

Deaths

Paulette D. Beaulac, 79, of Wakefield, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at the Golden Living Center in Wakefield.

She was born Dec. 12, 1932, to Paul and Gladys (Napp) Hasler in Alton, Ill., where she attended Alton High School.

In December 1949, she married Jim Thompson in Alton.

In 1960, she married Delmer Bennett. The couple moved to Greenleaf.

She worked for years in the health field in Clay Center, starting as a nurse's aide and then switching to environmental services at the Clay County Hospital. She also worked at Hutchinson Mayrath in Clay Center and was a manager at the Super 8 motel in Hays. While in Colby, she worked at the newspaper and co-managed the Super 8.

After retiring, she worked for the Meals on Wheels program in Greenleaf.

She was a member of the Zion

Lutheran Church in Linn and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her parents; four husbands, Thompson, Bennett, Joe Fowler and Ted Beaulac; and four children, David Thompson, Mark Thompson, Billy Bennett and Barbara Jean Bennett.

Survivors include four children, Barbara (Chuck) Brown, Grant, Neb.; Lauree "Paula" Burwell, Ogdan; Carl Bennett, Clay Center; and Paul Bennett, Salina; a sister, Nancy (Larry) Allsman, Alton; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, May 18, 2012, at the church in Linn, with Pastor David Gruoner officiating and burial in the church cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph's Indian School of Chamberlain, S.D., the National Wildlife Federation or the Defenders of Wildlife, in care of the Ward Funeral Home, 115 W. Second, Washington, Kan., 66968.

DAR, John Athey Chapter

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met for brunch April 18 at the home of Sharon Maurath in Oakley, followed by Judith Maurath's demonstration of heritage scrapbooking, the conservation of photos.

Regent Sharon Maurath opened the meeting in ritualistic form and roll call was answered with "a book I would recommend."

Lineage research and genealogy was given by Sharon Maurath.

Lineage promotion and the president general's update were given by Judy Watkins.

Members voted to give \$308 to the "Lay Lights" project and \$25 to the national library and museum.

The state conference was to be May 7 in Topeka. Constitution Week will be Monday through Saturday, Sept. 17 through 22.

Meeting closed with prayer by Chaplain Delphin Biggs.

—Eva Lee Wheeler, secretary

Coach inducted into Hall of Fame

Ben Duell of Colby, formerly of Goodland, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at the Colorado Chapter Honors Banquet on Saturday, May 12, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, receiving the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum is in Stillwater, Okla. The men and women honored at the Hall of Fame have demonstrated a lifetime of service to the sport, including coaches, officials and contributors.

Mr. Duell graduated from Goodland High School in 1948 and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in agriculture in 1952 and a master's degree in administration in 1963.

He became head wrestling coach at the Burlington (Colo.) High School in 1963 and coached the Cougars for 16 years, with his wrestlers winning at least one state title in 11 of those. His teams won two state championships and

finished second, third and fourth three times. He never lived in Burlington, but drove every day from Goodland. His son Doug was the first four-time state champion in Kansas history.

Mr. Duell was named the Colorado Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1971, 1973 and 1974. He has also been a radio wrestling broadcaster for 40 years, mostly on KLOE in Goodland.

His first wife, Evelyn, died in 2004 and he is now married to Barbara (Jeffus) Young, formerly of Oberlin. His family includes 15 children; four step-children; 49 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. Thirteen of his children and their spouses, as well as one grandchild and spouse, attended the banquet.

He and his wife live in Colby. She is a 1952 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Cast-iron art performs

Molten iron as performance art is the star of the Western Cast Iron Art Conference through Saturday at Fort Hays State University's Department of Art and Design.

Friday will be spent building an iron smelter, and, on Saturday, five smelters — and grandstands for the public — will be set up on a closed-off North Campus Drive for a production pour for the professional and student participants who registered and paid to take part in the conference's workshops and other activities.

Attracting artists and students from all over the country, the conference serves as a way to educate, demonstrate and exhibit cast iron art.

The Western Cast Iron Art Conference is a biennial event organized by the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance, a non-profit organization founded by a core group of members, all from western states, who are deeply rooted in the art of iron casting. Every founding member is employed at a university or community college and is intimately invested in art education.

"It is our main goal to make sure that we are providing an educational experience for the students and community members," said Flores. "The conference is a great way to showcase talent and teach at the same time."

Corrections

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'Dream Big' at the Colby library; summer reading schedule kicks in



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

will be 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Mondays.

Bed Bugs Storytime for Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years) will meet from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and **Night Crawlers Storytime** sessions for toddlers (18 months to 3 years) will meet 10:15 to 10:35 a.m. on Wednesdays.

There are two activity sessions offered for youngsters who will be in first through fifth grade. They are invited to come for stories and crafts one or both days. **Space Cadets** will meet on Tuesday afternoons and **Night Critters** will meet from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

In the Shadows for those in the sixth through eighth grade next fall will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday afternoons. Middle school students are also encouraged to take part in the **Reader's Theater** to be performed on Thursday, June 21. Come to the casting session at 10:15 a.m. on

Tuesday to get your script. No memorization required.

Youngsters will be able to sign up for **Star Trek** (reading challenge game) beginning Wednesday. They will receive age-appropriate game cards in which they are challenged to complete a variety of objectives for prizes. This year a grand prize will be given to every child in first through eighth grades who achieves a "black out" on their game cards.

Children and their families are invited to attend some special events planned at the library. To kick things off two programs will be held next week. **Franklin the Turtle** will make an appearance at the library at 3 p.m. Wednesday to share his concerns about the dark with the younger set through a book and activities.

Then at 3 p.m. next Thursday, **astrophysicist Kevin Manning** from New York will share the wonders of space with students and adults.

The Reader's Theater group will share amusing and entertaining stories in a presentation entitled "**Own the Night**" at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, in the library basement. This is always a hit with the kids.

Finally, on Thursday, July 5, Richard Holmgren will bring his

Flying Debris Show to Colby and will perform at 8 p.m. for the library's annual outdoor event. Holmgren will present an hour packed with comedy, zany stunts, and lots of audience participation. His show will be appreciated by literally all ages. Everyone is encouraged to bring their blankets, lawn chairs, sunglasses and bug repellent and settle on the lawn east of the library.

Summer Reading for teens and adults is being organized as we write this article. We will announce the strategies for this in June. Nancy Saddler, adult librarian, will complete the organization of our first summer reading for teens and adults soon. We want to make it simple, not cumbersome, but enjoyable for participants. There may even be small prizes.

For schedules or information, please stop by the library at 375 W. Fourth Street, or visit the website at www.colbylibrary.com or call 460-4470. We enjoy serving you and would love to any questions you have on the above topics.

We have now begun our summer hours of operations, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary

President Anita Thiel conducted the May 9 meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the post home. Roll call, opening prayer and patriotic instructions were followed by the flag salute.

Allowance was made to buy a book for the Pioneer Memorial Library titled "Life in the U.S. Military," by Dan Koffman.

Donations made were \$100 to National Home, \$50 to Health and Happiness fund, \$100 for Relay for Life and \$50 to the Leavenworth hospital for resident's personal items.

The auxiliary will participate with the post in a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28.

The president reported on the district convention. The Colby auxiliary received awards for exceeding its quota for National Home and for best report for cancer aid and research. A certificate of appreciation was received for Americanism and noted that 613 flags were given from auxiliaries in the district. The Patriot Pen contest had entries from 144 students. Thiel was elected district junior vice president.

Officer installation was held. Officers are president, Anita Thiel; junior vice president, Tammy Goldsworth; chaplain, Lily Thieler; conductress, Mary Weed; guard, Margene Griffin; and trustees, Rosalie Seemann, Lily

Thieler and Elva Livingston.

The auxiliary will conduct a Poppy Campaign for Memorial Day. Buddy Poppy, the little red flower of remembrance, will always be the standard for honoring the dead by helping the living. The flowers are assembled at the Kansas Soldier's Home in Fort Dodge — veterans helping veterans. Poppies and their story are a way to reinforce knowledge of when, why and how we achieved the freedoms we enjoy. Wear a poppy in memory of or to honor a veteran.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, at the post home.

Colby forensics team 10th at state meet

The Colby High forensics team placed 10th out of 47 schools at the Class 4A State Speech and Drama State Championships at Washburn Rural High School.

The tournament May 4 and 5 kicked off on Friday afternoon with Lincoln-Douglas debate. Michael Tubbs competed in this event and was eliminated in the preliminary rounds by some tough competition.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for May 15 were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Barb Ulmer; third, Gail Vacca; fourth, David Ulmer; fifth Joy Davis; and sixth, Mary Molstad.

Tuesday's winners were first, mary Molstad; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Thelma Shalz; fourth, Jean Snyder; and fifth, Joy Davis.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.38
Corn (bushel)	\$5.98
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.23
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.32



Jim and Shirley (Poage) Malcolm will be celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary** on **Sunday, June 3rd**, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. at the **Colby United Methodist Church**

Their children and grandchildren, Angie and Nori Hughes, Torianna and Teagan, of Colorado Springs, and Jim, Jr. and Holly Malcolm, Maverick and Madelynn, of Denver, invite you to attend. The couple requests no gifts. Cards may be sent to 1015 East 9th, Colby, KS 67701.

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Memorial Day

May 28, 2012

The Colby Free Press will be **CLOSED** Monday, May 28th to observe Memorial Day. (There will not be a Monday paper this week.) We will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, May 29th.

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