

Family

Deaths

Harvey Earl LaMar

Harvey Earl LaMar, 69, Abilene, died suddenly Friday, July 24, 2009, in Cozumel, Mexico, where he had gone for his granddaughter's wedding.

He was born Dec. 15, 1939, in Monte Vista, Colo., the son of Elmer and Doris (Johnstone) LaMar. His family moved to Kansas while he was an infant. He attended grade school in Grinnell and graduated from Oakley High School in 1958. He joined the army and was stationed at Heilbronn, Germany, in the Fourth Armored Division as a tank recovery mechanic.

On Jan. 22, 1961, he married Janet Thrasher. He attended Fort Hays State University and Compton Community College. He owned a garage and service station in Oakley, and then in Redondo Beach, Calif. After working for Sinclair Koppers in Long Beach, he becomes maintenance superintendent and worked up to engineer in charge of new construction for Star-Kist Foods in American Samoa and Puerto Rico.

The family returned to Kansas in 1975, where he owned a construction company, building many homes and businesses in the Russell and Great Bend area.

LaMar went to work for the Arizona Automotive Institute in 1982 as an educational representative. In 1987 he transferred to the Universal Technical Institute, retiring in 2005.

After retirement, he was elected

president of the Red Bud Lake Improvement District, and oversaw the installation of a new water and sewer project.

He worked hard his entire life, and was always ready to help anyone who needed it.

LaMar was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather John Block.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two sons, Harry (Mary) of Silver Lake; and Monte and friend Leeann, Andover; foster daughter Julie Johnstone, Wetmore; a brother, Herb (Billie) LaMar; a sister-in-law, Judy Christian, Salina; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at the Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home in Abilene, with Pastor Robert LaMar officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley City Cemetery, with Pastor Dennis Lewallen officiating. The family will receive friends at the Colonial Steak House following the graveside service.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Red Bud Lake Association, the Alzheimers' Disease Association or the Diabetes Foundation, in care of the funeral home, 414 NW Third St., Abilene, Kan., 67410.

Condolences may be sent to www.mbcfh.com.

Dorothy L. McMullen

Hastings, Neb., resident Dorothy L. McMullen, 88, died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at her Perkins Pavilion residence.

She was born July 3, 1921, in Bloomington, Neb., to Carl and Minnie (Schaefer) Doyen, and attended Hastings High School.

She married Delmar C. McMullen on December 24, 1939. They sang on the radio and moved to Colby.

They returned to Hastings in 1965. She was a member of the North Shore Assembly of God Church in Hastings.

McMullen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Marilyn, three brothers three sisters, and a son-in-law, Bob Green.

She is survived by three daugh-

ters, Diana West, Hastings, Neb., Sharon Green, Kearney, Neb., and Dottie (Macon) Bradford, Hastings, Neb.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Services were be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Butler-Volland Chapel, 1225 North Elm Ave., Hastings, with Rev. Wayne Smith officiating. Burial

will be at a later date in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings. A memorial fund has not yet been designated, and gifts may be given to the family. Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com. Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



D. McMullen

Find animals, 4-H in the library now

This is a very busy week for many in our community. It's fair time and this means a lot of extra events to attend and for many, to compete in. I snuck to the fair on Monday and had the great pleasure to see many horses and their riders.

It reminded me of a new non-fiction book we have on the shelves, "The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son." Rupert Isacson and his wife find that their son is autistic.

One day they discover that he has a connection with a horse (Betsy). After this discovery, Rupert wants to find a place that is so free and wild that he takes his wife and son to the wilds of Mongolia. Since Rupert's parents hail from South Africa and Zimbabwe, he is comfortable with traveling and adventure. They delve into the life and beliefs of the locals in Mongolia.

After a period of time the family travels to England and then eventually back to Austin, Texas, where they began. They find that Rowan, their son - while still autistic - is growing in his ability to live, interact and enjoy the world around him.

A second book that imbibes the pioneering spirit that fairs have long been about, is "The Woman From Short Grass County: Pioneer Memories of Mary Agnew." The author, Susan Stewart Grubb, tells about a pioneer woman from Wallace County.

Mary Agnew is Grubb's grandmother. In 1978, Grubb began reading through the pages of a longhand journal written by her grandmother. According to her granddaughter, Agnew's English was good but her punctuation and writing skills needed help due to her limited education.

While her grammar may have been limited, her memory did not fail her. After working with the chronological order and making sure to understand the events, interviews were conducted with Grubb's parents and her grandmother's friends and neighbors.

Interspersed are recipes from her grandmother. Wonderful pictures of family, farm and life in the area can be enjoyed. A poem by Mary Agnew is also included, about the elections of 1946.

This book shows how life was carved out in Kansas. The book has received a Colorado Independent Publishers Award (CIPA) Merit Award in History. It also received an award for printing and second place in book design.

An interesting book we have at the library is "Kansas 4-H: History of Head, Heart, Hands and Health, 1906-1993," by Betty Lou Denton and Merle L. Eystone. The book is filled with great pictures of individuals, stories and events through the years. I especially like the index that helps readers find information about their area or town. Colby, Colby Community College, Colby Experiment station, and Thomas County are specifically mentioned in several locations within the book.

Another great resource is the 4-H website that sells materials (curriculum) for many of the sub-



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Library Links

jects that the youth study in specific areas of 4-H.

Such subjects as sewing, swine, sheep, rabbits, wind energy, aerospace, photography, entomology, health and fitness, foods, wood-working, pets and much more are available for sale (www.4-hmall.org/Curriculum.aspx).

The 4-H website has more than just badges, neck ties and such for a youth's uniform. A person can purchase ornaments, cell phone holders, toys and key chains, as well as camp and fair items.

A final book involving animals is "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World." Vicki Myron writes a creative and easy to read non-fiction book about a cat that comes to be part of a local library. The cat makes a huge difference with disabled children, patrons reading the paper and even the staff.

This book shows the special ways that small towns contribute to the richness in people's lives. Read it and enjoy it. If you are looking for a book to read with children, you might want to read it together.

Set your calendars for the Pioneer Memorial Library's Book Sale Blowout, Aug. 1 through 8. See our advertisement for times and prices.

The basement is now open for youth to enjoy computers, computer games, board games, puzzles and other activities (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Also, check the display case for anything you may have lost in the library. We have many treasures for you to reclaim in our display case. See you at the library!

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Kenneth Joseph Schroeder, 69, Oakley, June 25, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on recognizance.

- Richard Bachman Jr., 28, Atwood, July 2, failure to appear/contempt of court, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day by court order.

- James Patrick Garber Jr., 21, Lakota, N.D., July 3, attempted murder, aggravated assault, Colby Police Department, released July 8 to Nelson County, N.D.

- George Wesley Williams, 64, Colby, July 3, driving under the influence, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Jeremy James Sheehan, 33, Los Gatos, Calif., July 7, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police Department, released same day on recognizance.

- Tony Lee Baldwin, 44, Fresno, Calif., July 12, pedestrian on

interstate, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

- Ronnie Dee Hughes, 39, Hannibal, Mo., July 14, driving while suspended, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

- Michael Anthony Fieger Jr., 22, Atwood, July 22, transporting open container, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.

- Gabriel Fernando Livas, 34, Atwood, July 22, reckless driving, transporting open container, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.

- Jonathan Andrew Smith, 22, Atwood, July 22, possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting open container, Thomas County Sheriff's office, released same day on notice to appear.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.54
Corn (bushel)	\$2.74
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.07
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.12

Garage Sales

Huge Moving Sale. Farm Supplies, Guns, Household. 1 Day Only, Saturday August 1st, 8 am - 2 pm. 509 N. 5th, Atwood.

Saturday August 1st , 7:30 am - Noon. 1649 U.S. Hwy. 24, 2 1/2 miles west of Colby on Hwy 24. Tv, household items, girls toddler through size 5 clothes, mens and womens clothes, lots of misc.

Moving Sale Friday July 31st and Saturday August 1st, 8 am - 8 pm. Max George. 710 S. Grant, Colby.

Yard Sale Friday July 31st . 1195 Summer Sun, corner of College Drive and Summer Sun. 8-6.

995 E 6th, Colby. Dropleaf table, waterbed, 3.5cu freezer, 2 microwaves, pole tree trimmer, electric saw, tree trimmer pole, craftman riding mower, FWD mower, mechanics creeper, odds and ends. Friday 7-31-09, 8-7.

On the Beat

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF July 19

1:57 p.m. - Caller said male held her grandson down by force, Rexford. Spoke to reporting party.

3:36 p.m. - Assisted police.

5:46 p.m. - Provided security at the Fairground for the races.

July 20

11:17 a.m. - Removed branches from roadway at Aspen and K-25.

1:11 p.m. - Possible drunken driver on U.S. 24 at mile 69. All OK on traffic stop at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 22.

7:46 p.m. - Criminal damage to property: driving through corn field.

July 21

10:24 a.m. - Funeral lead to nine-mile corner.

11:35 a.m. - Transported transient from farmstead northwest of Gem to Colby.

July 22

4:22 a.m. - Pioneer Recovery requested deputy in Rexford concerning vehicle with someone sleeping in it. Standby provided.

11:45 a.m. - Assisted motorist at the Law Enforcement Center.

5:28 p.m. - Reckless driving/traveling with open container.

July 23

9:58 a.m. - Report of theft.

11:07 a.m. - Caller to 911 said his motorcycle fell over on him in alleyway behind Post Office. Assisted on call.

12:45 p.m. - Clerk at J-J Oil reported gas skip vehicle headed eastbound on I-70.

Colby Public Schools To CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Superintendent Terrel Harrison and Business Manager Jo DeYoung will be conducting two public meetings next week. The purpose of each meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to hear about the district's budget status and cuts that have been made. The public will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Colby High School auditorium on Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

Bridal Registry

Whitney Adams and Parker McKee

Wedding: August 1

Nicole Sommerfeld

and Michael Brocklehurst

Wedding: August 1

Someplace Special

Floral & Gifts

185 W. 4th • 462-7136

The Pioneer Memorial Library

Book Sale Blowout!

(in the basement)

August 1st & 2nd - Full Price
(Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 pm • Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 pm)

August 3rd & 4th - 1/2 price
(Monday 9:00 - 5:30 pm • Tuesday 9:00 - 5:30 pm)

August 5th - \$3.00 per bag
(Wednesday 9:00 - 5:30 pm)

August 6th - \$1.00 per bag
(Thursday 9:00 - 6:00 pm)

August 7th & 8th - Free
(Friday 9:00 - 5:00 pm • Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 pm)