Family

Deaths

Linda K. Mahorney

Linda K. Mahorney, 64, died home in Colby.

Services are pending with the Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at her Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, (785) 462-7979.

Linda J. Sims

Lola M. Skiles

Thomas County, the daughter of with the Rev. James Mardock

a brother, Billy J. (Pat) Turrell, of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Coun-

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for employer award

Lola M. Skiles, a Colby home- great-grandchildren.

Linda J. Sims, 61, Des Moines, cal Care. Iowa, the daughter of Wight and (Lillian) Sims of Oakley, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, at her

She was born in Colby on Feb.

She attended Oakley schools and graduated in 1967. She graduated from Kansas State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in child and family development. She married J. Dan Smeltzer on June 6, 1970.

for the Iowa Foundation for Medi- public service.

maker, died Thursday, Nov. 25,

2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 5, 1923, in

Joseph and Avis (Phillips) Turrell.

preceded her in death in 1961.

Her husband, Allen F. Skiles,

Survivors include three sons.

Michael A. (Beverly) Skiles, Katy,

Texas; and Steven P. (Jari) Skiles

and Frank J. (Bernice) Skiles, and

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of defense and department chief

financial officer, and Dennis Mc-

Carthy, assistant secretary for re-

serve affairs, presented the awards

at a ceremony attended by mem-

bers of Congress, senior military

officials, business leaders and the

service members who nominated

Almost half of the U.S. military

on Sept. 22.

Washington.

requirements of federal law.

Survivors include her parents, of Oakley; her husband, of the home; three children Emily Smeltzer, Andrew Smeltzer and Nicholas Smeltzer, all of Des Moines; two sisters, Lana (Arlen) Etling, Lincoln, Neb.; and Joyce (Damon) Young, Austin, Texas; and two brothers, Bill (Jennifer) Sims, Lawrence; and Brett (Linda) Sims, Houston, Texas.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American For the last 12 years, she worked Cancer Society. There will be no

> Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at the Kersen-

> brock Funeral Chapel in Colby,

officiating and burial in Beulah

p.m. Monday at the funeral cha-

Visitation will be from 2 to 8

The family suggests memorials

to Citizens Medical Center in care

shares these citizen warriors with

their civilian employers, many of

whom provide significant sup-

American corporations, a gover-

nor, a mayor, a state police direc-

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College to help students get home

Colby Community College will portation back to Colby. offer free rides in a college van to Denver International Airport at 6 a.m on Saturday, Dec. 11, for students trying to get home for the

at the beginning and end of each school year for out-of-state and international students, said Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs, but this year has been extended to homeward leg of the winter holiday.

"It has been challenging for our students to find rides to the airport prior to the semester break," said Dr. Nichols. "Our students will need to arrange their own trans-

The college strives to create a diverse student body, she said.

'We do not want travel to and from the airport to be an obstacle for students who want a quality This service is usually offered education at Colby Community College," said Nichols. "We are pleased that the board of trustees and the college officials have allowed us to provide this service for our students. It is certainly appreciated by the students who will be traveling home after finals."

Students will need to sign up for the trip by Wednesday, Dec. 1, by contacting Kelly Gates at (785) 460-5551 or at kelly.gates@col-

Soup and Scripture to meet downtown

The Thomas County Ministerial Association plans to hold its December Soup and Scripture sessions at noon Wednesdays at Smoffee's in downtown Colby instead of at a church.

The Rev. Carol Rahn of the First Presbyterian Church said they hope to attract more people by holding the series at a neutral site. Owner Shawn Larson will offer a soup lunch for \$5.

The theme is "Characters at the Stable." Call Pastor Rahn at 443-2636 for information. Speakers and topics include:

Wednesday - The Inn Keeper,

Jarrod Spencer, Colby Church of Christ. Dec. 8 - Joseph, Steve Todd,

College Drive Assembly of God. Dec. 15 – Mary, Pastor Rahn.

Dec. 22 - Shepherds, Craig Crossman, First Baptist.

Winter holds fire warnings with dangerously dry forecast

Something new and different ever, a Red Flag always means the appears likely to be a frequent feature in High Plains weather forecasts this winter.

"A 'Red Flag Warning' is a step above the 'extreme' category on the old Range Fire Danger index" said State Climatologist Mary Knapp, "and, for the first time in a number of years, Kansas appears to be primed to hear it during wintertime, too.

The term emerged with the same change that put a slightly modified slogan in Smokey Bear's mouth. Now, it's "Only you can prevent wildfires." The National Weather Service now reports overall U.S. wildfire conditions, rather than separating the risks for forests and

Knapp said conditions that warannual Freedom Award ceremony crease awareness of federal laws rant a Red Flag vary from area to and resolve conflict between emarea. In general, the criteria are a dangerous mix of wind, low humidity, moderate to warm temperatures and available fuel.

No matter the location, how-

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same: Fire conditions have reached the critical level. Any spark could create a devastating fire with explosive growth potential.

ing a dry fall and moving into our normally drier winter months," Knapp said. "Added to that, the state has a much bigger supply of natural fuels, due to beneficial rains over the last two years.

"Besides, most farmers are now to conserve soil and moisture. pastures as often as recommendburnable mix. That's dangerous in ally is one of the ways scientists

As climatologist, Knapp maintains Kansas drought data, forecasts and fire-weather links at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/.

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'Unfortunately, Kansas is leav-

leaving stubble on harvested fields Landowners are no longer burning ed, so trashy shrubs and trees are rapidly become part of the state's a fire-based ecology - which actudefine 'prairie.'"

at Cultural Arts Center Pianist Julie Rivers and her immigrant, she began playing Starry Night Trio will perform the piano at age 2. At the Uni-

Piano trio to perform

munity College campus. The concert will feature music from her recordings, Christmastide and Tidings of Joy.

Arts Center on the Colby Com-

The Starry Night Trio

A native Texan, Rivers made the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The daughter of a Swedish adults and \$7 for students.

at 3 p.m. Sunday in a concert versity of North Texas, she won of holiday music at the Cultural every award offered to pianists by the school of music. Performing on keyboard and

synthesizers will be Randy Wills and on guitar Peter Lar-Admission is by Western

her debut as piano soloist with Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door, \$15 for

Input sought on rail plan

The Kansas Department of tween freight and passenger rail Transportation is seeking public comment on the draft of the 2010 Statewide Freight and Passenger

The plan outlines efforts to provide a more efficient and costeffective movement of people and goods to assist the state in future economic initiatives through rail transportation.

The plan also will:

• Establish the state's role in the freight rail system.

• Establish the interaction be- 3228.

• Develop an action plan to improve the condition and perfor-

mance of the state rail system. A draft copy of the plan is available by going to www.ksdot.org, and clicking on the Draft Statewide Rail Plan link at the top.

All comments are due no later than Wednesday, Dec. 17. Send them to Freight and Rail Program Manager John Maddox at johnm@

ksdot.org or by calling (785) 296-

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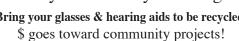
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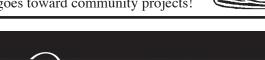
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