

## New Baptist pastor moved from Colorado

The First Baptist Church in Colby has a new pastor, Paul Brigham, who has been on the job since July 14.

He said he came here to meet with people from the church, and was then called to serve on June 4. He is hoping to be involved with the community, especially making contact with college students.

"We felt like this was where God was leading us," Brigham said. "We felt that God was saying that this was the next direction for our lives."

He and his wife Barbara came from Greeley, Colo., where he was senior pastor at the First Baptist Church. He said he was one of several pastors interviewed for the job here. He spent a weekend chatting with the three-person search committee and has made friends

with a few people at the church. He takes the place of an interim pastor, Jim Bridges of Salina.

Brigham said he has been a minister for 36 years, and ordained for 32. When he was in college at Texas Tech University, he said, "I felt the Lord was calling me into full-time service."

He said he came to the decision with the help of his mentor there, the Rev. Dr. Bob Utley. When praying in his dorm room,

Brigham said, he sensed he was being called, and transferred to Wayland Baptist University. Then he attended Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

"You don't feel worthy enough to be a pastor," he said of being called, "but I felt God tell me that that was what he could use my skills for."



Paul Brigham

## Prolific zucchini butt of many jokes

During the past 30 years or so, I've had a lot of fun writing and talking on the radio about zucchini.

It seems as though zucchini has always been the butt of hundreds of jokes, mainly because of its profuse production ability. You plant a couple of hills of the stuff and you are guaranteed to grow enough for your family — and most of the families in your block or neighborhood. Plant more than two hills and you have real trouble.

Strangely enough, there are people who seem to enjoy eating zucchini, despite the obvious fact that it has little or no taste. I see quite a bit of it being sold at the farmer's market and buyers don't seem bothered whether the things are six inches long or 16 inches long. And I have yet to hear zucchini lovers offer an understandable description of its taste without adding six or seven different spices or other accompaniments.

I admit to growing a little of it. I enjoy slipping some of it into unsuspecting friend's cars, or dropping off a sack full on their front porch when they're not home. Some of my friends have learned over the years to keep their cars locked during the period of zucchini production.

A neighbor of mine used to tell his friends how to know when zucchini season was in full swing. He said that they should watch the ditches along the road near my home for vines that were growing from the zucchini that people had thrown out of their cars after visiting my place. That wasn't true of course — because zucchini doesn't grow on a vine. It multiplies on a big-leaved bushy plant with no vining capability.

My friend, the late Bill Gray, and I were helping to judge a pie-baking contest at the county fair



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• The Gardener

one time. The pies were passed down the line from judge to judge who would each cut a small slice and taste it. Bill passed me an apple pie which I proceeded to taste, and when my mouth was full, he leaned over and whispered that it was not an apple pie; it was a mock apple. It was zucchini. Well, there was nothing I could do but swallow the mouthful because all the lady contestants were sitting out front, intently watching. Bill thought it was funny.

Then there was the guy who discovered a rather useful idea for utilizing zucchini. He peeled it, chopped it up and put enough pulp into a plastic bag so that it would fit snugly into a shoe he had purchased that was just a little too tight. He forced the bag into the shoe carefully and placed the shoe in the freezer for a day or two. He then removed the shoe, allowed it and the zucchini bag to thaw, and bingo! The shoe had expanded enough that it fit perfectly. I assume he also repeated the process with the other shoe.

One spring, a friend of mine bought a dozen very small cantaloupe plants at the store, and at the correct time, stuffed them in the ground in his garden. Alas! The plants had been mislabeled. They were zucchini plants. Imagine the sorrow when the plants matured and went into production. A large sign went up in the front yard. ZUCCHINI FOR SALE — \$1 PER CORD.

Wonderful, wonderful zucchini! Our gardens would be dull without it.

## Deaths

### Maxine M. Berry

Maxine M. (Wagy) Berry, 83, Page City, sister of Donna Shull of Colby, died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, at the Brandon Woods Health Center in Lawrence.

She was born Feb. 17, 1930, in rural Thomas County to Clarence L. and Ruby (Kistler) Wagy.

On June 9, 1956, she married Wesley B. Berry at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City. They farmed south of Page City.

A graduate of Fort Hays State University and the Colorado State Teachers College in Greeley, Colo., she taught elementary school for 31 years in Page City, Norton, Oakley, Russell Springs and Winona.

She also enjoyed working on the farm, raising cattle and wheat, and was active in her daughters' activities, especially 4-H. She was a member of the Bethesda Lutheran Church; serving on the board for several years.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband and a sister, M. Darlene Stephens.

Survivors include three daughters, Beth (John) Senn, Lawrence; Jana (Ed) Hutton, Brewster; and Kara Berry, Richardson, Texas; another sister, Velma Boyd, Monument; a sister-in-law, T. Maxine Berry, Page City; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Graveside inurnment services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at the Winona Cemetery, followed by a memorial service and lunch at the church in Page City.

The family suggests memorials to the Thomas County 4-H program, the playground fund at Triplains School, or the church in care of Baalman Mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.baalmannmortuary.com](http://www.baalmannmortuary.com).

### Melvin D. 'Whitie' Bowen

Melvin D. "Whitie" Bowen, 70, a retired truck driver from Colby, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born Aug. 1, 1943, in Colby, the son of Carl and Bertha

B. (Parker) Bowen.

He is survived by special friend Connie Towey of Colby and many nieces and nephews.

No services or visitation are planned.

### Robert Carl 'Yogi' Petersen

Memorial services for Robert Carl "Yogi" Petersen have been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at the Brewster Community Church, with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating. There will be a dinner and an additional memorial in his name, which may be sent to Box 164, Brewster, Kan., 67732.

Petersen, 66, a retired Brewster truck driver, died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at the Logan County hospital in Oakley following a motorcycle accident.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Colby, the son of Henry W. and Norma Jean (Bear) Petersen.

On Feb. 17, 2008, he married Bonny Shippy in Rexford.

After working as an oil rigger for many years, he became a

truck driver for Ag-Sun, retiring in 2012.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Donna Jean Handy, his parents and his wife's parents, Deloris and Wiley Gaines.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Sheila (Jim) Von Lehe, Ness City, and Amy (Shane) Green, Sydney, Australia; two stepsons, Aaron Shippy, Hays, and Nate Adams, McDonald; a stepdaughter, Kelda Shippy, McCook, Neb.; three brothers, Mike (Kay) Petersen and Gary (Mary) Withers, all of Rexford, and Skip (Betty) Petersen, St. Francis; two sisters, Gayle (Preston) Hucks, Shawnee, Okla., and Pat (Bob) Varvika, Ada, Okla.; and 16 grandchildren.

## Feed bunks free to taker

Double D Family Mat Shop, maker of anti-slip livestock mats, is giving away tractor-tire feed bunks.

The bunks are made from used tractor tires with one sidewall removed. They can hold a couple hundred pounds of feed rations and are easy for cattle to reach into.

The bunks are free to anyone who wants to pick them up at the shop's facility 10 miles north of Park. The company also offers tire sidewalls for silo covers for free,

excluding freight costs, and transportation is available.

Contact the company at (888) 377-2879 or visit [www.ddfamily-mats.net/free-silo-tire-covers](http://www.ddfamily-mats.net/free-silo-tire-covers).

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.87
Corn (bushel)	\$6.05
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.52
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.87

## Card shower to honor couple's anniversary

The Rev. Thomas Bandy and his wife, Jane, will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, with a card shower.

They were married on Aug. 14, 1948, at the Buchanan Street Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas.

The couple moved to Colby more than 20 years ago after Rev. Bandy retired as a pastor in the Methodist Church.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 1221 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.



The Rev. and Mrs. Bandy

## Several vaccinations required for school kids

Kansas immunization school requirements are designed to protect all children against vaccine-preventable diseases. School immunization requirements and recommendations are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations and the consensus of the Governor's Child Health Advisory Committee Immunization Workgroup.

The 2013-2014 school required immunizations are:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): Five doses required. A single dose of Tdap is required at grades seven to 12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.

- Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): Four doses required. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a six-month minimum interval from the previous dose.

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.
- Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 12.

- Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for kindergarten through fourth grades and seventh through ninth; one dose required for grades five and six and grades 10 through 12 unless history of Varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

"Vaccination saves the lives and prevents others from suffering from diseases and permanent disabilities. If children aren't vaccinated, they can spread disease to other children who are too young to be vaccinated or whose medical condition prevents them from being vaccinated," said Brenda Walker, director of disease control and prevention at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "Because almost all parents vaccinate their chil-

dren in the United States, we all derive protection from 'community immunity.' Children are best protected if they are vaccinated."

In addition to the immunizations required for school entry listed above, the 2013 ACIP recommendations also include the following for school children:

- Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose recommended at 11 years with a booster dose at 16 years of age; not required for school entry.

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses recommended for males and females at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

- Influenza: yearly vaccination recommended for all ages 6 months and above; not required for school entry.

For information, go to the Kansas Immunization Program website at [kdheks.gov/immunize](http://kdheks.gov/immunize).

## Northwest Kansas students win scholarships

Four area students have accepted scholarships from Fort Hays State University for the upcoming school year.

Jalea Black of Colby, a 2011 Colby High School graduate and senior at the university, accepted a \$1,000 sociology and social work scholarship. Black is the daughter

of Jay and Cindy Black of Colby. She is majoring in social work.

Olivia Davenport of Atwood, a 2006 Rawlins County High School graduate and university graduate student, accepted a \$558 Esther, E.J. and Patricia Spomer scholarship. Davenport is the daughter of John and Dora Dav-

enport of Atwood and is majoring in counseling.

Kyle Ewers of Hoxie, a 2013 Hoxie High School graduate, accepted a \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in modern language. Ewers, the son of Bruce and Shannon Ewers of Hoxie, plans to major in Spanish.

Haley McCain of Atwood, a 2012 Rawlins County High School graduate and university sophomore, accepted a \$100 Student Awareness Campaign scholarship. McCain, the daughter of Les and Susan McCain of Atwood, is majoring in ultrasound.

## Mayor, 4, re-elected to post

DORSET, Minn. (AP) — Robert "Bobby" Tufts hasn't made it to preschool yet, but he's already been elected twice as mayor of a tiny tourist town in northern Minnesota.

Mayor Tufts' name was picked Aug. 4 during annual Taste of Dorset festival to be mayor of Dorset for a second term. It has no formal city government and has a population of 22 to 28, depending on whether the minister and his family are in town.

Anyone could vote as many times as they like — for \$1 a vote — at any of the ballot boxes in stores around town. The proceeds go toward organizing the festival.

Bobby was only 3 when he won election last year. His mother, Emma Tufts, said she and her son, who turns 5 in October, got choked up when his name was pulled for re-election Sunday.

The boy picked a random man out of the crowd to pick the name out of a clear tub and the man was blindfolded twice, she said.

While this was happening, Bob-

by told the crowd how to musky fish, she said.

"He's been going since 3 o'clock yesterday with cameras on his face," she said last Sunday afternoon.

Emma Tufts said her son's agenda includes raising money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley in Fargo, N.D., and a new welcome sign for Dorset, which bills itself as the Restaurant Capital of the World.

They already raised \$750 from a walk this summer and planned to donate half the proceeds of Sunday's T-shirt sale to the charity. He wants to do a snowshoe scavenger hunt this winter to raise money, she said.

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