

Family

Take a mystery cat tour

As part of summer reading, at 3:30 p.m. today we will have a comedy and magic show by Keir Royale in the basement of the library.

Today is the fourth day of summer. It has been beautiful outside during the day and a bit blustery in the evening. Be sure and prepare for those blustery times when you need to stay inside.

Today I will discuss a few new fiction books you might enjoy reading. The first new item that caught my eye was "Cat of the Century," by Rita Mae Brown. This 18th book of the series begins with Mary Minor Haristeen (Harry) and Aunt Tally Urquhart discussing some old events in their home town. Harry is going to accompany 100-year-old Aunt Tally Urquhart to the alumni reunion at William Woods University. Harry is traveling with Mrs. Murphy, a tiger-like cat, Pewter, a plump, round gray cat, and her Pembroke corgi named Tee Tucker. After arriving Harry and Aunt Tally find that there is possible embezzlement by someone working in the alumni association. A death soon after puts the two on a path to solve the mystery. Dog and cats are also a huge part of the plot and solving the mystery. This book is easy to read and just relaxing.

The previous book reminds me of the books written by Lillian Jackson Braun. The last book written by Braun was "The Cat Who Dropped A Bomb Shell." These books always have the protagonist, famous newspaper writ-



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er and millionaire, Jim Quilleran along with the superior Siamese cat KoKo, and fellow feline Yum Yum solving the mystery. Books in the *Cat Who* series can found in both print and audio book formats. They are fun and just delightful to read.

A third cat book is "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World," by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter. A scruffy and needy cat turns up at the library. They name this orange cat "Dewey Readmore Books." Soon this cute cat becomes a local fixture in the library. It touches the hearts of many in town and even visitors. Soon the story becomes international. The reader will learn how cats and also libraries can enrich your life. A really enjoyable read.

A fourth book on cats is the nonfiction book titled, "Making Rounds With Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat," by David Dosa. This book is written by a gerontologist who works with terminally ill patients. It is about a young cat that comes to live at a nursing home. A kitten with a cute and engaging personality, it really wants to decide when to be petted and given attention. Over time however, Oscar begins to visit and

lay with patients who are ready to die. While some may be disturbed by this fact, families and patients themselves are comforted. Oscar will sit at a patient's door until let in, and will not leave until he has stayed to comfort that patient through the process of dying.

A book that I have read in the last few months, and think that I have not shared with you on the topic of dying and care giving is "Glimpses of Heaven: True Stories of Hope and Peace At The End of Life's Journeys," by Trudy Harris. Trudy, a hospice nurse shares personal experiences of helping family, friends and patients through the process of dying from a terminal illness or just old age. This wonderful book gives the reader understanding that God's love reaches down into each life. She shows how life issues were often resolved for patients and sometimes with those in the patient's family. I think this is a must read for those who have loved ones struggling with end-of-life issues. It is also a very helpful book for those who have lost loved ones.

The library's summer hours are 9 to 6 Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Remember to checkout audio books or DVD movies for those long vacation trips you will be taking during the summer! If you need to renew an item, call us at (785) 460-4470, we'd love to help you.

Parents gambled, left kids in car alone

MASHANTUCKET, Conn. (AP) — Two Massachusetts parents have been accused of leaving a 1-year-old and a 10-year-old alone in a car as they gambled at a Connecticut casino.

Connecticut state police say Edwin Louissaint of Dedham and David Augustin of Milton face

charges including second-degree reckless endangerment.

Police found the children earlier this month after being called to a garage at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket.

State police Lt. J. Paul Vance says video surveillance and gambling records showed Augustin

and Louissaint had been in the resort for more than an hour.

Court officials say Augustin was ordered held on \$40,000 bond Friday, while Louissaint was released on \$25,000 bond after she promised to appear in court.

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July 16-17, Topeka
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Mid-America All-Indian Center Annual PowWow
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Farm Service Agency invites nominations

Nominations are open for farmers and ranchers to serve on Farm Service Agency county committees.

"County committees play a vital role in the administration of federal farm programs and the positive effect they have on rural communities," said Adrian Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

"Thomas County is divided into three areas east and west, with the seat for the center area up for nominations, for a three year term," said Ross Sloan, Thomas County executive director.

The dividing area is from County Road 13 on the west side of Colby to County Road 25 located five miles west of Colby.

County committees make decisions on commodity price-support loans, conservation and disaster programs, hiring county executive directors and other

issues.

To be a county committee member, a candidate must participate in a program administered by the agency, be eligible to vote in the election and live in the area they would represent.

Voters may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates.

All nominees must sign a form available at the Department of Agriculture offices and online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. These must be post-marked or received by Monday, Aug. 2.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 5. The final day to return them is Dec. 6. New committee members take office Jan. 1.

For information, stop by the county office at 915 E. Walnut, call 462-7671 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov, then select the County Committee Election Page.

Vacuum causes damage

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Two vacuum salesmen didn't exactly close the deal at a recent home demonstration in central New York.

State police charged the Syracuse men with a misdemeanor after a \$1,300 Sealy latex foam mattress was damaged.

Trooper Andy Davis says the damage occurred during a dem-

onstration Monday at a home in Richfield Springs. Davis wouldn't elaborate on what was done to the mattress.

Davis says the men were both at the home when police arrived and were trying to save the situation. They've been charged with reckless endangerment of property.

The mattress owner is looking for reimbursement.

Thank You!

Your CHS Alumni board would like to thank the community for all the support and participation during the 2010 All School Reunion. It was a huge success because of you!

Sincerely,
CHS Alumni Board

In loving memory of Ben L. Keller

Benjamin Lorange Keller died peacefully at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby on June 14, 2010, with his family at his side. Ben was the fourth child of David and Sophia (Busch) Keller, born on October 23, 1927, in Thomas County on the family farm near Mingo, Kansas. Ben grew up on the farm and attended a one room school in Mingo. As was the case with many farm children of that day, he graduated from the eighth grade and immediately started farming with brothers Leo and Les.

He was very proud to have served in the armed forces from 1953 through 1955, serving overseas most of that time. Upon returning home in 1955 he and Elsie Uhrich were married and were blessed with five children (Brenda, Lana, David, Leanne, and Amy). Although he worked hard and long hours, being gone much of the time, when he was home he was a devoted husband and loving father, giving love with words, hugs, and the occasional attitude adjustment.

Ben didn't just walk through life, he strode through life, head high and chin out taking on adversity and whatever life dished out. If you asked him, he lived the life he wanted to live, doing what he wanted to do, and loving the life of a rancher/farmer. He formerly owned and operated Oakley Livestock Commission with brothers Les and Leo, owned and operated Page City Grain for many years, was an owner, with his brother Les, of Pioneer Feed Yard, farmed large amounts of farmland for himself and for his loyal landlords, and raised cattle, one of his favorite vocations. Ben was also one of the founders of the KLBV TV station in Colby.

Ben believed that to those who were given much, much was required, and he gave back in so many ways: served on the Logan County Hospital board, the Winona School Board, the Logan County Healthcare Foundation, the Kansas Livestock Association Board, the Logan County Extension Board, Pioneer Feedlot Board, Colby College Advisory Committee, bank boards for First National Bank, Las Animas, Colo., Southwest Kansas National Bank, Ulysses, and the Winona State Bank. Ben was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oakley. He helped so many people when they needed help, many times without the recipients knowing from where the help came.

For those of us who call him "Dad," we will always have the memories of a man who was the definition of the word "Dad." Thanks, Dad, for who you were,

what you were to us and for all those many memories, funny, warm, soft, tough, and kind.

Ben was preceded in death by his son David L. Keller, his parents, David and Sophia Keller, sisters Ruth and Mary Keller, brother Daniel Keller, brothers-in-law Leo Keller and Paul Bedore, and sister-in-law Wanda Keller.

He is survived by his wife Elsie of Colby, his daughters Brenda (Tom) Thompson of Parker, Colo.; Lana (Mike) Johnson of Colby, Kan.; Leanne (Mike) Dempewolf of Irving, Texas; and Amy (Jack) Patrick of Honey Grove, Texas. Grandchildren who survive are: Jada (Luke) Tubbs, Jerad (Brittney) Johnson, Jenna Johnson, all of Colby; Tatum Woerpel-Borges of Denver; Chase Keller of Manhattan, Kan.; Audrey Keller of Los Angeles; Carter, Page, and Ben Patrick of Honey Grove, Texas.

Great-grandchildren are Liv, Guy and Fia Tubbs of Colby; brothers, Leo W. (Betty) Keller of Oakley, Les (Jeraldine) Keller of Windsor, Colo.; sisters Rebecca Keller of Edmond, Okla.; and Esther Bedore of Colby; and many nieces and nephews. Ben was dearly loved and will be missed by all his family and many, many friends.

A visitation for Ben was held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 18, 2010, at the Oakley High School Auditorium with Pastor Tim Llewellyn officiating. Holly Young and Tom Harrison provided beautiful music and a eulogy and special tributes were given by Jada Tubbs, Tom Thompson, Paul Heskett, and Dale Leighty. Interment was in the Oakley Cemetery with military honors by the U.S. Army, Ft. Riley and Oakley V.F.W. Post 2981. Memorials to the Thomas County Community Foundation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and the Logan County Hospital may be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, KS 67748.

Deaths

Azel McBride

Azel McBride, 91, formerly of Colby, died today, Thursday, June 24, 2010, in Inman.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Lyle Worthy; second, Gail Vacca; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Katie Melvin; fifth, Margaret Denneler; sixth, Jean Snyder; seventh, Barb Ulmer.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.50
Corn (bushel)	\$2.87
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.66
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.86

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, food, visits and memorial contributions given to our family.

Thanks to family members and friends who visited Kenny at the hospital regularly and helped out with so many good deeds. All this means so much to him.

Thanks to Dr. Hilyard for his years of care who all took such good care of him during his hospital stay. Thanks to Fr. Dana and Jeannie Solko for thier visits and concern and always being there for us.

Also thanks to the church ladies who prepared the funeral dinner. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Thanks again,
Joyce Rohm, Mike Rohm, Michelle Briggs, Melissa Krencher and Althe Rohm