

Family

Card shower celebrates 60 years of marriage

Robert and Louise Withers of Colby will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 18. Friends and relatives are invited to mark the occasion by sending cards of congratulations to them to Box 551, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Robert and the former Louise Rall were married at Immanuel Lutheran church in Hoxie on June 18, 1950.

They have spent their entire married life in Colby. Both previously worked for Graves Truck Line and ANR Truck Line.

The couple have two children, Roberta Withers of Colby and Brenda (Curtis) Counts, of



Mr. and Mrs. Withers in 1950

Salina. They have two grandchildren.

Colby Middle School

Here is the Colby Middle School Honor Roll for the fourth quarter. To make the Orange & Black Club, students needed a 3.0 (B) grade average. For the Academic Club, the had to have all A's, with no more than one B. Top Academic students are the girl and boy in each grade with the highest average.

Sixth Grade

Top Academic — Allison Friesen, Brady Holzmeister.

Orange & Black Club — Morgan Boeger, MaKayla Brackett, Andrea Browne, Chandler Comfort, Jenna Crampton, Connor Edmundson, Cheyann Fortin, Kori Guy, MaKayla Hoffman, Miranda Kern, Autumn Korthanke, Tessa Krzycki, Tanner Lee, Paige McNinch, Brittney Menges, Evan Olson, Brennon Overton, Matthew Pieper, Kalea Robert, Ami Ronvelia, Destiny Rummel, Brenly Terrell, Taylor Thummel, Elizabeth Touslee, Andrew Voss, Michael Wicken.

Academic Club — Bryce Arnbarger, Rachel Browne, Alli Franz, Allison Friesen, Brady Holzmeister, Kylee Martin, Holly Mayfield, Carter Morrison, Ricky Nelson, Kylie Ritter, Garrett Rose, Desi Schippers, Julie Schroeder, Lara Stephens, Sydney Stephens, Gabriella Wilson, Alex Young, Elissa Zerr.

Seventh Grade

Top Academic — Olivia Wetter, Eric Schuette.

Orange & Black Club — Natasha Besser, Kally Binder, Ashleigh Bland, Tyler Bond, David Browne, Cayla Carter, Dylan Dumler, Bailey Ellegood, Dalton Ellis, Melissa Emmot, Aaron Faber, Paige Fryback, Jennilee Gray, Skyler Hatfield, Phillip Hillis, Gage James, Logan Jones, Taylor Lemman, Samantha Lindberg, Josh Matchell, Caleb Mazanec, Sterling Miller, Connor Mountford, Alyssa Shubert, Brittany Silsbee, Tresta Urban, Austic Wancura, Zach Young.

Orange & Black Club — Brooklyn Bange, Bridget Bickner,

Danielle Foster, Shaila Giebler, Erika Moore, Keegan Morgan, Alexandria O'Neal, Phoebe Pfeifer, Courtney Reilley, Darby Sager, Morgan Sanguinetti, Hailey Schindler, Brett Schroeder, Eric Schuette, Mason Slinger, Kelly Sloan, Hannah Strange, Rachel Urban, Cheyne Weis, Olivia Wetter, Jay Ziegelemeier.

Eighth Grade

Top Academic — Abigail Friesen, Marc Bremerkamp.

Orange & Black Club — Jessi Aufrecht, Austin Boehme, Kortney Bredemeier, Hunter Butts, Shelby Crampton, Sierra Elling, Justin Engel, Adam Giersch, Kiara Griffin, Chase Hartwell, Jenna Ketchum, Sarah Lamm, Cheyenne Miller, Jaden Morrison, Victoria Rall, Kaylie Reeh, Tatym Rundel, Karly Shull, Kaden Staab, Andrew Taylor, Kaylin Wines.

Academic Club — Spencer Barnes, Marc Bremerkamp, Chelsie Calliham, Ashley Coleman, Luke Cox, Abigail Friesen, Maura Hansen, Ian Koerperich, Michael Schiferl, Connor Schwanke, William Selley, Haileigh Shull, Reed Stephens, Madison Tubbs, Morgan Vap, Andrea Zerr.

The following students were in the Academic Club for all four quarters of the year.

Sixth grade — Bryce Arnbarger, Rachel Browne, Alli Franz, Allison Friesen, Brady Holzmeister, Kylee Martin, Holly Mayfield, Carter Morrison, Kylie Ritter, Desi Schippers, Julie Schroeder, Lara Stephens, Sydney Stephens, Elissa Zerr

Seventh grade — Brooklyn Bange, Bridget Bickner, Danielle Foster, Hailey Schindler, Eric Schuette, Kelly Sloan, Hannah Strange, Rachel Urban, Cheyne Weis, Olivia Wetter.

Eighth grade — Spencer Barnes, Marc Bremerkamp, Ashley Coleman, Luke Cox, Abigail Friesen, Maura Hansen, Michael Schiferl, Connor Schwanke, Reed Stephens, Andrea Zerr.

third, Jean Snyder; fourth, Joy Davis; fifth, Pat Criss; sixth, Larry Barrett.

Summer reading offers cool choices

Some of us can breathe a bit easier — we have just finished a week of Chautauqua events! We hope you enjoyed the programming at the library and the museum.

Now Summer Reading has begun and is in full swing. Remember that you can bring your children to the programming without signing them up. You can also bring your guests like grandchildren or nieces and nephews to enjoy if they are visiting. Signup lets them participate in the bingo game and party at the end. Look at the time schedules for each age group on our website (colbylibrary.com). As part of summer reading, we have the Steel Drum Band performing for us at 8 p.m. next Thursday. At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, we will have a comedy and magic show by Keir Royale in the basement.

The first new book I'd like to share with you about is "Hush," by Kate White. White is no stranger to mystery novels. If you have read "Lethally Blond," then you will know the suspense created by the author of the Bailey Wegins series. "Hush," however, is not part of this series but stands alone.

Protagonist Lake Warren is a freelance marketing consultant. She has just landed a lucrative job planning marketing strategies for a Manhattan fertility clinic. Recently divorced with two children, she finds herself fighting over custody of the children. This 44-year-old, newly-independent woman gets wise council from a lawyer but does not follow it completely.

The lawyer has advised her to place her dating and romantic interests on hold until custody issues are settled. Dr. Keaton of the fertility clinic makes this extremely difficult. Lake stays with him in his penthouse and then awakens to find him murdered in his own home. Lake is terrified that she will be accused of murder and that this, too, will be held against her. She learns she was the target, not the doctor. Now all she needs to do is find out who and why. But how can she do this while trying to keep her family? The tale is suspenseful and you will enjoy the writer's creativity!

The second book is "The Executor," by Jesse Kellerman. Wanted: Conversationalist! Wow — want a job prospect for protagonist Joseph Geist. A long-term student of eight years, a part-time professor and a recent doctoral candidate at Harvard, he needs this type of work. All of his successes have



Melany Wilks

Library Links

suddenly disappeared. Even his long-term relationship has now ended.

Having been removed from his apartment, he finds himself homeless and with few possessions — books and a half bust of Nietzsche. Joseph is excited to consider such an employment opportunity; he knows it is right up his alley! And to think all he needs to do is help a 70-year-old dowager enjoy life through wit, culture and respectful conversation. Alma Spielman invites him to live in part of her Victorian home after six weeks of employment. Joseph soon finds this living situation is a true nightmare and needs to find a way of escape. Spielman has such a sharp mind that Joseph must outsmart the lady who is now trying to kill him! Kellerman, the author provides the reader with great suspense.

The third book is "A River in the Sky," by Elizabeth Peters. This book is part of the Amelia Peabody Mysteries. Peters completed a doctorate in Egyptology from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, so some of her book will help readers understand the vast culture of that era. Amelia and Emerson her husband are sent to stop George Morley from spying on the excavation planned at the Jerusalem's Temple Mount. General David Spencer fears that Morley is an agent for the Germans. They and many others are in search of the Ark of the Covenant. In the midst of the story their son Ramses, who is himself an Egyptian Grammarian finds out some very important information that his parents must know. This places Ramses in an untenable situation and the suspense builds. If readers have enjoyed other books by this author they will enjoy this one as well!

Remember that the Library's summer hours are to open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Thursday, at 5 p.m. Friday and at 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. If you need to renew an item, please do not hesitate to call us at (785) 460-4470, we'd love to help you.

Deaths

George E. Whitaker

George E. Whitaker, 90, Colby, died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He retired as the area supervisor for the Kansas Fish and Game Commission.

Cremation has taken place and services will be announced at a later date.

Kersbrock Funeral Chapel of Colby, (785) 462-7979, is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Ray Ayers

Rural Logan resident Kenneth Ray Ayers, 59, died at his home on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

He was born Jan. 30, 1951, in Berryville, Ark., the son of William Carson and Thelma (Rose) Ayers.

On Aug. 11, 1973, he married Alberta Ann Vrbas in Hill City.

For many years, he worked as an oil pumper for the Murfin Oil Company.

Survivors include in wife, of the home; his mother, Thelma Jarrett of Hill City; a son, Michael Ayers, Topeka; a daughter, Bobbi

Paulsen, Vass, N.C.; a brother, Kim J. Ayers, Palco; two sisters, Linda Foster, Hope; and Brenda Billinger, Great Bend; and two grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time. There was cremation.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Kenneth Ray Ayers Memorial Fund in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Box 563, Phillipsburg, Kan., 67661.

Online condolences may be left at www.olliffboeve.com.

Habitat a conservation option

Farmers and ranchers with land coming out of the Conservation Reserved Program may be able to get federal money from a national initiative to help improve habitat for the lesser prairie chicken.

Applications will be accepted through June 25 by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, said Andy Burr, soil conservationist at the Colby office.

"The current contracts are expiring for land that has been in the Conservation Reserve Program," said Burr, "and the question is that now that it's expired, what do we do with it?"

"If land owners would consider grazing, there's expense for fences and developing watering systems, but with grazing, it doesn't destroy prairie chicken habitat."

"Kansas has been allotted

\$750,000 ... for assistance to land owners in transitioning ... to managed grazing lands," said Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the service, "by helping with the cost of fences and water systems, and to help develop an improved lesser prairie chicken habitat on their land."

Banks said the idea is to target technical and financial assistance on expired Conservation Reserve fields that are to be maintained in permanent cover and use them for grazing. The program is available in 34 western Kansas counties with low populations of lesser prairie chickens.

For information, contact Burr at the Colby office at (785) 462-7671, extension 301, or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/lepc.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.31
Corn (bushel)	\$2.79
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.51
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.28

Corrections

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Sunday - Thursday 7:00

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Genre(s): Comedy/Romance
PG 1 Hour, 45 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:10
Sunday - Thursday 7:00

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2nd Annual Topeka Treasure Hunt
May 12 - June 19, Topeka
Explore the capital city! Pick up a treasure packet and first clue at Visit Topeka, Inc. Find all 15 treasures to be eligible for prizes! Details available at VisitTopeka.com

Smoky Hill River Festival
June 10-13, Salina
High-energy, low-cost family fun, featuring live music, fine art and good food. Music by Delbert McClinton, Kathy Mattea, The Steel Wheels & more. Oakdale Park, riverfestival.com

World of Outlaws at DCRP
June 11-12, Dodge City
Dodge City Raceway Park
Boot Hill Showdown
World of Outlaws Sprint Series
(620) 225-3277, dodgecityraceway.com

Lenora Jubilee
June 18-19, Lenora
Concerts Fri: Chris Young/RiverBilly
Sat: Confederate Railroad/Jimmy Dee
(785) 567-4860, LenoraJubilee.com

9th Annual Father's Day Car Show
June 20, Salina
Bring Dad to enjoy wild wheels and wildlife! Antique, classic, original & restored cars, trucks and motorcycles.
(785) 827-9488, rallingshillswildlife.com

2010 GTOAA International Meet
July 1-4, Wichita
International meet of Pontiac GTOs includes drag race, tech sessions, public car show. GR-RRR'8R Wichita GTO Club.
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