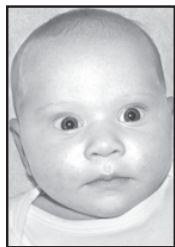


## Babies

### Daley Grace Brown

Daley Grace Brown, daughter and Tami Brown of Colby and Fred and Trudi Kuntzsch of Scott City. Great-grandparents are Jim and Jo Brown of Mesa, Ariz., Charles and Betty Bostwick of North Platte, Neb., and Mildred Kuntzsch of Victoria.



Daley Brown

Sister Piper Brown welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Jim

### Blayke Tayten Mauck

Blayke Tayten Mauck, daughter of Tate and Heather Mauck of Hoxie, was born Friday, July 1, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.



Blayke Mauck

Sisters Sydeny, Reilly, Avery and Harper welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Roger and Dolores Mauck of Hoxie and Glen and the late Donna Taylor of Mulvane. Great-grandparents are Duffer and JoAnn Mauck of Hoxie.

### Corbin Lee Pope

Corbin Lee Pope, son of Chris Pope and Tara Fulwider of Hoxie, was born Friday, June 24, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.



Corbin Pope

Grandparents are Russ and Linda Pope of Hoxie and Lynn and Kathy Fulwider of Brewster.

## Forest Service shows impact on state economy

Only counting things it could actually measure, the Bureau of Business Research has found the Kansas Forest Service's direct impact on the state's economy in 2010 added up to almost \$25 million. This included tax revenues, forestry-related jobs and \$8.8 million in wages.

For example, the foresters' Co-operative Fire Protection Program is far more than Smokey Bear coloring pages. It also targets rural towns and the volunteer firefighters who protect the majority of the state's land area.

"The surprise for me was the value of the public benefits we achieved," said State Forester Larry Biles. "Again based on credible research, the bureau translated that impact into an additional \$6.3 million - mostly related to our conserving the state's money and other resources."

Kansas foresters help those firefighters connect to cost-share programs, as well as to reconditioned federal vehicles and donated equipment. The foresters will develop a no-cost, written Master Fire Plan for counties or departments. They regularly offer training courses and related resources on fighting wildfires.

The Bureau of Business Research is part of the University of Nebraska's Department of Economics. Its study included the economic impacts of the state forestry agencies in the Dakotas and Nebraska. For cost-benefit comparisons, the bureau also assessed the agencies in states such as Colorado, Missouri and Ohio.

The Bureau of Business Research said those activities provided one-year and long-run benefits. Compared to other states' training, the Kansas service also saved about \$50 per firefighter. With 922 volunteers going through training last year, this translated into a benefit in terms of skills and knowledge, as well as an initial savings of \$46,100.

It reported Kansas foresters were doing an equal job with less money. And, they were extending their efforts beyond the expected programs in conservation trees, riparian plantings, wildlife habitat, Arbor Day, Tree City USA and agroforestry.

"It's gratifying to be recognized by such a respected group. To me, however, we're just reflecting our prairie pioneer heritage - work hard, be frugal and always strive for quality," Biles said.

Kansas has 5.2 million acres of forests and other trees.

## Officials guilty of stealing gas

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP) - Two men have resigned as supervisors and roadmasters of a western Pennsylvania township and will spend six months on probation for stealing gasoline from a township pump.

1,600 gallons of gas were missing last year from a supply meant only to fuel township-owned vehicles.

Hickory Township police Chief Mike Vitale tells the *New Castle News* that 70-year-old Stewart Michaels and 49-year-old R. Scott Mitcheltree told police that free gasoline was a perk of their jobs. It wasn't.

Michaels had been a supervisor in the township near New Castle for 19 years. Mitcheltree had been on the job 12 years.

As supervisors, each made \$1,875 per year, plus \$31,000 and benefits for being roadmasters who maintained the township's highways.

The men pleaded guilty Monday and must also pay \$200 restitution. An audit showed about

## Find real adventure in nonfiction books

We at the library have been working very hard to add new items for you to enjoy while summer is in full swing.

One such nonfiction book is "The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie," by Wendy McClure. McClure has loved the *Little House on the Prairie* series since she was young.

To this end she tries to recapture the books by trying to grind wheat and make bread. She travels to some locations found in the books. Though her image was changed by real life situations, she still finds herself drawn to the novels. I think she is a romantic with a good sense of humor!

The second nonfiction book is "The Seed: Finding Purpose and Happiness in Life and Work," by Jon Gordon. He began a journey of personal search about 10 years ago. His book helps us understand we can find joy and purpose in even in the most menial tasks or work.

As many in this community are farmers, you know the possibility a single seed holds. The seed planted in the soil multiplies. Gordon challenges us to find where we should be planted and then allow our work and efforts to produce a harvest in our lives, home and community.

A third nonfiction book is "The Hustle: One Team and Ten Lives in Black and White," by Doug Merlino. The author was one of the youth chosen to be part of the Amateur Athletic Union basketball team in Seattle.

A few well-off fathers in Seattle decide they want to have five poor youth on the team in order to impact their lives. Merlino describes this social experiment in both glowing terms and some not-so-effervescent moments.

The best part of the book focuses on team dynamics, building the youths' image and standing in society. He shares his opinions about race relations and the social issues of youth from the wrong side of the tracks. He also challenges us to examine whether sports really build young people's lives to greater advantage.

We have also added a popular fiction book by Richard Paul Evans, "Miles to Go." This is the second of the *Journal of the Walk* series. If you read the first book, you know Evans left readers a few miles outside of Spokane, Wash. The protagonist, Alan Christoffersen is walking to Florida - a walk precipitated by the illness of his wife, the loss of his advertising business through an associate and then the loss of his home.

All this causes him to examining the meaning of life and what is important. This walk is part of his learning experience. Please read the first book in the series, "The Walk" before reading the newest release. We have both of these books; they can be read in print or listened to by audiobook CDs. If



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you are taking a long trip, check out "The Walk" and "Miles To Go" and listen to them one right after the other.

Other new audiobook CDs we have received are: "Night Road," by Kristin Hannah; "The Fifth Witness," by Michael Connelly; "Lost Gate," by Orson Scott Card; "Eve," by Iris Johansen; "Orchard Valley Brides: Norah/Lone Star Lovin'," by Debbie Macomber; "Leaving," (*Bailey Flanigan* series) by Karen Kingsbury; "Best Kept Secrets," by Sandra Brown; "Live Wire," (Myron Bolitar) by Harlan Coben; "44 Charles Street," by Danielle Steel; "Quicksilver," (*Book 2: Arcane Society: Looking Glass Trilogy*) by Amanda Quick; "Reunion in Death," by J.D. Robb; "Mystery: An Alex Delaware Novel," by Jonathan Kellerman; "Bel-Air Dead," (Stone Barrington) by Stuart Woods; and "Save Me," by Lisa Scottoline.

I recently watched the DVD, "The Last Song," by the Hal Leonard Corporation. Miley Cyrus plays a disgruntled teenager and talented daughter forced to spend time with her father in Georgia. She is none too happy to be with him because of her parents' divorce. Miley and her brother learn some important information that transforms the view of their lives and life in general.

This thoughtful and heart-warming movie is great. I also love the music for the movie. Miley Cyrus sings the songs. The extras on the video include a music video. This move has made my husband and I readers and listeners of books by Nicholas Sparks, the author of the book the movie was based upon. Many of his books have been made into movies.

A more serious DVD is "Waiting for Superman," by Paramount Vantage. This discussion of schools and education in the U.S. is both challenging and heartening. I rejoiced with the victory educators were having in difficult environments. It was encouraging to see citizens and teachers decide the problems of our children need to be addressed, not just complained about. The movie demonstrated that when we roll up our sleeves we can make an impact. If you are an educator or care about youth, check this video out and mull over some of the hot issues facing us today.

Our summer schedule is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. If you have not gotten your new library card, drop by and let us update your account. See you in the library!

## Deaths

### Elsie Wessel

Elsie Wessel, 95, Hoxie, died today, July 7, 2011, at the Sheridan County Health Complex. She was born March 26, 1916. Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

### High Plains Lions Club

Following a sack lunch and a board meeting, the High Plains Lions met June 27 at the Student Union at Colby Community College.

President Melinda Morton called the meeting to order as the new president and led the flag salute. There were no guests or birthdays. Mary Hurtt led the group in singing.

Roger Hale, secretary, read the minutes of past secretary Sheryl Brenn. Larry Brenn gave the treasurer's report.

Sheryl Brenn had a letter from Alex Juenemann asking to attend the Monday, July 11, meeting to report his experience at the Lions State Convention Band Camp. Juenemann was sponsored by the High Plains Lions Club.

Hurtt had a request for eyeglasses from a child in Brewster. The request was to ask them to contact the Brewster Lions Club.

In old business, final preparations were made for the Fourth of July Fifth Annual Celebration.

The club was to meet at noon on July 4 to set up the 4-H building; returning at 5:30 p.m. to begin food preparation. The entertainment was to start at 6 p.m. with the Tumbleweed Barber Shop Chorus, followed by the *Colby Free Press* Cointest at about 6:30 p.m. and games afterwards. The Kiwanis' free fireworks show was to begin at dusk. Hurtt had donated the jewelry for the raffle.

The Relay for Life cake walk raised \$77. The proceeds will be given to the Cancer Society.

In new business, the concession trailer for the Thomas County Free

Fair July 25 through 30 has been delivered to the fair grounds.

The club plans to do repairs on the Whittaker supply trailer, replacing the floor and tires and painting the trailer before the fair. The coolers have been ordered.

The Brenns delivered the collected eyeglasses and cell phones to Hays on their way to the state convention. Hale brought a sack of glasses to the meeting that he had collected.

Hurtt and Sheryl Brenn attended the June 23 Jetmore Lions meeting honoring Bill Showi's 100th birthday. The club also honored Showi's 65 year membership in the Lions.

Hazel Estes will be transferring her membership to the new Lions Club in Burlington, Colo. Estes gave many years of dedication and involvement while she was a member of the High Plains Lions Club. The club members wish her well as a charter member of the new club.

Sheryl Brenn, the new Vice District Governor Elect, will be attending the Great Plains Leadership Institute Friday through Sunday, July 22 to 24, in Crete, Neb. She invited other members to accompany her.

Sheryl Brenn thanked all who participated June 25 in the Hoxie Rod event by working the concessions trailer.

Sheryl Brenn won the drawing. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11, at the Student Union at Colby Community College. Juenemann will have the program.

- Roger Hale

## Newman grads named

Amanda Lanning of Colby was among the graduates at the Newman University Spring 2011 Commencement ceremony held May 14 at Central Community Church in Wichita. She earned a Master of Social Work degree from the uni-

versity. Other graduates from our area, all with master's in social work, are Jennifer Albers, Jamie Heskett and Nyla Holoday, all of Oakley; and Vicki Beiser of Quinter.

## Wily llama on lam caught

REDMOND, Ore. (AP) - For months, police in Redmond, Ore., got calls about a tall stranger roaming central Oregon. He was shaggy, unkempt and wily enough to evade pursuers.

But the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reported Bahama the llama is in custody.

The sheriff's office guesses Bahama is 3-5 years old. He's chocho-

late brown with a shaggy coat. Callers had reported seeing the llama on Oregon Route 126 for at least two months.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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**Little Apple Jazz Festival**  
July 9, Manhattan  
Free festival featuring 7 bands on 2 stages, food vendors, a family-fun area and more! Larry Norvell Band Shell, Manhattan City Park (785) 532-6571, k-state.edu/upc

**Amelia Earhart Festival**  
July 15-16, Atchison  
Celebrating the spirit of the famed pioneer! LakeFest concert featuring Darius Rucker! Music, food, crafts, kid's events all day. (800) 234-1854, atchisonkansans.net

**Blues, BBQ & Bargains**  
July 15-17, Hays  
Sidewalk sales, food vendors, blues music, beer garden, 3rd annual KCBS BBQ contest and much more. Check out Facebook: Blues, BBQ & Bargains for schedule.

**Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival**  
July 15-17, Colby  
Three days of great bluegrass music. National and local bands, craft and food vendors, children's activities and more! (800) 611-8835, colbybluegrass.org

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July 23, Abilene  
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