developing glyphosate-tolerant weeds more rapidly, especially as we only use Roundup on all crops.

Some customers won't buy genetically engineered crops like Roundup Ready alfalfa. Plus, you could contaminate conventional alfalfa fields being grown to try and take advantage of this specialty area. Finally, yield drag isn't supposed to occur but independent field testing cannot confirm that at this time.

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It will be easy to control most weeds in alfalfa that tolerates Roundup. But just because it's easy isn't a reason to buy these varieties. Some growers don't need this trait. For example, I encourage many of you cow-calf producers to plant alfalfa-grass mixtures in your hay fields. Since Roundup will kill the grass, conventional varieties are more appropriate in these situations.

We must also realize that controlling weeds in alfalfa does not always increase hay tonnage. Weeds can boost yield, and sometimes weeds can be acceptable feed. So spending time and money to kill weeds in alfalfa isn't always worthwhile.

Another example is planting oats with the alfalfa and later harvesting the oats for either hay or as grain and straw. Roundup can't be used in this situation until after the oats have been harvested. If a good stand of alfalfa is present after oats has been harvested, further weed control may not be needed.

Not everyone has problems with weeds in alfalfa. This often is true if alfalfa fields usually are rotated to a different crop after three or four years. If a good stand can be established using other options, weeds often do not become a big problem until stands get older and start to thin out.

Don't forget — it will cost you \$2.50 more per pound of seed to get this new trait. So make sure easier weed control is really worthwhile to you before you make this investment.

Colby High takes second in forensics

The Colby High School forensics team placed second at Northern Valley in Almena on Saturday with 273 points. Norton was first with 293 and Ellis third with 111.

Individual placings:

Prose: Ashley Coleman, seventh.

Poetry: Hannah Matchell, third; Andrea Barton, sixth.

Humorous Solo: Tomi Miller, first; Shelby Terrell, second; Jennifer Schwanke, third; Hannah Matchell, fourth.

Serious Solo: Cameron McLaughlin, first; Paige Roop-

chan, second; Amy Schroeder, fourth.

Duet: Madison Gawith and Blake McNinch, second.

Improved Duet Acting: Bailey Terrell and Shelby Terrell, second; Blake McNinch and Brady Rose, third; Colton Rundel and Jennifer Schwanke, fourth.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Amy Schroeder, sixth.

Informative Speaking: Bailey Koerperich, first; Madison Gawith, fifth.

Oration: Brady Rose, second; Colton Rundel, fourth.

Corrections

There were a couple of mistakes in an article, "Foundation marks 10th anniversary," on Page 1 in the Monday, Feb. 21, edition of the *Colby Free Press*. The \$300,000 raised by the original members of the Thomas County Community Foundation board, plus a matching \$300,000 from the Kansas Health Foundation, were used to get the foundation started, not for creating a permanent endowment, said Executive Director Melinda Olson. The foundation has given out \$300,000 since its inception in 2001. The foundation has 12 board members, plus two at-large members, Nancy LePell and Quintin Flanagan. These were

reporting and editing errors.

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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.

Markets

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