

Family

Deaths

Curtis F. Cayton

Curtis F. Cayton, 66, a retired building custodian at Colby High School, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in Topeka.

He was born July 23, 1944, in Inglewood, Calif., the son of Clarence Forrest and Bessie Anna (Plympton) Cayton.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Cayton, of the home; three daughters, Kalie (Rod) Hansen, Olathe; Kristin (Jason) McCormack, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Kara (Rick) Westgate, Topeka; two sisters, Marqueta and Marva;

and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, with pastor Charles Cayton of Heber Springs, Ark., officiating and burial in the Summers Township Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met Aug. 10 at the Colby United Methodist Church. Members worked on individual projects during the morning. At noon, they had their annual salad luncheon in the fellowship hall.

During the afternoon, program chairman Fritz Ostmeyer reported on the book "Kansas Artists" by Patrick Rawley. Ostmeyer read passages and discussed the works of some artists, including Kathleen Kuchar of Hays, who specializes in abstracts, lithographs and graphic technology, and portrait artist Steve Harp.

After the program, President Marlene Carpenter opened the business meeting. Secretary Marj Brown passed around information about programs at the Logan and Goodland museums and the Colby museum's newsletter.

Carpenter informed members of the McCook 2010 Art Competition. Entries need to be in by Saturday, Sept. 18. She a reception would be from 1 to 4 p.m. that day for the Arts and Crafts Fair at Logan.

The members voted to pay \$30 for their Community Foundation

membership and to pay the church for use of a coffee maker and coffee.

Artist John Scott of Hoxie will lead a landscape workshop for oil painters in the church's fellowship hall Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Cost for nonmembers will be \$40 per student. Hours will be announced at a later time. Besides paints, brushes and canvases, participants will need to bring plastic tablecloths to cover their table and the floor and their own sack lunch each day. Drinks will be furnished.

Brown reminded the members to have paintings ready for the Christmas art show in the hall during the United Methodist Women's Christmas Homes Tour on Sunday, Dec. 5. The club will serve coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

Next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the church. Program chairman Brown asks that members bring their oil paints, brushes and canvas. They will be practicing atmosphere in oils from a video by Jerry Yarnell. Brown also will be hostess for the day. All artists are invited.

Scotch found in Antarctica

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A crate of Scotch whisky trapped in Antarctic ice for a century was opened in August — but the heritage dram won't be tasted by whisky lovers because it's being preserved for its historical significance.

The crate, recovered from the Antarctic hut of renowned explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton after it was found there in 2006, has been thawed very slowly in recent weeks at the Canterbury Museum in Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island.

The crate was painstakingly opened to reveal 11 bottles of Mackinlay's Scotch whisky, wrapped in paper and straw to protect them from the rigors of a

rough trip to Antarctica for Shackleton's 1907 Nimrod expedition.

Though the crate was frozen solid when it was retrieved earlier this year, the whisky inside could be heard sloshing around in the bottles. Antarctica's minus 22 Fahrenheit temperature was not enough to freeze the liquor, dating from 1896 or 1897 and described as being in remarkably good condition.

This Scotch is unlikely ever to be tasted, but master blenders will examine samples of it to see if they can replicate the brew. The original recipe for the Scotch no longer exists.

Corrections

A story, "Colby High fall sports getting ready to begin," on Page 8 of the Thursday, Aug. 16, Colby Free Press incorrectly spelled senior Ryan Parker's name. This was a reporting error.

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J.D. and Donna J. Bennett

Couple to celebrate 50 years on Thursday

J.D. and Donna J. (Stieben) Bennett of Colby will have been married 50 years on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010. The couple united Sept. 2, 1960, at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita.

The Bennetts have one daughter,

Jaton (David) Denneler, and two grandchildren. The family celebrated the anniversary with a trip to Branson, Mo.

Their daughter and son in law invite friends and family to send greetings to them at 1115 Court Place, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Babies

Remington Jack Fromholtz

Remington Jack Fromholtz, son of Travis and Amanda Fromholtz of Colby, was born Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Sister Jocelyn Elise, 2 1/2, welcomed her brother home.

Grandparents are Tom and Jeannine Hubble of Lathrop, Mo, and Butch Herbel, and Shawn and Lisa Fromholtz of Colby.

Great-grandparents are Ron and Judy Skaggs of Kansas City, Mo; Jack Smith of Cameron, Mo.; Kenneth and Peggy Hubbell of Burlington, Colo.; Harold and Jean Herbel and Jack and Sharee Fromholtz of Colby; and Marlyn and Nancy Borger of Hays. Great-great-grandmother is Dorothy Crabb of Colby.



Remington F.

Jackson Gabriel Lee

Jackson Gabriel Lee, son of Roselin and Brad Lee of Fort Riley, was born Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, at the Fort Riley Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches. Brother Jayden welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Brice and Linda Davis Stevens of Jennings and John and Jeanene Lee of Colby.

Levi Simon Smith



Jackson Lee

Levi Simon Smith, son of Samuel and Heather Smith of Winona, was born Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and

measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Dan and Ruth Smith and Shaun and Shelly Plummer of Winona, and Kenneth Martin of Leoti.

Make a Difference - Please Recycle

Hot weather offers both pluses, minuses

Everybody knows that it takes heat to produce a crop, whether in the garden or out on the back forty.

Nearly all plant life must have warmth to survive. Moisture and sunlight are a couple of other requirements. But too much heat can do bad things to plant life, and there can be a fine line between too much heat and a good growing environment. It depends a lot on the plant you're trying to grow.

Not much grows in Death Valley, Calif. Death Valley is 282 feet below sea level, the sixth-lowest land mass in the world. Last year, it had 154 consecutive days of 100 degrees or more. The hottest temperature ever recorded in Death Valley was 134 degrees, the second hottest temperature ever recorded on earth. And while 235 people actually live in Death Valley, few of them have a garden. Most seldom venture outside, where the surface of asphalt roadways can reach 200 degrees during the summer.

Here in northwest Kansas, the hottest temperature ever recorded in modern times was 111 degrees on July 25, 1940. Last year, 2009, in Goodland, the thermometer recorded 100 degrees only once, on Aug. 7. This year, we have reached 100 degrees only three times, once in June and twice in July. Both July readings were 102 degrees, on the 13th and the 17th.

Last year, the National Weather Service in Goodland recorded



Kay Melia

The Gardener

27 days of 90 degrees or more through Aug. 15. This year, we have reached 90 degrees or more on 41 days as of Aug. 15. So yes, it has been warmer this summer than last, but not by much. It can't be compared to four or five years in the 1930s, during the Dust Bowl era. Rainfall has been a little above average so far this year, and the rains have been timely. Crops have been excellent throughout the area, and the corn and sunflower crops look promising. Pasture grasses have supported livestock well, again thanks to the timeliness of the moisture.

And the gardens? Most of us who toil in the backyard will probably tell you it has been quite productive out there, despite great hoards of weeds of all kinds. Summer heat and humidity have brought us gobs of grasshoppers, always the most abundant where the weeds enjoy luscious growth.

Neither the weeds and grasshoppers nor the tomatoes and green beans do well in Death Valley. People there must travel the hot asphalt roads to the nearest store for most of their sustenance, and pay more often than normal for tires and coolant.

'Gators stray in Chicago river

CHICAGO (AP) — The next time you feel like dipping your toes in the Chicago River — beware.

A second alligator has been captured from the waterway that winds through downtown Chicago.

Children, parents and dog walkers gathered last week to catch a peek of the 3-foot reptile on the city's North Side.

A Chicago Herpetological Society volunteer caught a 2 1/2-foot alligator in the river earlier this month. The society wanted to catch the latest alligator quickly because it might not have been able to survive the harsh Chicago winter.

City animal control experts believe both alligators are abandoned pets.

Eight-year-old gator-spotter Caleb Berry said Monday he wasn't afraid of the gray-and-gold scaled alligator because it is "a baby."

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