

Family

Biographies follow lives with legacies

This last week, many watched the burial of a man with national stature. Sen. Ted Kennedy’s life and burial was reviewed and shared with the nation.

If you are interested in reading more about his life, check out the biography “Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy.” It is edited by Peter Canellos, but written by a team from the Boston Globe (Bella English, Neil Swidey, Jenna Russell, Sam Allis, Joseph P. Kahn, Susan Milligan and Don Aucoin).

These writers have woven together chapters such as “The Rise,” “The Trials and Tribulations,” “The Redemption,” and “Epilogue.” It has 50 pages of endnotes but no index. The book is packed with a who’s who of political intrigue and history. It talks about the early stages of his illness with brain cancer and his activities around that time. I know that now there will roll out a host of new historical biographies on this man’s life. Some will be kind and others less so.

As I watched his funeral and talk about his life, it once again made me reflect on the admonition by Stephen Covey, “begin with the end in mind,” in his book “First Things First: To Live, To Love, To Learn, To Leave a Legacy.” What is it you and I want others to say about us when we pass? Do people have to dig deep to find something good to say about us, or will there be so many people ready to tell about the impact we made in our lives and community that the minister has to admonish each to keep their comments brief, succinct but meaningful? I hope the later!

Another book that might be enjoyed by



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many is “Bob Dole: The Republicans’ Man For All Seasons,” written by Jake H. Thompson, National Correspondent for the Kansas City Star. It covers his life prior to his bid for the presidency.

Thompson took five years just to follow and learn about Dole prior to writing this book. It has a good-sized index, but not bibliography or endnotes to verify information in the book. There is also the book (or audio book), “One Soldier’s Story: A Memoir,” written by Dole himself.

A sports-oriented biography is “The Yankee Years” by Joe Torre and Tom Verducci. It tells all about the inner workings of managing the Yankees, all of the turmoil of players who came as high-priced answers to the team’s problems, the concept of free agents, and how specific players really responded to the team environment.

It also discusses the joys and frustrations of working with the executives and owners of the team. If you love baseball, you will enjoy reading about the lives of those who helped develop the success of the Yankees.

A fourth biography-type book is “Barbie and Ruth: The Story of the World’s Most Famous

Doll and the Woman Who Created Her.” This book begins by telling how Ruth Handler is in the midst of a trial to put her away for some illegal actions she took as the executive of her company, Mattel. It weaves its way through her life, the inside story of the toy industry, and specifically the Barbie doll.

Ruth said she wanted to create this doll, not to entice young girls to be the perfect 10, but to come to understand that there are limitless possibilities within each girl and woman’s life. The story continues to tell of her fight with cancer and end-of-life experiences. This book provides eight pages of bibliography and an extensive index to boot.

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed Sunday and Monday for Labor Day, so get your books, audio books, DVDs and magazines early! After Labor Day, the library increases our hours. We call this our Winter Schedule:

We are open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Have a fun and enjoyable holiday. See you in the library!

Atwood grad starts Air Force Academy

Keegan K. Peckham, a 2009 graduate of Rawlins County High School in Atwood, has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, in preparation for his first year at the academy.

The six-week, two-phase orientation program must be completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year.

In phase 1, trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting and procedures, drill and

ceremony, marching, and living-quarters standards.

During phase 2, cadets train outdoors, living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice teamwork and cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

Peckham is the son of Charles and Connie Peckham of Atwood.

Party honors 80th birthday

Friends of Myrtle Kropp are invited to a reception for her 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Hospitality Room at Sunflower Bank. Cards may be sent to 1185 W. Third, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Christopher Ribauda, 18, Denton, Texas, Aug. 20, possession of stolen property, Colby Police Department, released Friday to Denton County, Texas.
- Rene Rodriguez, 23, Monument, last Thursday, theft, Colby Police Department, released same day on recognizance.
- Jessica Vincent, 18, Monument, last Thursday, theft, Colby Police Department, released same day on recognizance.
- Hunter Hodson, 22, Las Vegas, Friday, possession of stolen property less than \$1,000, obstruction of official duty, criminal deprivation of property, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released same day on signature bond.
- Edward Miller, 40, Colby, Friday, driving with license suspended or revoked, damage to unattended vehicle, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Wade Smith, 21, St. George, Utah, Friday, obstruction of official duty, criminal deprivation of property, possession of stolen property less than \$1,000, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released same day on signature bond.
- Boyd Hensley, 51, Colby, Saturday, driving under the influence

(second offense), Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.

• Terry Overton, 38, Colby, Saturday, driving under the influence (second offense), Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.

• Armando Venzor-Marquez, 22, Wheatridge, Colo., Saturday, driving while license suspended or revoked, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released same day with charges pending.

• Christopher Barnett, 30, Colby, Monday, possession of a stimulant drug, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Tuesday by order of county attorney.

• Cheryl Jackson, 62, Colby, Monday, driving under the influence, disorderly conduct, obstruction of official duty, driving on left, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

• Edward Miller, 40, Colby, Tuesday, driving on left, criminal damage to property, reckless driving, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released same day on notice to appear.

4-H judging builds skills

HUTCHINSON – Kids are busy as a record number of Kansas 4-H members – 399 – study for the Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest at the Kansas State Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19.

With family and consumer sciences subject matter, 4-H members will take home lessons about food, nutrition, health and tips for choosing consumer products and services for everyday living, said Carol Fink, Kansas State University Research and Extension specialist and state contest coordinator.

Judging contests vary, yet each nurtures comparative evaluation and decision-making skills, she said. As a bonus, 4-H Meats Judging Contest participants will, for example, be better able to choose the highest quality products from the meat case, and successful horticulture judging contest entrants may end up with the best-looking lawn and garden on the block.

Some, like the livestock judging contest, require oral reasons to define the decision-making process, Fink said. Such experiences have prompted 4-Hers to credit the skills developed as a team member as important building blocks

in their careers in business, education and public service.

Contest questions and preparation materials are developed by a state volunteer committee each year, and that makes the contest fresh – and challenging, she said.

Entrants compete as individuals and scores are compiled to arrive at a team score, said Fink, who is expecting 56 teams in the senior division (ages 14 to 18) and 51 in the intermediate division (9 to 13).

More information about the events is available in 4-H Centennial Hall at the north end of the fairgrounds, and on the Kansas State Fair Web site, www.kansasstatefair.com.

Information about 4-H programs is available at county and district Extension offices and on the Kansas 4-H Web site, www.Kansas4-H.org.



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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.02
Corn (bushel)	\$2.73
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.08
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.21

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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.

MOVIES

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September 4th - September 10th

DISTRICT 9
Genre(s): Action/Drama/Sci Fi/Thriller
R 1 Hour, 52 Minutes
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Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CST
Friday, September 11, 2009

Several pieces of Roseville Pottery; 1890s Victorian top buffet mirror; McCaskey file and cash cabinet; Oak curved glass secretary; Round oak table, claw foot with 3 leafs; 4 - 1940 oak chairs; Walnut marble top dresser with tear drop pulls; 1940s vanity dresser; Oak dresser with mirror Oak stack writing desk; Chifferrobe; Several old ceiling fixtures; Oak dresser with bow and mirror frame; 1930s dining room table with 6 chairs; Mission style rocker; Hex 1930s parlor table; Oak hall tree with mirror; 3 piece; 1920s parlor set with inlay; 1890 “5” roll top desk; Oak ice box; 2 - Modern bedroom sets with mattresses

MUCH MORE DAY OF SALE! Lunch will be served!

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