

Deaths

Mabel M. Berndt

Mabel M. Berndt, 92, a Monument farm wife, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley. She was born Nov. 6, 1920, to Adam and Louise (Theye) Germeroth in Bremen. On March 2, 1946, she married Ernest Berndt in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Hoxie. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oakley and the Quilting Ladies of Winona. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a daughter-in-law; a great-granddaughter; four brothers and one sister. Survivors include a daughter, Lillian (Joe) Becker, Winona; two sons, Alvin (Jean) Berndt,

Dighton, and Phil (Sherr) Berndt, Monument; two sisters, Alice Mizer and Myrtle Kropp; two brothers, Ed Germeroth and Andy Germeroth; four grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, at the church in Oakley, with graveside services at 2 p.m. at the Russell Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Baalmann Mortuary in Oakley. The family suggests memorials to *The Lutheran Hour* in care of the mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748. Online condolences may be left at www.baalmannmortuary.com.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 44 members and guests Bette Albers, Ron Alexander, Joy Davis, Dale Deaver, Jill Donelan, Dr. Sam Funk, Randy Jones, Greg Nichols, Holly Whitaker, Cathy Wieland and Joan and Leroy Ziegler. Carolyn Armstrong had the program. Her guest was World War II veteran Deaver. He shared highlights from his recent trip to England in honor of the 70th anniversary of the 8th U.S. Army Air Force and the Battle of the Atlantic. Deaver was nominated for the trip, which was sponsored by College of the Ozarks, by Abby Reed, a former Colby student who now attends College of the Ozarks. Sixteen students from the college accompanied eight veterans on the trip. Deaver was drafted into World War II at 20 years old. He was part of a crew that flew seven successful bombing missions before their plane was shot down by German fighter planes. His pilot was able to navigate the damaged plane for 30 minutes, which allowed the plane to land in friendly territory. Deaver said the site where the plane landed had just been taken out of German control by Gen. George Patton's troops the day before. Highlights from Deaver's trip to the United Kingdom included touring Parham Airfield in Cambridge, a Class A Airfield built and used by the 8th Army Air Force during the war. The veterans toured Framlingham Castle in Suffolk. The castle served as part

of the regional defense against the German invasion. Touring the Cambridge American Cemetery was meaningful to the veterans as there are 3,812 U.S. military dead buried there and the names of 5,217 names recorded as missing. Most died in the Battle of the Atlantic or in the strategic air bombardment of northwest Europe. Deaver said he was privileged to help raise the colors during their stop at the cemetery. Other points of interest the veterans toured included the Duxford Museum, Britain's largest aviation museum; the Underground Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Room, Grosvenor Square and Westminster Square. A special service for the veterans was held at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Memorial Day, with a parade honoring the veterans where they received a salute from Princess Anne. A particularly meaningful part of his trip was a visit to Molesworth Air Force Base, now closed, from which Deaver flew on missions. There is a memorial at Molesworth to the 303rd Bomb Group. He shared a photo of the crew he flew with and said it has hung in his home for 70 years. Deaver is the last surviving member of his crew. Members gave Dale a standing ovation following his presentation. Jill Donelan won Roto-Lotto. Rotary meets at noon each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union.

Photo contest looks at Kansas

Kansas shutterbugs can enter photos of Sunflower State scenery in the Eighth Annual Rural Kansas Photography Contest, sponsored the University of Kansas Medical Center's Rural Health Education Service. "We started this contest for Kansans to show the majestic beauty of our state and the wonderful way of living rural Kansans are accustomed to," said Director Joyce Grayson "After all, a picture is worth a thousand words." First- and second-place winners

in each category will receive prizes, and the winning photos will be published in the winter edition of *Kansas Connections* magazine. Categories are community landmarks, four seasons, winter wonderland, health care, heartland adventures and wildlife and critters. Entries are being accepted through Monday, Nov. 4. The contest is open to adults who live or work in Kansas. Rules and entry forms are available at www.rural-health.kumc.edu.

Bay Bridge gets good-luck troll

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A final piece of safety hardware — a bearded, spindly legged troll — has been installed in the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The troll, meant to be a protector and good luck charm, is modeled after a similar statue placed surreptitiously by a steelworker on the old span after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The new statue forged by an unknown artist was installed at an undisclosed location, Bay Area Toll Authority spokesman John

Goodwin told the *San Francisco Chronicle* (bit.ly/19waNW3). The original troll was removed from its perch on Labor Day in preparation for the demolition of the old bridge and will likely be housed in a museum or park, but plans were still being finalized. The new, \$6.4 billion portion of the Bay Bridge opened to traffic on Labor Day, nearly 24 years after the Loma Prieta earthquake damaged the old span. Construction was years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget amid political fights.

Send birthday cards for 80th

Robert Tubbs will celebrate his 80th birthday with a card shower. He was born on the family's farm north of Levant on Sept. 25, 1933. He and his wife, Caroline,

had five children, three boys and two girls. Cards can be sent to 2846 County Road 11, Levant, Kan., 67743.

Pepper roasting good for every kind

I'm sure you'll all be surprised to learn that I have been studying up on my pepper roasting abilities. Not roasting just yet, you understand — just studying. I hope I will have done enough studying soon so that I will have enough smarts to correctly roast a few peppers before the first frost. At this age, studying intently isn't easy.



Kay Melia

The Gardener

Actually, I already have had limited experience in pepper roasting. For the last few Septemberers, I have grown and roasted a few of those long green Anaheim-type peppers with the varietal name of "Biggie Chili." I have used them during the winter season in soups, casseroles and just about any vegetable dish simply because they add a mildly robust flavor to an otherwise rather dull-tasting concoction. The peppers, after roasting, have a wonderful smokey aroma and a slight bit of spicy flavor.

As a result of my small successful experience with the Anaheims, I began to wonder about other types of peppers, or chilies as they probably should be called, and my studies have uncovered what most of you probably already know. I have learned that you can roast any kind of pepper, and by doing so, you can enhance the flavor of just about anything you want to prepare for your next meal.

I'm talking bell peppers here. I had never heard of roasting those big green, sweet bell peppers before. Have you? You can also successfully roast jalapenos, serranos, or any other species — sweet, mild, or hot.

But the big sweet bell? The story is very simple. The roasting of any pepper results in a smokey flavor distinctively different than the original fresh pepper that most of us enjoy.

The bottom line for occasional pepper eaters is this: you must learn which peppers are endowed

with heat and which ones aren't. Failure to learn the approximate heat or spice content of a pepper you are working with will almost assuredly result in a big surprise and probably disappointment. Generally speaking, peppers are mild, somewhat spicy, or very hot. Know what you are planting at seed buying or plant buying time in the spring.

The most common method of roasting any pepper is to simply lay them on your outdoor grill and turn the flame to high. Turn them often and roast until the entire pepper is charred. Drop them into a paper bag for about ten minutes to let them steam and sweat. Take them to the sink where they will easily peel. Slit them open and remove the seeds and veins, after which they are ready to use. Or chop them and load them into freezer bags and use them as you need them.

Peppers can also be roasted by simply laying them on the burner of your gas range, cooking until completely charred. After a while in a paper bag, they will peel easily. If you choose to roast a bell pepper, cut them in half and remove the seeds before roasting, and then proceed with the charring process. Roast only the amount of sweet peppers that you need for a meal, although sweet peppers can also be frozen for later use.

The pepper-roasting process is just one more opportunity to create different flavors from the things you grow in the backyard. I still have some studying to do in order to improve my pepper roasting skills. Hopefully, you too will learn more about the process.

Historian 'Rough Rider' to appear at the Gateway

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission presents Darrel Draper as "Theodore Roosevelt, the Rough Rider President," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at The Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin. Draper is a historian, actor, poet, retired Navy lieutenant commander, husband and father. He will appear in costume, with lots of audience participation. During this spirited presentation, the audience will be swept up in the excitement of Roosevelt's campaign for a third term as president.

storyteller and actor to educate and entertain. He has researched, written and currently performs five costumed living-history programs featuring characters who played key roles in shaping the Midwest and our country. He has performed for congressmen, governors, major corporations, military meetings and even the president of Mexico.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) was the 26th president (1901-1909) of the United States. Better known as "Teddy," he was famous for his energetic personality, his range of interests, his model of masculinity and his "cowboy" image. His achievements as a naturalist, explorer, hunter, author and soldier are as much a part of his fame as the political offices he held.

Draper spent over 30 years as a commissioned officer in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. During his career, he was awarded over 21 personal and unit campaign decorations, including the Bronze Star and Defense Meritorious Service Medal for onshore and offshore combat service in Vietnam, Lebanon, Liberia and the Persian Gulf. He retired in 1997 from Strategic Command.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season-ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for students at the door. For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Draper refers to himself as an "Edutainer." For about 20 years, he has been using his talents as

Corrections

The caption for the photos labelled "Homecoming on Parade" on Page 1 of the Thursday, Sept. 19, *Colby Free Press*, misidentified a student. Rande Skiles, who appeared as a caged Ulysses Tiger, is a senior at Colby High.

This was a reporting error. ☆☆☆☆☆ 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.

Homecoming parade Thursday in Rexford

Golden Plains High School homecoming is this week. This year's homecoming will again include a parade, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The parade will begin at the north end of Main Street, and continue south to the school, concluding at the football field where the festivities will continue with the community pep rally, football jersey auction and bonfire.



Laura TerHarr

Rexford Correspondent

Local businesses are encouraged to showcase themselves in the parade. Call the school at (785) 687-3265 if you would like to take part.

Program director expands solar know-how

Derek Reilley, director of the renewable and sustainable energy program at Colby Community College, has completed four solar professionals certificate programs taught by Solar Energy International in Paonia, Colo.

ity Director/Online Development Director for a \$1.97 million grant the college received from the U.S. Department of Education.

Reilley received certification in Battery-Based Photovoltaic Systems, Solar Business and Technical Sales, Residential and Commercial Photovoltaic Systems and Solar Professionals Trainer of Trainers.

Prior to accepting the job at Colby, Reilley was a telecommunication instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland for 12 years.

He received a grant from Solar Energy International to pay his tuition and expenses. The demand for solar and wind-energy instructors is increasing each year because the solar and wind industry has grown by 30 percent, the firm says.

The Colby native received an Associate Degree in May 1992 from the college. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Technical Education from Pittsburg State University in July 2006 and a Master of Science in Technical Teacher Education in August 2008.

Reilly also is the Title III Activ-

Derek is the son of Wes and Izetta Rummel and the late Mike Reilley of Colby. He and his wife Shannon have five children.

'Day on Earth' film to be shown at college

"Day on Earth," the first film made in every country of the world on the same day, will be shown in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1.

shot over 3,000 hours of video for the film. Footage includes shots from the international space station and video from every country. Audience members will see both the challenges and hopes of humanity from a diverse group of filmmakers.

Director Kyle Ruddick describes the documentary as an epic glimpse of humanity from more perspectives than ever seen before.

The public is invited to the free showing. For information, contact Ryan Hale at (970) 215-4030 or 460-5544.

Over 19,000 volunteer filmmakers, from novice to professional,

Dog shoots Texas woman

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — North Texas police are investigating a canine caper that left a dog owner with a shotgun wound.

Neal tells the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (bit.ly/180WhfO) that the woman says the dog shouldn't be blamed.

The dog was ambling about its Fort Worth home when it knocked over a shotgun leaning near the homeowner. The gun discharged when it fell to the ground, striking the 78-year-old woman in the left foot as she watched television.

The name and breed of the dog weren't released. Neal says, "He has the right to remain silent."

She didn't immediately seek medical attention and by the next morning her foot had swollen. She then sought treatment at a Fort Worth hospital.

Police spokeswoman Sharron

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
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Friday, September 27

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WESTERN UNDERGROUND

9 p.m.

Opening 7 p.m.

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