

Family

Deaths

Cathy M. Preston

Cathy M. (Jimison) Preston, 52, Oakley, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at her home.

Services are pending at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, (785) 475-3127.

Philip L. ‘Smokey’ Stover

Philip L. “Smokey” Stover, 81, a Colby area farmer, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Feb. 18, 1930, in Thomas County to Raymond and Sally (Lowe) Stover.

His first wife, Beverly J. Stover, preceded him in death on Aug. 4, 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie D. Stover, Colby; three sons, Terry (Linda) Stover, Atwood; Ross (Tawny) Stover, Gardner; and Lynn (Lori) Stover, Colby; a brother, John Stover, Cawker City; a sister, Judie With-

ers, Colby; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mark Carlton officiating and burial with Masonic Rites at the Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Shrine Club or to Colby Junior Golf in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., 67701.

Open meetings session to be held at Hays library

On Thursday, July 21, the Kansas Attorney General’s Office and Kansas Sunshine Coalition will present a seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings Act and Kansas Open Records Act at the Hays Public Library.

The meeting is one of five to be held across the state that week.

“Open records and open meetings laws keep governments accountable to those who elected them,” Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. “These training sessions provide an opportunity for elected officials, members of the media and Kansas citizens to learn more about their rights

under these laws.”

The Hays meeting will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, July 21, at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main St.

Other meetings will be in Emporia, Kansas City, Topeka and Independence.

These seminars are free, and open to the public. Space at each location is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants can register at the Kansas Attorney General’s website, www.ksag.org, or by calling (785) 296-2215 or (800) 428-8436.

Oakley grad on deans’ list

Kylie Shoemaker of Oakley was named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Deans’ List for the spring semester. Shoemaker is a senior business administration major in the College of Business Administration. Students in the business college must maintain a

grade average of at least 3.6 to qualify.

Qualifications for the list vary among the eight undergraduate colleges and the division of general studies. All are based on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Kansas blister beetles are awake and hungry

Adult blister beetles are emerging in Kansas now, armed with a ravenous appetite.

“The ash-gray and striped blister beetles, in particular, are notorious for quickly stripping the foliage from vegetable plants – tomatoes, beans, peas, potatoes,” said Ward Upham, horticulturist with K-State Research and Extension. “Blister beetles also attack such field crops as alfalfa and soybeans, which generally is what puts livestock at risk. Hay that contains blister beetle body parts can put cattle off their feed and kill horses.”

The “organic” way to control blister beetles in the garden is to hand pick and squash the insects. The only safe way to do that, however, is to wear closed shoes and protective gloves, Upham warned.

Blister beetles contain a fluid called cantharidin, he explained. It’s an irritant for both external and internal animal tissues. The typical result on human skin is

large, watery, erect blisters.

Kansas is home to numerous blister beetle species that can vary in size, color and color pattern. But, most are rather drab and measure between one-half and three-quarters of an inch long. They also share a general shape: a long, narrow, soft body with a large-seeming head, wing covers, and what looks like an unusually long and skinny neck (actually its thorax).

Deciding how and whether to control the pests can be difficult, Upham said, even though chemical controls also are available.

“Experienced gardeners know the beetles tend to gather in big crowds. They’re also aware the pests may move on in a day or two,” he said. “Farmers, on the other hand, know the last thing they need is dead blister beetles in a crop being grown for hay.”

The chemicals approved for controlling blister beetles in gardens include cyfluthrin (Power-Force Multi-Insect Killer) and

Library’s the place for summer fun

The Pioneer Memorial Library is having a very busy summer!

Kids are having great fun at each Summer Reading session or event they attend. I don’t know about you, but I really enjoyed Eric Vaughn and his wife (assistant) who performed magic on June 9. It was a perfect day for an event on the east lawn.

I think our creative kids renamed his grey rabbit from Charcoal to Burnt Marshmallow! He really liked that new suggestion!

The first book I have to tell you about is Henry Winkler’s “I’ve Never Met an Idiot on the River: Reflections on Family, Fishing, and Photography.” What a great easy reading book that allows you to understand him, his wife and family. I was also delighted by the photos and the captions on each picture in the book. It really reflects his natural laid-back style we grew to love when he was in Happy Days.

Some other biographies I may not have mentioned are the *New York Times* best-selling book, “Spoken From the Heart,” by Laura Bush; TV actress Meredith Baxter’s book, “Untied: A Memoir of Family, Fame, and Foundering;” famous genie and actress Barbara Eden’s book, “Jeannie Out of the Bottle;” and famous Pulitzer Prize biographer, Stacy Schiff’s newest book called “Cleopatra: A Life.”

We are adding a few nonfiction audiobooks that might pique some interest. The first is “The Heart and the Fist: The Education of a Humanitarian, the Making of a Navy SEAL,” by Eric Greitens.



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This book is not just about becoming a SEAL, but about learning how courage and compassion work together to serve others.

“Greitens was awarded a Truman and a Rhodes scholarship to attend Oxford University, where he earned a Ph.D. In 2001, he joined the Navy SEALs and deployed four times, earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Start (cover of DVD).”

He learned that even as a military person he found ways to help others. He has taken this and established an organization helping veterans serve others as leaders in their communities. His writing comes out of personal experience and is at times inspirational. We have this in print as well.

The second nonfiction audiobook is the unabridged version of “Our Man In Tehran: The True Story Behind the Secret Mission to Save Six Americans During the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Foreign Ambassador Who Worked with the CIA to Bring Them Home.”

Author Robert Wright details how Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor concealed six American diplomats from the revolutionary turmoil in Iran. These six happened to escape the kidnapping

that 54 other personnel endured for 444 days.

Wright is an award-winning author who writes about the history of foreign policy. We also have this book in print.

We have added a couple of non-fiction travel books. The first is “The 10 Best of Everything National Parks: 800 Top Picks From Parks Coast to Coast (*National Geographic the 10 Best of Everything*),” by National Geographic and Fran Mainella.

Another non-fiction book is “Only Pack What You Can Carry: My Path to Inner Strength, Confidence, and True Self-Knowledge,” by Janice Holly Booth. The author writes about learning to love to travel solo with confidence.

She tells how her first scheduled trip to ride horses in Costa Rica began badly and continued until she found herself on the beach alone with her horse.

As I read her description about trying to coordinate with travel tours that mystically had no information at the hotel where you were supposed to get that information, I thought – this can happen in the U.S.

Sometimes persistence is a must to be able to complete a desired event with a tour company. She tells her story through the book and then leads the reader to find practical ways to not only find solitude, but enjoy it.

This reminds me of my husband’s advice to many who find themselves alone again in their life. He tells them to “Take the time to learn to enjoy being alone

with yourself.”

He continues by saying learning to like themselves is paramount to becoming whole and being happy in the future whether alone or with someone.

I, myself, need the part in the book that learns to pack what I can carry. I can honestly say I have taken a few weekends where I packed an overnight bag, hopped on an airplane and loved the hassle-free travel. But for the most part, I need a suitcase, carry-on travel case and a computer bag. Not light!

Others need courage to travel alone. Having traveled in many countries in Asia, I can say it can be scary and yet exhilarating to travel in unknown places.

Not having a handle on the language and surroundings causes us to lose control and feel vulnerable. However, traveling in these places also gives a sense of accomplishment. My husband and I define an adventure as, “Discomfort recollected in tranquility.”

Hope you have an opportunity to experience some vacation and away time just to relax this summer. Come get some reading or listening items before you go. We are adding 15 new fiction audiobooks that I will describe next week.

Our summer schedule is: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. If you have not gotten your new library card, drop by and let us update your account.

See you in the library!

Special enforcement set for Interstate 70 on Friday

Law enforcement officers in Kansas and Missouri are joining forces from 6 a.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday for a special one-day enhanced enforcement period to make Interstate 70 safer for all.

“Interstate 70 is one of the busiest interstates in the nation, especially when families take to the road on vacation,” said Deb Miller, Kansas Secretary of Transportation. “The Kansas Highway Patrol and county and local law enforcement agencies all along I-70 are taking part in this special effort.”

“Kansas troopers, other officers across the state, and the Kansas Department of Transpor-

tation all work every day in an effort to secure safety for all of Kansas’ travelers,” Colonel Ernest E. Garcia, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol said.

Kansas troopers, county sheriffs’ deputies and local police officers will be on the lookout for drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts, impaired driving, distracted driving, excessive speed and aggressive driving during this 24-hour enforcement period in advance of the Independence Day travel weekend, Miller said. Additional details will be released by the Department of Transportation’s Traffic Safety Section via its Twitter feed, @DriveSafeKan-

sas.

I-70, sometimes called the Main Street of America, carries anywhere from 7,600 vehicles a day near the western border to more than 72,000 in the Kansas City area, according to state travel statistics. In 2009, the latest year for which figures are available, nearly 2,000 crashes occurred on I-70 in Kansas, resulting in 20 fatalities and 579 injuries.

Pete Bodyk, the department’s traffic safety manager, said the initiative is part of the department’s Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities.

Corrections

The name of Bill Miller of Colby was misspelled in a story on the 95th birthday announcement for Elon Miller on Page 4 of the Wednesday, June 22, edition of the *Colby Free Press*. This was a reporting error.

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The name of Colby artist Marj Brown was misspelled in a story on an exhibition in Montezuma on Page 4 of the Monday, June 20, edition. This was due to a reporting error.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.90
Corn (bushel)	\$6.47
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.93
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.08



June 30 through July 4th
**At Hays Municipal Park
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Thursday, June 30th * 9:30pm * Steel Magnolia
Friday, July 1st * 9:30pm * Sawyer Brown
Saturday, July 2nd * 9:30pm * Default

\$12 One \$12 Ticket is your pass to all events.
Tickets available at www.wildwestfestival.com

Monday, July 4th * 10 p.m. * Fireworks Display

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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Wild West Festival
June 30 - July 4, Hays
3 nights of outdoor concerts featuring Steel Magnolia, Sawyer Brown and Default all for a \$12 ticket. 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular. WildWestFestival.com

World of Outlaws
July 1-2, Dodge City
Dodge City Raceway Park
Boot Hill Showdown
World of Outlaws Spring Series
(620) 225-3277, dodgecityraceway.com

Tour of Lawrence Pro-Am Bicycle Races
July 1-3, Lawrence
Enjoy bicycle racing at its best. Three separate USA Cycling Pro-AM competitive bicycle racing events.
(785) 856-5282, touroflawrence.com

2011 USATF Jr. Olympic Championships
July 26-31, Wichita
See tomorrow’s track and field Olympic stars compete at Wichita State’s Cessna Stadium. More than 8,000 athletes in 14 divisions.
(316) 265-6236, wichitasports.com

National Baseball Congress World Series
July 30 - August 13, Wichita
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