

Family

Deaths

Carl J. Peterson

Carl J. Peterson, 89, Oakley, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, in Bolivar, Mo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9

p.m. Friday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to Logan County Hospital, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Travel information can help holiday plans

Kansas Department of Transportation traveler information resources can help when planning your holiday travels and keep you informed as you drive.

Before starting out, call 511 anytime from any phone in Kansas or (866) 511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. to find out about the latest driving conditions for all roads in Kansas and Nebraska.

Phone numbers for road conditions in other states surrounding Kansas are also provided. Information is provided free from a landline phone, however, for cellular phone users, cell minutes may apply.

Road information can also be obtained by visiting the 511 Travel Information Map at 511.ksdot.org that now includes 33 camera

and 25 electronic message sign views across the state. The 511 map also provides links to other information, such as closed roads and driving conditions lists, travel information for other states and more. These and additional traveler information can be viewed by visiting the department's new traveler information portal, KanDrive, at www.KanDrive.org.

Travelers can also use handheld mobile devices, such as smart phones, iPhones or Blackberries, to access a text report for road conditions and construction project information by visiting 511mm.ksdot.org.

For everyone's safety, the department reminds travelers to pull over before using a mobile device.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday

3:01 p.m. - Traffic stop at Fourth and School found driving while suspended.

4:32 p.m. - Tires slashed overnight in the 200 block of W. Third.

5:41 p.m. - Civil stand-by at 270 N. Riddle. All OK; other subject never showed up.

9:20 p.m. - Vehicle parked in wrong stall at South Park Apts. Owner contacted; vehicle moved.

Friday

1:16 a.m. - Caller reported subjects attacking him when leaving the B-Hive.

6:05 a.m. - House checks.

7:02 a.m. - Dog at large contained at 945 E. Eighth, taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

10:21 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew at Bosselman's.

10:38 a.m. - Operator's license and credit cards found on gas pump at Travel Shoppe. Items brought to station; will attempt to contact owner.

12:46 p.m. - Dog at large contained at 140 W. Fourth, taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

12:53 p.m. - Purse picked up at Franklin and College taken to Prairie Senior Living Complex.

1:03 p.m. - Dog at large at Sacred Heart School contained.

3:47 p.m. - Dog at large on S. Cleveland turned over to owner.

3:50 p.m. - Complaint about incident that occurred earlier at Colby High School; information provided.

4:54 p.m. - Dog at large near Third and Copeland not found.

7:34 p.m. - Wide load semi heading westbound on U.S. 24 from County Rd. 26. Spoke to driver in traffic stop at Fourth and Country Club Drive.

11:55 p.m. - Theft of items from vehicle at Love's.

Saturday

1:12 p.m. - Provided directions for motorist at Country Club Dr. and Fourth.

2:31 p.m. - Provided directions for motorist at Range and Cedar.

4:53 p.m. - 911 call in reference to civil matter at 1150 S. Franklin No. 85. Provided information.

6:01 p.m. - Traffic control for

Hardships renew value of blessings

This is a week we take time to give thanks for our past year. Two books that help us appreciate the true Thanksgiving story are "America's Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims, Fighting Women and Forgotten Founders Who Shaped A Nation," by Kenneth C. Davis, and "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War," by Nathaniel Philbrick.

These books really help us consider some of the sacrifices and decisions that real people made when hardship was their companion.

The amazing thing about hardship and sacrifices is that they can make us appreciate what we have, and become stronger and more able to serve others. I remember a very sparse Thanksgiving growing up. My family had just moved to an easter state and we could not find a place to live around the holidays. So my mom cooked a turkey on the top of a stove in a small motel suite. That turkey tasted so good that year, I can still remember.

Another year of difficulty was when my sister was in the hospital and had just finished her first round of very intense chemotherapy. She had been working so hard to get better and be out of isolation and just wanted to go home for Thanksgiving. She set in her mind that she wanted us all there with her enjoying our holiday together, even if she could not eat. Well, we took her home on Tuesday with the proper medicines and care, but found she was just too sick to stay.

We made it through the night, but called the hospital to return her on Wednesday. I spent the day calling family and friends to say that we'd be at the hospital, and to come there to visit on Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving, family, friends and church members arrived with guitars, communion, prayers and precious visits. That year, we were thankful for a hospital staff that made a Thanksgiving dinner for patients, family members and staff.

We bundled up my sister in her wheel chair, blankets and a cup of



Melany Wilks

Library Links

ice chips and went to have dinner together. We were just thankful to have my sister alive with us and to be together. I can still remember how grateful we were for the care and hours others took to prepare a meal for those having to be in that stark hospital environment.

If you know someone in the hospital, or a sick person or family who is suffering, take some time to call, visit or pray for them. You may never know how much it really means.

As I was reflecting on this Thanksgiving, I realize how blessed I am to be in Colby and serving at the Pioneer Memorial Library. I have observed in the last 1 1/2 years a community of people who care about one another. They support each other in sickness and other difficulties. These values and traditions really make us stronger to meet the future with hope and expectation.

The Pioneer Memorial Library is preparing to begin our annual Food for Fines campaign. Food for Fines has been done off and on for many years at the library, since 1985, at least. A patron who has overdue fines may bring in canned foods to redeem them. We ask that the food have current dating, labels intact and be in good condition.

You can redeem your library fines by simply filling out a small form available at the front and then giving us your items. We will be donating these items to the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. The campaign will begin Saturday, Dec. 5, and end Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The Library will close early - at 5 p.m. - today. We will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving and Friday, but reopen for regular hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Babies

Jax John Doty

Jax John Doty, son of Roger and Tracy Doty of Atwood, was born Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Siblings Dana, 10; Matthew, 6; and Jay, 2, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Danny and Charla Dawson of Atwood and Sylvester and Lynda Hurst of Achilles. Great-grandparents are Francis and Florine Hurst of Achilles and Ted and Gertie Kastens of Atwood.



Jax Doty

Colby Brooke Inman

Colby Brooke Inman, third daughter of Adam and Brenda Inman of Lawrence, was born Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Older sisters are Avery, 5, and

Brady, 2. Grandparents are Kenton and Sheila Krehbiel of Colby and Ted and Kay Inman of Topeka. Great-grandparents are Carl Nonemaker of Cedar and Dorothy Krehbiel of Inman.

Miah Ivy Quenzer

Miah Ivy Quenzer, daughter of Chris and Liz Quenzer of Colby, was born Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Brother Carter Quenzer welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Mike and Julia Quenzer and Lorne and Diana Middleton of Colby.

Jayden Alexandra Wood

Jayden Alexandra Wood, daughter of Kenneth and Bonnie Wood of Menlo, was born Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches.

Siblings Levi, Kylie, and Shayla welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Sharlene Wood of Gem and Teresa Hackerott of Weskan. Great-grandmothers are Margaret Kuder of Weskan and Shirley Meister of Bennett, Colo. Debra Wood of Gem is an aunt.



Jayden Wood

Quintet coming to Oberlin

Oberlin Arts and Humanities will bring the Chicago-based vocal quintet Table for 5 to The Gateway in Oberlin for a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

The quintet has entertained audiences with unique vocal harmonies and musical styling. The group began with the creation of "A Victorian Christmas," which became a popular Chicago holiday concert. The ensemble's performances attracted sellout houses throughout the holiday season and established the group as an audience favorite.

Table for 5 has been featured with symphony orchestras, university and community art series,

clubs and cabarets. In this area, they have performed in Colby and Scott City. Their extensive repertoire attracted the attention civic and corporate organizations, which led to including performances for Motorola, Saks Fifth Avenue and the Easter Seals Telethon.

The group has three recordings, two holiday discs and one featuring the music of the 1930s and 1940s.

Admission is by Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. For details, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Nov. 24: first, Margaret Denner; second, Mary Molstad; third, Joy Davis; fourth, Larry Barrett; fifth, Sarah Barrett; sixth, Dave Ulmer.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.24
Corn (bushel)	\$3.27
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.17
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.36

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Corner Pocket will be opening at 12:00 and offering drink and meal specials!!
Over \$1000 dollars worth of Cash and Prizes (contingent upon entries)

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2nd \$250.00
3rd \$150.00
4th \$100.00
5th-9th \$25.00

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2:00 p.m. Start of Main Tournney
5:00 p.m. Start of Consolation Tournney
All Times CST

Proceeds go to the Ace Foundations for the Atwood Community Fund For pre registration or more info call 785-626-8431 or 626-3700 and ask for Shane
Limited to first 100 registrants!!

2009 Third Quarter Grants Awarded	
Colby Police SLEF Fund	
Colby Grade School	Bal-A-Vis-X Program \$ 1,000.00
CCC & Lindsay Frahm	Criminal Justice Scholarship 750.00
CCC & Jake Cox	Criminal Justice Scholarship 375.00
CCC & Rebecca Theimer	Criminal Justice Scholarship 750.00
Cory R. Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund	
CCC & Jay Wessel	Criminal Justice Scholarship 1,020.00
TCCF Endowed Youth Fund	
Boy Scouts of America	High Plains Pow-Wow 200.00
Director's Fund	
KS AARP Tax-Aide	Thomas County computer 200.00
USD #316	Reading program equipment 500.00
Total \$4,795.00	
"Forever Betterment" for Thomas County Citizens	

At this time of Thanksgiving we count among our many blessings your friendship and goodwill. We are thankful for the confidence you have shown us throughout the year.

We wish you and yours a most bountiful Thanksgiving Season full of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Kenna, April, Tara, Tehnee and Karen

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