

Family

Deaths

Kim Allen Kathka

Kim Allen Kathka, 35, Colby, who worked for Alltel Communications, was found dead Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at his home. He was born Sept. 29, 1974, in Oberlin and attended Oberlin Elementary School and Herndon High School, McCook Community College and the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He had lived in Colby since 2006.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Carol Fergus and Martin McKisson, and an aunt, Mara Machart Crawford.

Survivors include his parents, Steve Kathka, Dresden, and Linda (Bob) Huss, Herndon; friend Hanna Pike, and a daughter, So-

phia Madeline Harris, of Colby; and grandparents, Elmer Kathka, Oberlin; Colleen Kathka, Denver; Marie McKisson, Oberlin; and Jean and Frank Huss of Herndon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating and burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

The family suggests gifts to the Kim Kathka Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Photography exhibit features native folk art

An interpretive photographic exhibit from the Kansas Historical Society, "Native American Folk Arts: Living Traditions," is on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, giving a look at traditions practiced by Native Americans in Kansas.

Kansas is home to four Indian reservations — Iowa, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, and Sac and Fox. Native Americans of various tribal affiliations also live in the cities and towns of the state.

Each group had its own language, religion, beliefs and customs. Clothing, body adornments, pottery, and baskets were specific to each nation, but were affected

by changing cultural traditions and trade among groups. Contact with Europeans, along with technology and new environments, also brought changes. Through all these influences, Native American culture has maintained the essence of tradition in folk arts practiced today.

The show includes beadwork, quillwork, drum making, flute making and basket making.

Visit the museum, 1905 S. Franklin, or call 460-4590 for details. The exhibit will be open through December during regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. Admission is free.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Monday

12:42 a.m. — Subject requested attempt to contact on wife. Contact was made.

1:29 a.m. — Welfare check requested on possibly suicidal subject. Brought to station and turned over to High Plains Mental Health.

8:27 a.m. — Attempted burglary: pry marks on vending machines at Quality Inn.

9:06 a.m. — Unable to catch dog at large at Seventh and Range.

9:50 a.m. — Dog at large at Sixth and Cleveland turned over to owner; notice to appear issued.

10:08 a.m. — Clerk at Dillon's reported gas skip.

10:39 a.m. — Dog at large from earlier calls attempted to attack caller at 630 N. Cleveland. Report filed.

11:40 a.m. — Subject came to station wanting attempt to locate possibly mentally disturbed friend. All OK; subject came to station while officer was talking to reporting party.

2:44 p.m. — Two dogs at large; one was caught at Seventh and Range and turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

6:49 p.m. — Unattended death,

report filed.

11:59 p.m. — Illegally parked vehicle in the 100 block of W. Fourth moved after owner located.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Monday

9:10 a.m. — Vehicle ran stop sign at U.S. 83/U.S. 24 junction headed west. Notice to appear issued for traffic stop westbound U.S. 24 mile 59.5.

10:04 a.m. — Warrant arrest of John Samuel Kuder for Allen County Sheriff's Office.

7:34 p.m. — Item in the roadway on U.S. 24 a mile east of town moved.

8:16 p.m. — Item in the roadway on I-70 mile 50 removed.

Tuesday

6:47 p.m. — Unattended death: caller asked for welfare check. Report filed.

9:46 p.m. — Suspicious person in car on Sagebrush. Not found.

Books offer look at troubles



Melany Wilks

Library Links

is not sure what it is. How can she get her husband's understanding? What is actually wrong? All these thoughts begin swirling in her head. This book will help readers to understand some of the development and issues of Alzheimer's. The reader will begin to empathize with others who are experiencing the physical malady, or the family of those suffering.

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Our winter hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, closing at 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. See you in the library!

Happy November! I cannot believe that 2009 is almost over. In the next few weeks, we prepare for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

This week, I have a couple of books to tell you about. The first is "The Moon Looked Down," by Dorothy Garlock. The main character, Sophie, is a 20-year-old beauty who lives with her parents on a Kansas farm. The family had escaped Nazi Germany, and since their arrival, war has swept the country.

Posters everywhere encourage the citizens of America to contribute to war bonds or enter the military. While this encourages everyone to rally around the need to destroy the Nazi regime, a few posters bring out fear of those who might try and destroy the nation through espionage.

Sophie finds this factor destroying the peace and joy of her family's life. A few roughnecks decide Sophie's family is a threat to America and burn down their barn. They warn the family that if they do not leave the area they will lose more.

Sophie's father Herman says that he would not allow intimidation and death threats to affect his family in Germany; nor would he allow this in America. Sophie feels the brunt of the intimidation, since she must go to work every day in town.

At the diner, Sophie meets Cole Ambrose, who grew up in Victory, but attended high school and college in the Chicago area. He has returned to teach in the school. His father is bitter, a fact hidden from many in the community.

Cole is eating at the diner when Sophie enters. Within a matter of minutes, he finds himself defending her. From this event grows a relationship that brings tension, peace, hope, adversity and grace.

"Still Alice: A Novel," by Lisa Genova, is about working through the pressures of Alzheimer's disease. Alice Howland is one of the leading cognitive psychologists in

the nation. She travels frequently to speak to groups in her field. Through years of practice and teaching, she has learned secrets to language and cognitive development.

She and her husband John, a scientist, work at Harvard University. He also travels and is in demand due to his work. Together they have a child, Lydia, who has moved to California to act. Her father is supportive of her, while her mother believes Lydia needs to go to college, get an education and then become an actress. Alice does not appreciate that her daughter is studying acting and working long hours at her profession.

The intrigue and stress in the book come when Alice begins to experience mental lapses. She has her first episode when she is speaking to a group of professionals. She expects the speaking event to be easy because she is using much of the material she has used in the past, along some new exciting thoughts.

While speaking, she finds herself completely unable to come up with words normally used in her profession. When things clear up, she continues on as before. Her friends act as if nothing has happened, but she knows different.

When she returns home she hopes to see John, but he is late. She decides to take her regular jogging time. Everything goes well until she approaches the largest intersection of her route. She becomes disoriented and does not know where she is, where she lives or where she needs to go next. Panic ensues. Finally, normal returns.

This is where the book takes off. She knows she has a problem, but

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Colby Community College with 30 members and guests. Guests included visiting Rotarian Steve Haynes, Kursti Hileman, and Dave Rudy.

The monthly collection was taken for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank.

Ken Frahm reported the club will have a team for the Trivia Night at the Pioneer Memorial Library tonight.

The program featured the International Foundation. Committee members Jeff Horlacher, Jim Stanley, Janice McCart and Ken Frahm shared the history of the Polio Plus Program, along with the current status of Rotary's drive to eradicate this dread disease.

The program was instituted in 1988. Today, polio remains endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria. Rotary International has been awarded a matching grant totaling \$355,000,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Colby Rotary has pledged \$3,000 over a three-year period toward the matching-grant program. In all, Rotary expects to spend more than \$1 billion on the drive.

Dr. Paula Davis won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union.

— Relda Galli

String duo plans to perform in Oberlin

Award-winning musicians and songwriters Joe Scott and Hanna Alkire will perform at The Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday for Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission's annual dinner theater.

The pair joined forces in 1998 to form the internationally acclaimed duo, Acoustic Eidolon.

Mr. Scott performs on a unique, custom-designed double-neck-guitar, a banjo-guitar combination created by and just for him.

Ms. Alkire was classically trained on the cello and has won accolades for the exquisite tone and emotion she puts into each performance. They draw on many

sources for their music. Each of their songs has a story, often rooted in their own lives or travels.

They are married, live in Colorado and have two sons. They travel and perform throughout the world and have recorded seven CDs and one video disk.

The musical portion of the evening will start at 7:30 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for students. Children under 5 are free. For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

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Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.21
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Sunday -Thursday 7:00

COUPLES RETREAT

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Genre(s): Comedy

PG-13 1 Hour, 55 Minutes

Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00

Sunday -Thursday 7:00

COMING SOON

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