

Family

Death

Francis R. Boyd

Francis R. Boyd, 79, of Oakley, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004 at Oakley. Mr. Boyd was born on Nov. 3, 1925 in Wyandotte, Okla. (Miami County) to Roscoe Boyd and Pearl Mansfield Boyd. He was a lifetime resident of Oakley and a retired farmer.

Among his achievements, he served in the U.S. Army, was a WWII airborne veteran, served in the General Dwight D. Eisenhower Honor Guard, was the VFW 9th District Commander, and was a Purple Heart recipient.

He married Doris Vaughn in February of 1947 in Colby.

Survivors include his sons: Eddie and Roger Boyd, both of Oakley; daughter: Linda Rohr, Oakley; brothers: Thelbert Boyd of Monument, Maurice Boyd of Oakley, and Jim Boyd of Winona; sisters: Dora Ann Boyd, Denver, Lenora Mullen,

LaPuenta, Calif., Norma Sturgeon, Lincoln, Neb., Mary Boyd, Denver, Agnes Meier, Hays; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Doris, in May of 1999 and his parents.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at First United Methodist Church in Oakley with Rev. Mike Eurit officiating.

Burial will be at Oakley Cemetery with military graveside rites by U.S. Army, Ft. Riley and Oakley VFW. Visitation is Friday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Emergency Medical Service sand sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Prairie Homecoming to Kansas

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Oh, hear that old piano ... from the Kansas State Fair grandstand, where Garrison Keillor's weekly "A Prairie Home Companion" will broadcast live next Sept. 10.

The two-hour, Saturday evening variety show reaches more than 4 million listeners weekly on 558 public radio stations as well as American networks in Europe and the Far East.

David Horning, general manager

of Hutchinson-based Radio Kansas, said Monday he had been working for months to bring the Minnesota-based show to the state. The State Fair date was confirmed last week, he said.

"I'm really excited for us and the city and the state; it's a great deal for everybody," Horning said.

"I expect it will be very well attended, with a lot of people coming to the fair who do not normally come."

Former Abilene publisher dies

ABILENE (AP) — Vivien Sadowski, who served for 12 years as publisher and editor of The Abilene Reflector-Chronicle before retiring in 1998, died Monday. She was 74. Sadowski had been un-

dergoing treatment for brain cancer after having a tumor removed in August, said Dave Bergmeier, her successor as editor and publisher.

She died at the Harry Hines Memorial Hospice in Wichita.

Commissioner unveils new initiative

I am pleased to join Governor Kathleen Sebelius in a bipartisan initiative to contain escalating health care costs, streamline the health care system, and make health insurance and prescription drugs more affordable for thousands of children, working parents and small businesses.

Nearly 300,000 Kansans can't afford health insurance, and many more are underinsured. Most of the uninsured—about 95 percent—either work or live in a family where at least one person works full time. Fully two thirds of uninsured Kansans work for small businesses that can't afford to provide coverage to their employees.

Double-digit increases in the cost of health insurance and prescription drugs have made them unaffordable for too many working parents and small businesses. We have a moral responsibility to partner with the business community to address the crisis in health care costs.

The HealthyKansas initiative will expand access to health care by:

- Providing small businesses with new affordable private health insurance choices.
- Providing health insurance for more than 40,000 additional Kansas children and more than 30,000 working parents through the Healthwave program.

There are two initiatives the Kansas Insurance Department is working on that will increase the affordability of health coverage and streamline the red tape associated with insurance contracts.

The Kansas Business Health Partnership was established by the legislature four years ago as a way of providing low cost insurance to employees in small companies, which have not been able to afford insurance for their employees. So far the program has yet to implement a method for assisting low-wage workers with their premium payments—one of the key elements of that legislation.

This year, working with the Gov-



Sandy Praeger

- Insurance Commissioner

ernor, we hope to develop several low-cost benefit packages, in addition to the one currently being marketed. These new plans would be offered through the workplace and would assist workers who cannot afford the employee portion of the premium. We are talking about a plan for working Kansas families that would make the difference in having coverage or going without.

In addition, the Kansas Insurance Department has received a new \$400,000 federal grant we will use to find better ways of spreading the risk in the small group market. We need to find more effective ways to share the expense of unhealthy employees, so one or two individuals with a chronic condition-like heart disease or cancer—don't drive up the premium costs for themselves and everyone else in their workplace.

I have also initiated a study to determine how we can more effectively and efficiently provide a centralized database to streamline the contracts with insurance companies. This measure should make it easier for consumers and doctors to deal with health plans.

Right now, doctors in Kansas spend too much time on paperwork. One of the procedures that is especially time-consuming is the volume of forms providers have to fill out for each and every health plan with whom they contract.

By establishing a database at the Kansas Insurance Department, providers and insurance companies would have one place to register the necessary contract information. This database will reduce duplicative and expensive paperwork.

Some of this information can also be made available to health insurance consumers so they can easily

Nutrition program scheduled next week

Senior News

Activities at the Colby Senior Progress Center next week will include Karen Jones with the Kansas State University's extension office will be presenting a nutrition program at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Other events during the week include Monday — Brag Day on anything someone wants to brag about. Tuesday — 9:30 a.m. exercise; 11:30 a.m., Jones' presentation. Wednesday — Christmas Red Day for wearing your Christmas red colors. Thursday — 9:30 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m., the Thomas County Health nurse will be available for blood pressure checks. Friday — 9:30 a.m. exercise; and Denim Day for wearing denim.

Everyone over 60 is welcome to

participate in the activities and eat at the center located at 165 Fike Park from Monday through Friday.

Those under 60 are welcome to eat at the center as well. For questions or other information, call Donna Schielke. Reservations for lunch need to be in by noon the previous day.

The menu for Monday through Friday (Nov. 29 - Dec. 3) is as follows: Monday — Cook's choice entree, tator tots or triangles, cheesy broccoli, bread and pears. Tuesday — Chili with shredded cheese, 5-cup salad, crackers, cinnamon roll. Wednesday — Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cook's choice fruit, roll and strawberry shortcake with topping. Thursday — Barbecue beef sandwich, scalloped potatoes with cheese, Dole tropical fruit, bun, and ice cream. Friday, Turkey Cheddar Casserole, corn, carrot/raisin salad, bread, jello with bananas.

The show opens weekly with Keillor singing the theme song — "Oh, hear that old piano, from down the avenue ..." — and moves on.

About Town

Pioneer Memorial Library will be holding "Make 'n Take" ornament classes for children ages 9 through 13 beginning Monday, Nov. 30 and continuing the next three Mondays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20. The activity begins at 4 p.m. For questions, call the library at 462-4470.

The 2005 Wellness Fair will be held at Colby Community College Student Union on Saturday, January 15, 2005, according to the Colby Wellness Committee.

Laboratory tests will again be offered in conjunction with the Wellness Fair. Dates for these tests will be Jan. 6, 8, 10, and 11 and blood will be drawn at Citizens Medical Center.

For information about the fair, contact any member of the Wellness Committee or Jeanene Brown, CMCI Director of Education at 785-460-4850.

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.

Former newsman



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Charles Bowlus and his wife, Barbara, of Little Rock, Ark. were traveling through Colby on Monday making a brief stop at the Colby Free Press. Charles said he worked at the newspaper as news editor for about one year under Kim Phillips, owner and publisher of what was then the Colby Free Press-Tribune. Since then, Charles and his wife have been history professors at the University of Arkansas. He asked that if anyone still remembers him, they can e-mail him at cbowlus@ualr.edu or call (501) 562-2935. The couple was on their way to Fort Collins, Colo., to visit with their son's family and their one-year-old granddaughter.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$3.19
Corn	\$1.90
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Soybeans	No bid

To Give Thanks

Never a better time to say "Thank You" to a community (that I have often thought in the last 4 years) just wasn't my kind of place to live in for various reasons. So my thanks goes out to these very caring and special people that are in our lives one way or another.

- Judy Schmidt - SRS
- Jodi and Lynette-St. Francis Academy
- Judge Ress - besides judge, just a good family man
- Alan Taylor-County Attorney
- Clona Flipse - Attorney
- Counselor, some teachers, and principals at the schools
- Harold Sulzman - Peoples State Bank (for always believing in us)
- Tom and Vicki Nichols (2 very caring friends)
- Dr. Ketting and Monique Aaron Morton
- Molly Oliver - Realtor
- Traci Touslee
- Derald and Gayla Brown - my neighbors who listen to me cry, rant, and rave and probably thought I was ready for the loony bin.
- Anyone else that I may have overlooked.

So as the famous man who wrote and knew what he was talking about, David J. Pelzer-author "It does take a community to save a child."

Thank you!
Wishing all of you and yours
Happy Holidays!
Ron and Cathy Brown
Sammi, Copelen, Skylar, and Chas Justice

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