

Family

Deaths

Clyde James Cooper Jr.

Clyde James Cooper Jr., 78, a retired lawyer, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at his home in Colby.

He was born March 5, 1931, in Denver.

Survivors include a son, James Cooper of Greeley, Colo.; two

daughters, Julie Cooper of Knoxville, Tenn., and Jill Cooper of Los Angeles; a sister, Suzanne Lee of Denver; and one grandchild.

Cremation. There will be no services.

Donald Sigman

Donald Sigman, 73, a Colby farmer, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at his home.

He was born March 5, 1936, and

is survived by a brother, William Sigman, of Independence, Mo.

Services are pending with Harrison's Chapel, (785) 462-2331.

Hospice program offers holiday support

"Hope for the Holidays," a program sponsored by Hospice Services to help make the holidays a less stressful time for those who have lost a loved one, will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Citizens Medical Center boardroom.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Attendees may bring their lunch or use the hospital cafeteria.

The time between November and Jan. 2 will be filled with holiday activity, bombarding everyone with the sights, sounds, and smells of the holidays. Many anticipate the season with excitement.

However, there are those who dread it, people who are facing new losses or have never acknowledged losses of long ago.

It is wise to take control of the situation by facing the holidays squarely and planning for what you do and do not want to do to ease through this time of year.

The mission of Hospice Services is to provide care for the dying and bereavement support to communities throughout the year. For information, call the main office in Phillipsburg at (800) 315-5122 or 543-2900.

Application deadline Dec. 1 for certain crops

The application closing date for most crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which covers crops which can't otherwise be insured, is coming up Dec. 1.

The deadlines includes all grasses, including alfalfa, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries, cherries, clover, grapes, lespedeza, honey, mixed forage, nectarines, oats, peaches, plums, strawberries and vetch.

The administrative service fee is \$250 per crop per county not to exceed \$750 per producer per county and \$1,875 for multi-

county producers. Farmers and ranchers must pay the fee and file an application by the deadline.

Payments are 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50-percent production loss or more.

Producers must obtain coverage on noninsurable crops and purchase insurance on others to remain eligible for the supplemental disaster assistance programs.

Contact your Farm Service Agency county office to sign up for coverage.

Cover crops protect water, preserve nitrogen content

MANHATTAN — One of the range of reasons for growing cover crops is to "trap" nitrogen in the soil and preserve it for future use.

A trap crop absorbs nitrogen from the soil, said Dave Mengel, soil fertility specialist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. Unless the crop is then grazed or harvested, however, the nitrogen will remain, preserved within the residue for use by future crops.

This helps reduce soil nitrogen losses between cash crops, he said, due to either leaching or denitrification, a natural process by which bacteria convert nitrates into nitrogen gas.

Fast-growing, nitrogen-demanding crops are ideal as trap crops, Mengel said. Good choices include millet or forage sorghum, planted in summer after winter wheat. Others choices are cereal rye, wheat, triticale or canola, planted in fall after summer crops.

"Keep in mind that trap crops use the soil nitrogen they take up to support their own growth,"

he said, "and in most cases, they end up with a high carbon-to-nitrogen ratio, so the release of that nitrogen to following crops may be slow. In fact, the second or third subsequent crop may be the one that finally benefits from the trapped nitrogen."

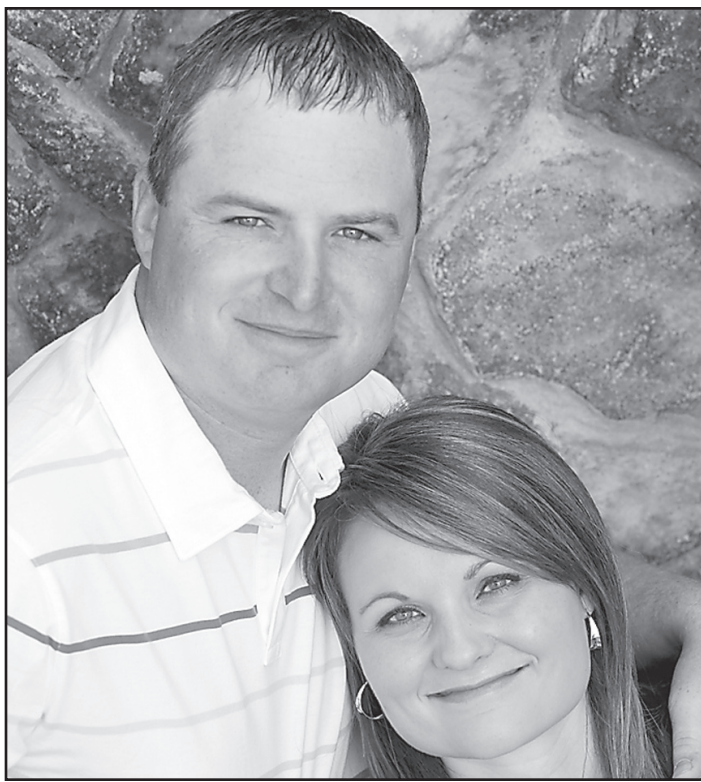
Nonetheless, trapped nitrogen is blocked from moving through the soil to contaminate groundwater, Mengel pointed out.



Thank You!

Thank you to all the friends, family members, and red hat ladies that helped make my 75th Birthday so special.

God Bless,
Fawna Haremza McFee



Ryan J. Moore and Monica J. Rein

Couple to marry at cathedral in Dodge

Monica J. Rein of Cimarron and Ryan J. Moore of Monument plan to marry at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

Father Ted Skelsky will officiate.

The bride is the daughter of Daryl and Vonja Rein of Cimarron. She is the granddaughter of the late Raymond and Mildred Oylor of Ingalls, the late Cletus Rein of Bazine, and the late JoAnn Rein of Emporia. Monica is a 2000 graduate of Cimarron High School, a 2005 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriscience, and a 2009 graduate of Northeastern State University with a

doctorate in optometry. She has joined the practice of Dr. Rod Copeland in Dodge City.

The groom is the son of Donald (Monty) and Sandy Moore of Monument. He is the grandson of Ralph and Marcella Albers and Glenita Moore and the late Donald Moore of Oakley. Ryan graduated from Oakley High School in 1996 and from the Beloit Technical College in 1998 with a degree in agricultural equipment technology. He works for TISCO/Woods Equipment as territory manager for Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.

The couple will live in Dodge City.

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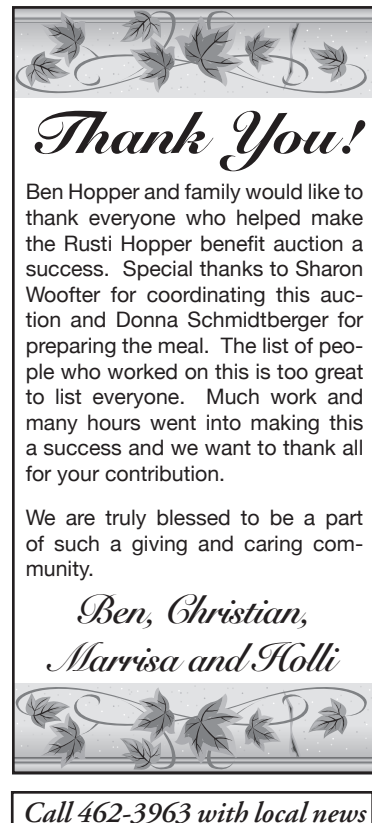
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Thank You!

The Zach Thompson family THANKS the Colby community for their support in our time of need. Special thanks to C.W. Hamilton and the American Legion Rider's for sponsoring a very successful benefit on our behalf. Anyone wanting to follow Zach's progress can go to caringbridge.org/visit/zacherythompson.

Pam and Brad Thompson and family



Thank You!

Ben Hopper and family would like to thank everyone who helped make the Rusti Hopper benefit auction a success. Special thanks to Sharon Woolfer for coordinating this auction and Donna Schmidtberger for preparing the meal. The list of people who worked on this is too great to list everyone. Much work and many hours went into making this a success and we want to thank all for your contribution.

We are truly blessed to be a part of such a giving and caring community.

Ben, Christian, Marris and Kelli

Call 462-3963 with local news



Shirley Malcolm's 70th Birthday Celebration

The family of Mrs. Shirley Malcolm would like to invite the public to attend a 70th birthday celebration in her honor on December 26, 2009 at Colby United Methodist Church. The festivities begin at 1:30 pm with a tribute to Mrs. Malcolm for her 50 years of teaching piano lessons. A reception will follow from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Colby UMC. Please share your stories and memories in a Card Shower for Mrs. Malcolm.

Cards may be sent to:
Angie Malcolm Hughes
4943 Sand Hill Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

Rexford collecting winter items now

The Rexford Lions Club is sponsoring a "Winter Donation" drive. Winter items for families in need can be donated from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Red Barn, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday at the Jokers Corner Store, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday at Golden Plains Grade School and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at Golden Plains High School.

The collection will end on Wednesday, Dec. 2. There will be a box at each location for you to drop off donations. Families may come and see if there are any winter items they might need from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Rexford Community Building.

Over 40 people attended a carry-in dinner at the Rexford Community Church before wrapping and packing 150 shoe boxes for the Christmas Child Project. Later this month, the boxes will be taken



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to a pick-up site and trucked to an airport for delivery.

Golden Plains Community Outreach is accepting donations for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides books to children from birth to age 5 in the Golden Plains School District. Rexford contacts are Nancy Dahl, 687-3600, or Sondra Barnett, 687-2520.

Red Barn weekly activities: Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m. Monday. Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m. Wednesday. Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday. Koffe Klatch, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday. Every second Saturday of the month there is bingo for the 50-plus crowd.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Gunman prays with clerk

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Police say an armed robber spent nearly 10 minutes on his knees praying with a clerk at an Indianapolis check-cashing business before fleeing with \$20 from the register.

Security video from the Advance America branch clearly showed the man's face during the stickup Monday, and a 23-year-old

surrendered Tuesday on a preliminary charge of robbery.

Police say the robbery took an unusual turn after the gunman came around the counter when the clerk starting crying and talking about God.

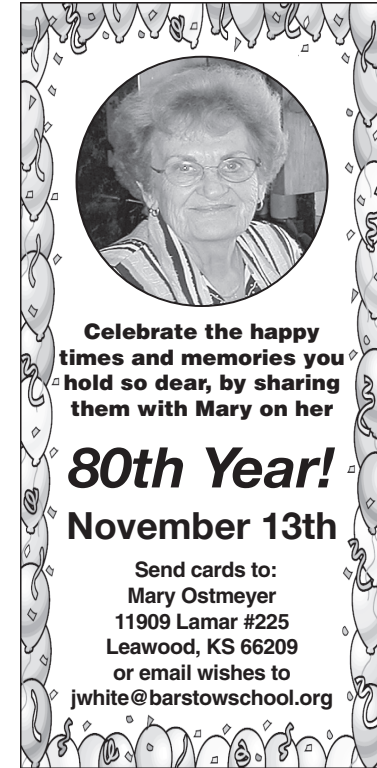
The man said he had a 2-year-old child to support and asked for prayers about overcoming his hardships.



OLD-FASHIONED Thanksgiving Annual Dinner...
Sunday, November 8th.
Serving: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Colby Sacred Heart Church Basement


Please join us for:
Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Rolls, Salads, Homemade Pie, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Free will donation will be accepted.
Meals on Wheels available by calling:
785-460-7167 or 785-462-2179



Celebrate the happy times and memories you hold so dear, by sharing them with Mary on her 80th Year!
November 13th

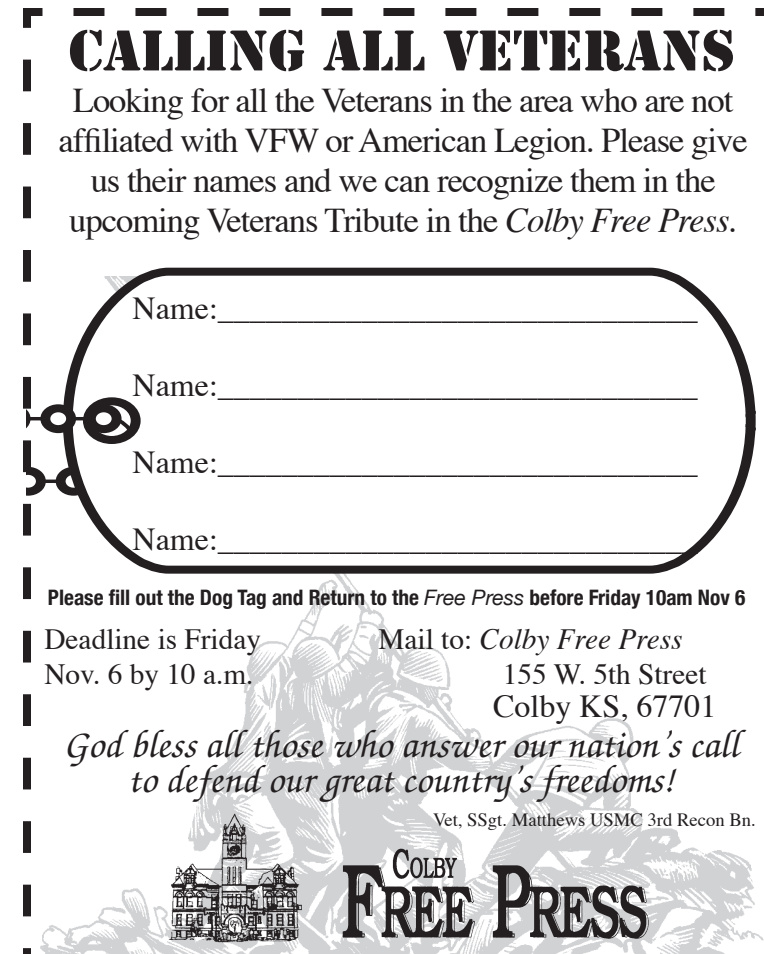
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Mary Ostmeyer
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Leawood, KS 66209
or email wishes to jwhite@barstowschool.org



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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00~4:00
Sunday, November 8th, 1:00~4:00



CALLING ALL VETERANS

Looking for all the Veterans in the area who are not affiliated with VFW or American Legion. Please give us their names and we can recognize them in the upcoming Veterans Tribute in the Colby Free Press.

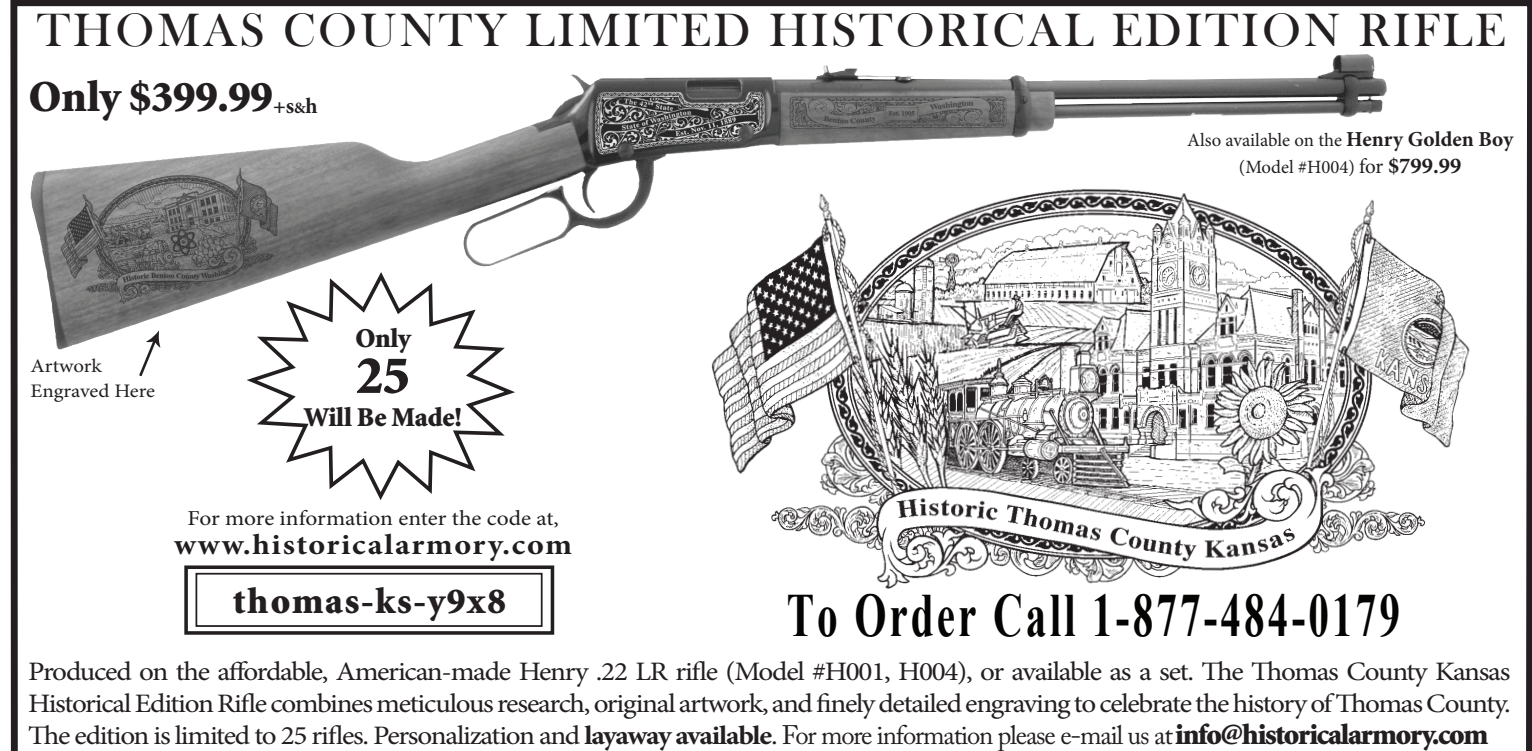
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Please fill out the Dog Tag and Return to the Free Press before Friday 10am Nov 6
Deadline is Friday Nov. 6 by 10 a.m. Mail to: Colby Free Press
155 W. 5th Street
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God bless all those who answer our nation's call to defend our great country's freedoms!

Vet. SSgt. Matthews USMC 3rd Recon Bn.

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