

Deaths

Max H. Embree

Max H. Embree, 80, Colby, died Sunday, July 10, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979, is in charge of arrangements. No services are planned.

Kenneth Lee Holsman

Kenneth Lee Holsman, 80, a Bogue farmer and stockman, father of Annette Wetter of Colby, died Thursday, July 7, 2011, at his home near Bogue. He was born Oct. 31, 1930, in rural Bogue, the son of Frank and Ellen Marie (Lundberg) Holsman, and lived in the area all his life. On Oct. 30, 1965, he married Bobbie Nell German. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors also include his wife, of the home; two sons, Frank Holsman and David Holsman, both of Bogue; two sisters, Alpha Bondy, Huntley, Ill.; and Carol Hotz, Hays; and three grandchildren. Services were to be today, Monday, July 11, 2011, at the Bogue United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Ninemire and James Thompson officiating and burial in the Memorial Lawn Cemetery of Hill City. The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Hill City FFA Chapter, in care of the Stinemetz Funeral Home, 522 North Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan., 67642.

Evaluate risks to water with these online tools

The Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute has updated and improved its online water-quality tools, designed to help businesses assess the environmental risks that sites and operations may pose to surface water and groundwater quality. This can minimize risk to on-site or community drinking water sources. Water-quality tools are available for such businesses as agricultural service centers, parking lots, RV parks and campgrounds, veterinary clinics and fairgrounds. Barb Johnson, pollution prevention specialist, encourages Kansas businesses to complete water assessments to further their understanding of the environmen-

tal regulations that apply to them. Also, businesses will learn steps they can take to protect water quality and improve best management practices.

“These assessments can help business managers identify solutions to keep water pollution at a minimum,” Johnson said. “Pollution prevention is the most effective way to avoid future environmental issues that can be costly and time consuming.”

The first 25 people who complete assessments will be entered in a drawing for one of five \$20 Amazon certificates. Details are available at [www.sbeap.org](http://www.sbeap.org). Look for the Water Quality link.

Honor roll named

Several students from northwest Kansas are named on the honor rolls recently released by Garden City Community College for the spring semester, including two from Colby. The President’s Honor Roll is for degree-seeking students earning perfect grade averages of 4.0 on a four-point scale. The Dean’s Honor Roll, included students earning 3.2 to 3.999. The Honorable Mention List, for students earning grades ranging from 3.0 to 3.199. Honor roll eligibility is based on enrollment in eight or more credit hours. **President’s Honor Roll:** James Benson, Colby. **Dean’s Honor Roll:** Greg Solko, Atwood; Ryan Murphy, Russell Rodenbeck, Colby; Shayla Niermeier, Spencer Rose, Hoxie; Patrick Ahrens, Bailey Hemmert, Skyler Huffman, Brandon Maurath, Oakley. **Honorable mention:** Stephanie Eberle, Hoxie.

Man travels on paddleboard

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Bart de Zwart expected to be in more pain after paddling 300 miles from the Big Island of Hawaii to Kauai. “I’m not even sore,” he said from his Kauai hotel room, where he slept in a bed after arriving to Kalapaki Beach the night before onboard a stand-up paddleboard. The 41-year-old Maui man spent five days alone at sea attempting what he believes to be the first-ever solo crossing from the Big Island to Kauai on a stand-up paddleboard. He was headed to a clinic to have swollen, infected blisters on his feet checked out. Aside from the blisters and losing six pounds, he said he felt fine. “This was by far the hardest thing I’ve done in my life,” he said. “I’m glad I did it but I don’t think I’ll do it again.” The married father of a 12-year-old daughter said he was inspired to embark on the passage by ancient Hawaiians who voyaged in simple canoes. Originally from Holland, de Zwart has lived in Haiku, Maui, for 11 years, where owns Kahana Kai Maui surf shop. Strapped to his 14-foot longboard were enough freeze-dried meals and water in watertight containers for seven days. He slept on inflatable water mattresses glued together to form what resembled a kiddie pool, he explained: “At night, I blew it up and strapped it on the board.” The choppy waters and windy conditions would occasionally flip the board over, startling him awake in the water. It was more mentally challenging than physical. “The hardest part was survival,” he said, “being wet for five days and five nights.” He had to focus most of the time on navigating and staying on the north side of the islands, but the solitude allowed his mind to drift to minor details in life such as recent conversations.

Tomatoes’ enemies are gearing up now

Let’s see now – so far this gardening year, I’ve had visits of excessive heat, strong winds, light hail, three cloudbursts, heavy frost, grasshoppers, amaranth-type pigweeds, puncture vines, henbit, zucchini, leafy spurge, deer, and aphids. And now come those delightful little dudes known as tomato hornworms.

Sounds like a pretty normal summer, doesn’t it? I would bet that every gardener reading this, and some who aren’t, have experienced many of the same calamities. That’s just the way it is when you choose to commune with nature by dropping seeds and plants in the ground with the intention of harvesting lots of good stuff.

Most of us old-timers understand that many of those things will actually happen during the course of a normal gardening season, but we are quick to remind newcomers and non-gardeners that there are a lot more victories than there are losses. When we dig that first potato or pull that first onion; when we pick those first green beans or cut those first spinach leaves; or when we sample that first head of cabbage and harvest that first ripe tomato – only then does our heart beat with joy and our taste buds go nuts. Just getting to that point makes it all worthwhile.

But tomato hornworms! Is there anything in the garden as ugly? Squash bugs, perhaps. But hornworms will desecrate a tomato vine quicker than you can say New York Yankees. And many times they can be difficult to locate because they are the exact same color as what they eat, which happens to be just about every leaf on the vine. When you see a tomato plant branch that has had its leaves eaten off, just follow the trail. You’ll always find that big fat sucker. I dispose of them by carefully plucking them from the vine – very carefully or you’ll squish yourself with a bit of



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green slime, which actually won’t hurt you. I then dig a small hole in the ground, deposit that bad boy, and cover with several inches of your best garden soil. I then proceed to tromp on the soil a few times. You’ll never see him again, but there may be better methods of disposal.

Tomato hornworms are native to the United States, and are common throughout the northern states. They feed only on solanaceous plants, members of the nightshade family, which includes potatoes, egg plant, peppers and of course tomatoes. The adult stage of the varmint is the “sphinx” or “hummingbird” moth, a large heavy-bodied moth with a four or five inch wingspan that lays eggs on the underside of leaves. The resulting green caterpillar gets its name from a black projection, or horn, on the last abdominal section of its body.

I suppose there are sprays or dusts that will rid your plants of these little beauties, but there are never very many around at a time. But you absolutely must check your plants daily to determine if they are there, and believe me when I say you’ll spot the damage very quickly because an entire branch will likely be devoid of leaves. Just follow the trail to locate the beast, and then do whatever you think is best to dispose of him.

Then, go out again tomorrow, and the next day, and every day until the first frost to see if there are others hanging around. If you find others, consider wearing gloves and a long sleeve shirt when you pluck them from the vine!

Coloring contest offers tickets

Kids – get out your crayons! Barney is coming to Dodge City this month and Smoky Hills Public Television is offering a chance to win tickets!

The “Barney Live In Concert – Birthday Bash” performance is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at the United Wireless Arena in Dodge City. Tickets are for the 6:30 p.m. performance.

For a chance to win tickets go to [www.smokyhillstv.org](http://www.smokyhillstv.org) and print off a Barney coloring page. Write your name, your parent’s name and phone number on the back, and mail to Smoky Hills Public Television to be entered in the drawing.

Two sets of four tickets will be given away. Send the pages to Smoky Hills Public Television, Box 9, Bunker Hill, Kan., 67626, or email to [shptv@shptv.org](mailto:shptv@shptv.org). Pages also can be faxed to (785) 483-6990.

Winners will be announced Friday.

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Pansy and Bob Barton

Open house to honor 70 years of marriage

Bob and Pansy Barton of Colby will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 16, 2011, at the Heartland Christian School, 1995 West Fourth Street.

Their family would like to invite family and friends to join them in the celebration. They have 13 children, Lena (Carl) Peters, Barbara (Loyall “Nick”) Nichols, Gary Barton, Jerry (Peggy) Barton, Randy (Shelley) Barton, Rhonda (Rick) Barton-Rhan, Brian (Johnnie) Barton and Jeff Barton, all from

Colby; Ed Barton and Debbie (Allen) Brown, Olathe; Connie (Dan) Schmidt, Hays; Pat (Gary) Griffin, Greeley, Colo.; Rick Barton, Montevillo, Ala.; 51 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

The couple grew up living four miles from each other. They were married Oct. 13, 1941, in Russell Springs. For those unable to attend, cards may be mailed to 775 South Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Victoria to have festival

The 29th Annual Herzogfest in Victoria will kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, with grounds and vendors opening along with fun cycles and banana bikes and free swimming. Galen Schmidtberger and Joe Dolezal will entertain on the small stage at 5:30 p.m. Free main stage concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Flatspin Band followed by Candy Coburn at 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, the festival continues with a 5K run/walk at 7:45 a.m., Parade at 9:30 a.m., welcome ceremony at 10 a.m. followed by the opening of grounds and vendors with a full day of activities and entertainment. Games include three-on-three basketball, horseshoes, bingo and pinochle. Activities scheduled include the

Eagle Radio kids pedal pull and talent show. The Polka Mass will be at 4 p.m. followed by Fourstar entertaining at 5:15. The main stage concert begins at 9:30 p.m. featuring Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations.

The Second Annual Rod, Custom, and Cycle show will be from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For information and entry forms, visit [www.herzogfest.com](http://www.herzogfest.com).

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