

Family

Deaths

Jonnie Clara Lee Arnold

Jonnie Clara Lee Arnold, 72, Plainville, mother of Loretta (David) Studer of Atwood, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at her home. She was born Sept. 1, 1938, the daughter of John and Irene (Randall) Sledge in Tampa, Fla. From 1957 to 1959 she served in the Air Force. On Nov. 21, 1959, she married Charles G. Arnold in Colby. A member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville, the daughters of Isabella, the Women's Guild and the Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary, she enjoyed fishing, camping, trips with friends, gardening, playing bingo, bowling and crocheting baby blankets for family and friends. Survivors also include her husband of 51 years, of the home; another daughter, Anita (Ed) Sabatka, Grand Island, Neb.; two sons, Jeff (Cindy) Arnold, Staplehurst,

Neb.; and Brian (Casey) Arnold, Plainville; a brother Henry Sledge, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at the church, with Father Galen Long officiating and burial in the church's cemetery. Visitation was to be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville. There will be a Ladies' Guild rosary at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel and parish vigil services at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The family suggests memorials to the church's school, care of the funeral chapel, 409 S. Cochran, Plainville, Kan., 67663. Condolences may be left at www.mooreoverlease.com.

Museum to open for Memorial Day

The Rexford Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Memorial Day next Monday. The Shepherd's Staff enjoyed hosting the Golden Plains second through fifth grade classes for a movie party on May 11. They watched "Voyage of the Dawn Treader." On May 21, they hosted a paint ball group from Brewster Community Church. It was a first paint ball experience for all of them, and fun to see them discover the game. On Sunday they will be showing their free family movie, "UP," at 3 in the Shepherd's Staff Hall, 240 Main Street. All families are welcome. The movie is free and



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concessions are available for those who wish to purchase them. The city council yard of the month is Mirl and Evelyn Barnett's. The city council interviewed applicants for City Maintenance Operator Thursday evening. Also, Rexford city garbage collection will be Tuesday, May 31, instead of Monday, because of the holiday.

High Plains Art Club

Marlene Carpenter gave a program on Edgar Degas at the High Plains Art Club meeting on May 10. He was born in Paris where his father was a banker. His mother came from a New Orleans French Creole family. Degas attended a prestigious boys school. While attending law school, he also studied the art of painting. After traveling, painting and studying in Italy, he returned to Paris where he did many large paintings of historical scenes. In 1868, Edgar met Edward Manet. Meeting with others of common interests, they formed a group to be known as the Impressionists. Manet used the term "realist" when referring to his own work and is known for his paintings of ballet dancers, jockeys, working women and such, adding details others ignored. At the last Impressionist exhibition in 1886, he showed a series of pastels of nude women washing, dressing, etc. He died in 1917. Ruth Hughes conducted the meeting. Present were Carpen-

ter, Marj Brown, Tom and Kathy Peyton, Shirley Baker, Barbara Highland, Fritz Ostmeyer, Margaret Denneker, Maxine Nelson, Bev Kern and Karen Reed. The club approved paying Brown for supplies for the scrapbook and yearbook. Several said they enjoyed the Art Walk organized by Rebel Jay. Carpenter will call Jay about leading a workshop for the club. The group went out to eat, and returned to the church to work on projects in the afternoon. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 14, with Brown as hostess and program. Guests are welcome.

- Maxine Nelson

Bridge Club

The Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Kevin Taylor, first; Elaine Ptacek, second; Katie Melvin, third; Sarah Jane Barrett, fourth; Cookie Koenig, fifth and Jean Snyder, sixth.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.46
Corn (bushel)	\$7.08
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.03
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.58

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.

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Tomatoes remain a perennial favorite

For goodness sake, here it is deep into the month of May, with 16 of my garden columns residing comfortably in the bottoms of bird cages, and I haven't even written my first rant about tomatoes! How could that happen in this day and age when tomatoes are always the preferred topic of conversation when two or three vegetable gardeners get together! No one ever asks me how my potatoes are doing, or if my cantaloupes are up yet. Not on your life! It's always "alright big fella, what kind of tomatoes did you plant this year" or "did any of your tomato plants freeze during those low-30s mornings we had" and even "surely you didn't plant 35 tomato plants again this since you assured me last fall that you were going to cut back this year."

The answers to the above inquiries are "the usual;" "no;" and "yes." I suppose I better not leave it at that or I'll get a telephone call or two. Incidentally, before I forget it, my potatoes look great (or they did, which I'll explain later) and as of Friday, my cantaloupes aren't up yet but I am expecting them soon. I didn't plant a new variety of tomato this year. Not that they weren't available, but I just didn't see a new offering that just jumped out and said "hey, plant me!" And so of the 34 tomato transplants I set outside on May 4, 14 of them were Northern Exposure 14 were Super Tasty, four were Big Beef and two were 4th of July, all of which I grew from seed. I had intended to plant a few Shady Ladys but my transplants just didn't look good so I tossed them. Yes, I planted quite a bit earlier this year, May 4, for the same reason as usual. The earlier you get the transplants into the garden, the



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earlier you're going to harvest a tomato. Certainly, I try to provide weather protection for the plants. My five-foot-tall wire cages, with the bottom 18 to 24 inches wrapped in black plastic, are designed to offer protection from both wind and cold during the critical early days of the plant's outside existence. My garden has had two mornings of sub-freezing temperatures since the transplants were set outside with no apparent damage. The black plastic provides good daytime heating on sunny days as well as good wind protection. The tomatoes are planted in two rows and I water them simply by placing the garden hose in the row and letting the water flow. I will fertilize them with a liquid solution just before they start to bloom. Indeed, my tomatoes get special care, but most of it comes at planting time and for the rest of the season they are just about "labor free." And please remember this - don't let anyone try to tell you that all tomato varieties are alike. Some varieties are better than others. Too often we plant only what is readily available rather than seeking out the good stuff! (I must tell you that the above column was written for the paper on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening my garden was hit by wind-blown nickel-size hail for nearly 10 minutes. Everything is badly damaged. The tomatoes look better than expected, thanks to their protection. We'll see what happens now.)

Museum features sharpeners

LOGAN, Ohio (AP) — Tourism officials have made a point of displaying the hundreds of pencil sharpeners collected by an Ohio minister who died last summer. The Rev. Paul Johnson had kept his collection in a small shed he called his museum, outside his home in Carbon Hill in southeast Ohio. A new home for his more than 3,400 sharpeners was dedicated Friday inside a regional welcome center. The Logan Daily News reports Johnson started collecting after his wife gave him a few pencil sharpeners as a gift in the late 1980s. He kept them organized in

categories, including cats, Christmas and Disneyland. The oldest is 105 years old. An Ohio Senate proclamation calls the new display "a fitting tribute" to Johnson, a World War II veteran.



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Joanna Marie Testa and Tyler Michael Johnson

Couple to marry in Lenexa on June 4

Tyler Michael Johnson and Joanna Marie Testa of Wichita plan to marry Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Carol Testa of Olathe. She graduated from Olathe South High School in 2003 and Kansas State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of


Science in education. She works at Cypress Heart in Wichita. The groom is the son of Dean and Sheila Johnson of Brewster and grandson of Verla Moser of Winona. He graduated from Brewster High School in 2005 and Kansas State University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in computer science. He works at AeroFlex Inc. in Wichita.

Open house planned to honor 80th birthday

The family of Betty Carney plan to honor her 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, at the First Christian Church, 385 West Third St. in Colby. She was born May 24, 1931. She is the mother of Linda (Gerald) Thiele, Champaign Ill.; Howard (LeAnne) Carney, Brewster; Patty Gensil, Bob Carney and Ross (Cathy) Carney, all of Colby; Ruth (Johnny Henley) Burns, Star City, Ark.; the late John Henry Carney; and Tom (Lisa) Carney, Sylan Grove. She has 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.



Betty Carney



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- Independence Day
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- Veterans Day

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