

Deaths

Debra Diane Tittel

Debra Diane Tittel, 60, assistant director for the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born Nov. 16, 1952, in Atwood, the daughter of Keith William and Anita Joan (Kastens) Focke. She lived in Ludell until the fifth grade, when her family moved to a farm northwest of Colby. In 1970 she graduated from Colby High School and later earned a secretarial and accounting degree from Colby Community College.

On July 31, 1971, she married Douglas Paul Tittel of Ness City in Colby. Before starting a family she worked as a bookkeeper, later returning to work in accounting. She worked at the library for 17 years.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, where she was active in a number of roles. A Big Sister, she served on the board of Big Brothers Big Sister. She and her husband enjoyed working together preparing food for programs at the library such and *Booked for Lunch, Mur-*

*der Mysteries* and *Chocolate and All That Jazz*.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; her mother, Colby; her children, Paul (Caroline) Tittel, Kirkland, Wash.; Michael (Brianna) Tittel, Sandy, Utah; and Melissa (Trae) Rickford, Lawrence; a sister, Lynette (Rick) Ritter, and two brothers, Dwight (Susan) Focke and Alan (Kelly) Focke, all of Colby; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, with Pastor Robert Alexander officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials instead of flowers to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope or to the church in support of Dr. Ladonna Regier's medical mission in Ghana, West Africa.

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

Mary B. Smith

Mary B. Smith, 88, Colby, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, at her home.

She was born Feb. 5, 1925, to Jasper and Laura (Carter) Ballinger in Long Beach, Calif., and became a registered nurse.

On Dec. 29, 1948, she married Dr. Floyd L. Smith.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, P.E.O., Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary, Pi Gamma, the Pioneer Memorial Library Board, United Way and Walkers and Talkers. Active in the community, she helped with Girl Scouts and serving Meals on Wheels for over 30 years and volunteered wherever help was needed.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and a brother, Dr. Carter M. Ballinger.

Survivors include four daughters, Sue (Ron) Evans, Nancy (Lyle) Saddler and Sally Smith, all of Colby, and Lauri (Lee) Deviney, Austin, Texas; a son, Floyd "Bud" (Cindy) Smith, Durango, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church, the library or to Hospice Services, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

Mary Martha Carman

Mary Martha Carman, 89, Colby, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, at the Citizens Medical Center, Colby.

She was born June 8, 1924, to Carlton and Viola (Long) Yeager in Johnsville, Ohio. Following her mother's death, she was raised by a grandmother, Jennie Yeager, and an aunt in Johnsville, where she attended Johnsville High School, graduating in 1942. After graduation she worked for the Tappan Stove Company in Mansfield, Ohio.

On June 20, 1948, she married Paul Carman of Selden in Johnsville.

They moved to Selden in July 1948 where they farmed four and a half miles north of Selden. She also worked at the Hi-Way Café in Selden and the Bar-D-Bar Café in Oberlin. In 1972 they moved to Colby and she worked at the Ramada Inn as a buffet cook until she retired.

She was an assistant leader of the Girl Scouts in Selden and a member of the United Methodist churches in Johnsville, Selden and Colby, the WSCS of Selden, United Methodist Women of Colby, Colby Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary and the Retired and

Senior Volunteer Program.

The couple was named the "Family of The Year" at Colby Community College in 1989.

Preceding her in death were her parents and grandparents; her husband and his parents, Archie and Pearl Carman; a daughter, Carolyn Kay Carman, in 1955; three sisters, Helen, Blanch and Mildred; and a brother, William Yeager.

Survivors include three children, Darrell Carman, Oakley, Martin (Wilma) Carman, Colby, and Rochelle (Richard "Doc") Mather, Clayton; a brother, Donald (Mary) Yeager, Mansfield, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at the church in Colby.

Visitation was to be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

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.*

Swim to the garden postponed; time to write notes for next year



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

a few days to pick those long green roasting peppers, but will probably find a way to pick those ripe tomatoes. And I, for one, will not wait too long to finish digging that last row of potatoes that I should have dug two weeks ago.

Before all this rain excitement, I had intended to spend most of my space today talking about pepper roasting, as you may have guessed, but will delay that excitement until next week – unless it rains.

You know, most of our gardens have seen limited production these past two weeks as another season comes to a close. And before we forget just how good or

bad things were out there in the backyard, we should make a few notes – actually take pencil and paper in hand – and write down some information that will remind us what we should do and not do in next year's garden. This idea has proved to be very valuable for me over the years.

First and foremost, we should jot down the locations of exactly where certain crops were grown this year, so that we will move them to another location next year. It is notoriously wrong to plant tomatoes in the same spot that they were this year. It is almost as important to remind oneself to move the broccoli and cabbage to another location. And sweet corn, a heavy feeder of fertility, must also find another place to grow in the coming season.

All this movement will help deter soil-borne disease problems too, as well as prohibiting overwintering insects from climbing

right back on their favorites next spring.

Make notes about vegetable varieties. Should I try to find a more productive cucumber? Surely I can find a longer-keeping onion. Why do I continue to plant slow-maturing tomatoes? Or make a note to plant everything just a little earlier next spring so that you might get good growth and earlier harvests of your favorite vegetables.

Note making right now, today, not next week, is just a plain old solid good idea and will put you on the road for a more productive garden next year. Keep in mind that you must put those notes in a location that is easily accessible when planting time rolls around in 2014.

Just don't leave them out in the rain!

Women in Denim to meet in October

Women involved in agriculture can enjoy two days of rejuvenation and education at the fourth annual Women in Denim conference Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 2, at the Mount Sunflower Bed and Breakfast in Sharon Springs.

The event, put on by the Northwest Kansas Conservation and Environmental Alliance, features an evening of activities prior to a full day of sessions. The alliance includes conservation district managers from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties.

This year's keynote speaker will be Judge

Tommy B. Webb of Sublette, a South Korean war orphan who will speak on the importance of learning to navigate life's twists and turns while making a positive difference.

Stacey Seibel, a Hays lawyer, will speak on estate planning techniques to pass assets from generation to generation.

Karen Ridder, a freelance writer from Topeka, will speak on the answers she received from Kansans 95 years and older when she asked them about where they worked, why and what they continued to do throughout the years.

Another session will address breast cancer,

exploring people who live with the disease, those who survived it and their families.

Sponsors are the alliance, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Council, Kansas State Research and Extension and participating conservation districts.

To sign up, contact Bev Elder at the Wallace County Conservation District, (785) 852-4262, extension 3, or the Thomas County Conservation District, 462-7482.

Rail Fest starts Friday in North Platte, Neb.

Twice named to American Bus Association's top 100 events list, Rail Fest returns to North Platte, Neb., Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20 to 22.

The highlight of the three day festival will be bus tours of Union Pacific's Bailey Yard, the world's largest railroad classification yard. This is the only time of the year that the public is allowed on the property of this massive, 24-hour-a-day transportation operation.

Much more is planned for the weekend – tours of locomotives in Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet; exhibits and demonstrations of railroad jobs, tools and equipment; a model railroad show; non-stop entertainment; children's events; and food, craft and railroad memorabilia vendors.

Special features include a Cemetery Tour focusing on North Platte's infamous past, and the heartwarming story of North Platte's World War II Home Front

effort in "The Canteen Spirit Experience."

North Platte earns its "Rail Town USA" designation (made official by an act of Congress) with more than just Rail Fest. Visitors will not want to miss the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor

Center with an eight-story view of Bailey Yard and participate in or watch the new Handcar Races scheduled for Sept. 21. At the Cody Park Railroad Museum, an historic Challenger steam locomotive is available to climb in, on and around.

The Bailey Yard bus tours are free, but tickets must be reserved. There is an admission charge to the Tower, Cemetery Tour and "Canteen Spirit Experience." For more, go to [www.VisitNorthPlatte.com/attraction/north-platte-rail-fest](http://www.VisitNorthPlatte.com/attraction/north-platte-rail-fest).

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# Defending Our Freedoms Section

Bring in your family member's Military photos with the information below. We will publish all the photos and information on Veteran's Day November 11.

All photos must be submitted by October 25 to be included in our section. If you submitted information for anyone on active duty in our last section, please let us know if we need to update any information.

*Help us honor those who have served our country.*

NAME

BRANCH OF SERVICE



THEATRE OF OPERATION

YEARS OF SERVICE

*God bless all those who answer our nation's call to defend our great country's freedoms!*

Vet, SSgt. Matthews USMC 3rd Recon Bn.


Please bring in or mail photos and information to The Colby Free Press 155 W. Fifth St., Colby KS, 67701. Photos and information may also be emailed to [khunter@nwkansas.com](mailto:khunter@nwkansas.com)




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# Party for the Pottys

## BARN DANCE & BBQ FUNDRAISER

*Fundraiser for Cooper Barn improvements, agricultural programming and a new "High & Dry: Agriculture on the High Plains" exhibit*

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

**\$20 Includes Ticket + Meal**  
Buy tickets at the door or in advance at the Prairie Museum

**Reserved VIP Tables**  
**\$250 seating eight people**  
Does not include admission

6p.m. - BBQ  
8p.m. - Maria's Boys Opening Act  
10p.m. - Bar-Crow Band Headlining Performance  
Junior Traeger Wood Pellet Grill Drawing, must be present to win