

## Deaths

### Corinne H. Mills

Corinne H. Mills, 96, a retired Colby beautician, died Friday, March 8, 2013, at the Sandpiper Bay Health Care Center in Wichita.

She was born May 8, 1916, in Leon, Iowa.

Survivors include a son, Jon Mills of Salina, and a daughter, Mary Barton of Wichita.

Graveside services will be at 2

p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with the Rev. Mike McVay officiating.

Visitation was to be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church in Colby, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Maria A. Diaz

Maria A. Diaz, 79, a Colby homemaker, died Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the Hays Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 19, 1933, in Uriangato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

Survivors include her husband, Rafael M. Diaz, of the home; a son, Pedro Diaz, and two daughters, Silvia Mainus and Marisela Mainus, all of Colby; a brother,

Norberto Arellano Torres, and two sisters, Esther Arellano Torres and Irene Arellano Torres, all of Mexico; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating.

No visitation.

### 'Jack' D. Finley

John D. Finley, 89, Atwood, retired owner of Finley Construction and father of John D. "Doug" (Donna) Finley of Colby, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood.

He was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Rawlins County.

Survivors include his wife Doris E. Finley, of Atwood; four other sons, Stephen M. (Anita) Finley, Larry D. Finley and Kevin S. (Karin) Finley, all of Atwood; and Bradley C. (Laurie) Finley,

Overland Park; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the First Christian Church of Atwood, with a private family inurnment later.

No visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the Rawlins County Food Bank and the Rawlins County Salvation Army in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Dr. Roger Alan Baskerville

Dr. Roger Alan Baskerville, 66, Washington, Kan., former superintendent at Golden Plains Schools in Rexford and Selden from 2000 to 2007, died Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at the Washington County hospital following a short illness.

He was born May 8, 1946, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to George Irvin and Anna (Rassler) Baskerville. He spent his childhood on the family farm in Jolley, Iowa, and graduated as valedictorian of Lytton Community School in 1964.

In 1968 he graduated from William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and in 1969 earned a master's in English from the University of Nebraska. Following graduation he enlisted in the Army and served until he was honorably discharged in 1970 because of an injury.

On Aug. 14, 1971, he married Diane Neppel in Fonda, Iowa.

After teaching two years of English at the Laurens, Iowa, high school he returned to the University of Nebraska, receiving a doctorate in secondary administration in 1974. Besides Golden Plains, he was superintendent of schools in Lohrville, Iowa, and Washington. A champion of rural schools, he served on the board of People United for Rural Education.

Late in his career, he answered

the call to ministry and was consecrated a deacon in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He has served the pastorate at Afton Trinity Lutheran Church since 1997.

He was a member of the Washington Lions Club, Linn American Legion, Washington Pride, the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel and served on the Washington County Hospital Board. He also served on the Washington County Sesquicentennial Committee and is the author of their book "Memories... Our Treasures from the Past."

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, of Washington; four daughters, Sara (Jason) Crome, Hanover; Amanda (Chad) Parker, Waterville; Elizabeth (Chad) Hiltgen, Washington; and Teresa (Spencer) Price, Marysville; a son, Richard (Lindsey) Baskerville, Washington; a brother, Greg (Mary) Baskerville, Fonda; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, March 9, 2013, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, with Pastors Keith Kohlmeier and Timothy Lorenz officiating and burial in the Afton Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the Ward Funeral Home, 115 W. Second, Washington, Kan., 66968.

### Colby Comets 4-H Club

Acting President Morgan Sanguinetti led the meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club Feb. 18 at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Keelan Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-two members answered roll call with "Name your favorite president."

Secretary Olivia Wetter read the November and January minutes; they were approved as read. Samantha Lindberg gave the treasurer's report. Reporter Abigail Wetter had an article in the paper.

Club leader Angela Zimmerman said the 4-H Council is requesting

suggestions for this year's fair theme. She also said the club is in charge of County Club Days and explained what it is. Zimmerman reported on the Kinsley Shoot.

Song leaders Cassandra and Melissa Zimmerman and Mallory Jackson led the club in "America the Beautiful." Recreation leader Miah Jackson led the game "Squirrels in the tree." Acting Vice President Seth Hutfles announced the date of the next meeting. Following the 4-H pledge the meeting was adjourned.

- Abigail Wetter, reporter

# Time to plant seed for your transplants

Alright, devoted gardeners – it's almost that magical time of the year to begin one of the most enjoyable projects of the entire gardening season!

It is just about time to begin planting a few seeds.

You may be saying, "What?! – Doesn't this dolt know that it's the second week of March, and St. Patrick hasn't even driven out the snakes yet?"

And I might be saying, "Hold it right there zucchini breath! Nobody has to go outside and dig in the dirt to do what I am about to propose."

I didn't mean to alarm you. I just wanted to get your attention. But believe me when I suggest this idea of most-enjoyable projects.

Most of you have guessed by now that I am referring to the process of starting some of your own transplants, for setting in the garden much later in the season. You know: tomato plants, pepper plants, cabbage, broccoli and maybe a few flower transplants such as petunias or columbines or even some of those amazing New Millennium Sweetheart delphiniums.

Why should you grow some of your own transplants?

No. 1. It gives all of us enthusiastic gardeners an opportunity to get an early start on the season. It's been a long winter, and it's time to climb out of the doldrums and get our hands dirty.

No. 2. Successfully starting a few of your own transplants is extremely satisfying. It just gives you a good feeling to accomplish something that you may have never tried before. And it can all be done inside as you wait for weather to warm.

No. 3. It gives us an opportunity to grow our favorite varieties of vegetables or flowers that probably aren't available anywhere else, including the new All America winning varieties.

Here's all you need to get started. First, buy a small bag of start-



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ing mix, perfectly formulated to help germinate any type of seed. Do not use regular garden soil. Also, pick up one of those large plastic trays at the Garden Center when you buy the starting mix, the tray with the individual cells, like those your petunias came in last year. Or, you could even use an egg carton if you wanted to. Fill the separate cells in the tray with the starting mix, and soak each cell thoroughly.

To plant, just push a shallow hole in the wet mix, using the point of a pencil, only about three eighths of an inch deep, and just drop a seed into the hole, covering it with your fingers. Be sure to carefully label everything you plant so there won't be any surprises later. Set the tray of planted seeds in a warm place. Watch very closely for their emergence, and then immediately put the tray in a brightly lit room, or a south-facing windowsill, or best of all, under "grow lights" which are also available at most garden centers.

When your little seedlings get their first true leaves, transplant them into their own individual cell, either plastic or peat, using more of that starting mix, and continue to give them at least 14 hours a day of bright light. Water lightly, keeping them in a warm place. When the proper planting time arrives, harden them off for awhile each day by setting them outside and allow them to get used to their new environment.

Start tomatoes and peppers six or seven weeks before your average last frost date, which is about May 3 to May 10 in our area. So, start your tomatoes and peppers about March 25.

So it's time to gather up what I need, and get ready for some fun. I can hardly wait!

## Patrol focuses on seat belts

Beginning today and running through Friday, March 22, the Kansas Highway Patrol will work on an annual seat-belt enforcement campaign around area high schools.

In 2012, according to Kansas Department of Transportation statistics, Kansas unfortunately lost 43 teens in vehicle crashes, 74 percent of whom were not properly restrained. The department's Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology is hoping this two-week awareness campaign will decrease that number and increase seat belt use.

"Teenagers are at an exciting time in their lives, with many events ahead of them – spring break, prom, graduation, state

sporting events," said Col. Ernest E. Garcia, superintendent of the patrol. We want them to be able to enjoy these activities, and not spend their time in a hospital bed recovering from injuries sustained in a crash, or even worse, not make it after being involved in a crash.

"Our troopers will be working around schools and if someone's not buckled up properly, it should not come as a surprise if they are issued a citation. We would much rather see teens and others properly buckled up, than to have to write someone a ticket."

## 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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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.88
Corn (bushel)	\$7.15
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.14
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.81



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Sky Fulwider (left) and Britt Kammer distributed Harvest for Hunger fliers and containers for their food drive.

## Brewster fights hunger

The employees of CHS in Brewster are working throughout March to fight hunger in our communities by participating in the CHS Harvest for Hunger campaign.

Each CHS location donates their proceeds to their local food bank. Brewster's CHS proceeds will go to Sherman County Genesis.

Brewster CHS sponsored a soup supper last Monday in Brewster and Tuesday in Goodland. The soup supper raised about \$2,500 towards their \$5,000 goal. They are also sponsoring a Community Food Drive. Drop-off boxes are located at Brewster Grocery, Brewster Post Office, school and S&T office. Donations will be accepted until Friday, March 22.

Brewster School will be partici-



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• Brewster Correspondent

pating in Last Ditch for Dollars after spring break. A competition between classes will be held to see who can raise the most. Joyful Noise Preschool in Goodland is also participating by holding a food drive. For information, contact Skylynne Fulwider or Britt Kammer at CHS Brewster, 694-2420.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail [angiem@st-tel.net](mailto:angiem@st-tel.net), call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.

### ~ Herman J. Schwarz ~

Herman J. Schwarz, 81, of Colby, died Saturday, March 9, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. He was born December 22, 1931, to Alexander and Mary (Robben) Schwarz on the farm in Sheridan County. He served in the United States Army from 1953 till 1955. On November 22, 1956, he married his wife of 56 years, Joan Kaus. He worked for International Harvester from 1957 till 1985, owned and operated Schwarz Auto Electric from 1985 till 2002, and then helped in the cafeteria at Colby Public School. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Colby V.F.W. and served on the North West Kansas Eagle Scout Board of Review.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step mother, Theresa Schwarz; two sisters, Loretta Bollig and Janice Schiefericke; a brother Alex Schwarz.

He is survived by his wife Joan Schwarz of the home; six sons, Joseph (Holly), of Colorado Springs, CO, Mark, of Colby, Christopher (Allison), of McPherson, Patrick (Cary), of Hays, Jonathan (Kim), of Colby and Nathan (Megan), of Colby; two daughters, Mary (Steven) Farney, of McPherson and Amy (Mondo) White, of Victoria; an honorary son, Charles (Eileen) de Coune, of Oklahoma City, OK; two sisters, Mary Ann Juenemann, of Selden and Sister Rita Schwarz, of Wichita; three half-sisters, Arvilla Juenemann, of Selden, Dorothy Sierr, of Aurora, CO, and Phillis Norton, of Manhattan; a half-brother, Irvin Schwarz, of Colby; 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and one step great grandchild.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, at Baalman Mortuary, Colby with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Colby. Burial will follow in church cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Sacred Heart Catholic School in care of Baalman Mortuary, P.O. Box 391, Colby, Ks 67701. Online condolences; [www.baalmanmortuary.com](http://www.baalmanmortuary.com)



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