



Kimberly Diane Halley and Peter Allen Younger

May ceremony planned in Nebraska

Kimberly Diane Halley of Overton, Neb., and Peter Allen Younger of Colby plan to marry Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Westmark Evangelical Free Church in Loomis, Neb. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Carol Halley of Overton, Neb. She is a 2008 graduate of Overton High School and is planning to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in May 2012

with a Bachelor of Science degree in business. Her emphasis is in accounting.

The groom is the son of Steve and Brenda Younger of Colby.

He is a 2008 graduate of Stratton High School in Stratton, Colo. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in telecommunications management from Kearney and plans to graduate in May 2012.

Local artist in auction

Colby artist Rebel Jay will have work in the annual Signature Auction benefit for Smoky Hills Public Television, to be broadcast live from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

Jay donated a two-dimensional mixed-media work to the auction. The piece, "A Day in the Life of Kokopelli," will be auctioned during the 8 p.m. hour Saturday.

This year's auction features 100 pieces of art donated by artists across the state, including paint-

ings, photography and jewelry. Viewers can vote for their favorite piece for the "People's Choice Award." Votes can be submitted by e-mail to auction@shptv.org or by mail to Box 9, Bunker Hill Kan., 67626.

Go to www.smokyhillstv.org to view the art and find voting instructions. The winner will be announced during the auction.

For information, call (800) 337-4788 or go to www.smokyhillstv.org.

Police put squeeze on thief

EAST LONGMEADOW, Mass. (AP) - Police using surveillance video have put the squeeze on a man suspected of trying to steal a shopping cart full of toothpaste from a western Massachusetts grocery store.

Police arrested 23-year old Timothy John Laflamme on Monday after spotting him sitting in a car across the street from the Stop & Shop supermarket in East Longmeadow he was accused of trying to rob last week.

Laflamme, of Chicopee, pleaded not guilty to shoplifting and was ordered held without bail because of pending cases in Springfield. Police tell *The Springfield Re-*

publican (bit.ly/HYpr8d) that Laflamme tried leaving the store with the toothpaste on April 4 but fled when he was stopped by store employees.

Police say shoplifting toothpaste and other toiletries is common. Thieves try to resell the items to small convenience stores.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Lyle Worthy, first; Katie Melvin, second; Margaret Danneler, third; Elaine Ptacek, fourth; Mary Molstad, fifth; and Larry Barrett, sixth.

Infectious epidemic of cynicism works against spirit of integrity

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" - Psalm 1:1

A deadly virus has been spreading slowly over many years but it has become an epidemic. The epidemic I am referring to is a spiritual infection known as cynicism.

The dictionary defines a cynic as a person who doubts or denies the goodness of human motives. Now, it is probably a good thing to have a little bit of cynicism, otherwise we would be taken in by every snake-oil salesman who comes along. But when healthy skepticism burns into a general attitude, we risk becoming cynics.

The biblical name for a cynic is "scorner" or "scoffer," and we are warned repeatedly to avoid them. The first Psalm, for example, counsels us not to "sit in the seat of the scornful," and it warns us that our "blessedness," or happiness, will be affected if we ignore this advice.



Mark Carlton

From the Pulpit

The person who chooses to sit in the seat of the scornful will be an altogether different person by the time he gets up than he was when he sat down. At first he will doubt just the goodness or sincerity of another person's motives, but as he continues to sit in the seat of the scornful he will begin to believe that goodness does not exist at all. Finally, he will come to hate the very idea of goodness, and even life itself.

If a person claims to be virtuous, speaking out for honor and integrity, the full blown cynics' instinct will be to assume he must be a hypocrite and to attack him. For the cynic in the latter stages of the disease, calls for virtue,

duty or truth are not just suspect, but occasions for anger - because he has long ago ceased to believe in such things.

The Bible counsels us, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." Surely cynicism is one of the things we ought to be on guard against, lest the springs of our life become foul and bitter through its presence.

When one is tempted to believe there is no such thing as goodness, truth or honor, it is good to remember that there are all kinds of people in this world. Sure, there are rogues, scoundrels and hypocrites, and no one of us is perfect. But there are also a lot of imperfect but basically decent, well-motivated men and women out there too. The challenge Jesus gives to each person who claims to be a follower of His is to be one of them, and to at least leave open the possibility that there are others out there, too.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church.

Job fair offers statewide opportunities

Job seekers across the state should plan to attend the 2012 Kansas Statewide Job Fair. The free job fair is sponsored by KANSASWORKS, the Kansas Economic Development Alliance and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. More than 75 companies will be represented.

The job fair will be from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at

the United Wireless Arena, 4100 Comanche St., Dodge City. The event will be open exclusively to military personnel, military spouses and veterans from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The event opens to all participants at 3:30 p.m.

Recruiters from companies across Kansas, many conducting on-site interviews, will be present. In addition, several community

colleges and technical schools will have information about their classes and programs available.

United Wireless Arena is just west of Dodge City and can be accessed from U.S. 50.

Job seekers are encouraged to dress appropriately for interviews and bring copies of their resumes. In addition, participants should go to KANSASWORKS.com prior

to attending the job fair for the latest list of companies attending and positions available. The KANSASWORKS Mobile Center will be on site to help with resume building and career counseling.

Go to KANSASWORKS.com and click on the "Job Fairs" link and then click the "Western Kansas" link for information or call (877) 509-6757.

Sports medicine topic of meeting

HaysMed Education Department, High Plains Sports Medicine and The University of Kansas Medical Center AHEC-Northwest will hold its 10th Annual Sports Medicine Symposium on Saturday, April 21.

The program will be held at the Hadley Conference Rooms at Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; the program runs from 8 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Speakers include Daniel Divilbiss, Sukchan Lee, Gulraiz Cheema and Sameh Abuerreish, all from HaysMed and Michael Griffith of Tulsa, Okla.

Topics are concussion manage-

ment, wrist injuries, foot and ankle injuries, sickle cell disease in athletes, agility training and rehab and explosiveness drills.

This program is designed for athletic trainers, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, physicians, physician assistants and all allied health care professionals interested in sports medicine.

Continuing education credit is available.

The fee is \$60 for non-HaysMed attendees, \$30 for HaysMed, Critical Access Hospital and Pawnee Valley Hospital attendees and \$25

for students. Lunch is included.

To register, call (800) 248-0073, extension 5500 or go to www.haysmed.com/education.

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

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Stop and Take a Moment

Paint Brush, Paint, Ladder...here we go

If you are planning to embark on a few home improvements, it's best to know which improvements have the greatest rate of return on your investment. The ROI (return on investment) should always play a part in your updating plan. In a nutshell, its how much money you could recoup when you sell!

If you detour too far from the values of the mythical home buyer, you shrink the pool of potential buyers. Putting a gold plated jet tub in the master bath...may not be a good idea.

In our local area, there are several home improvement projects that will give you a great ROI. Also remember, that spending more doesn't necessarily mean you will get back a higher percentage of return. Installing custom cherry wood cabinets actually may bring you less than just painting your original cabinets to pristine white. Here are some of the top midrange projects for our area and the estimated rate of return:

***Wood deck (85.4% ROI) - Minor Kitchen remodel (83% ROI) - Bathroom remodel (78.3%) - Basement remodel (75.1%) garage addition (80% ROI) - fence (85% ROI) - master suite addition around (69% ROI), Landscaping (95% ROI).**

Don't forget there are many, many inexpensive ways to spruce up your home and give it a fresh look, without spending much at all. Call me to check out my free DVD and book on how to give your home a new look on a low budget. I am always available to visit with, about how to get the max out of your improvement in our local market.

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Services Directory

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Rexford Community Church

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby High School Auditorium. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten- 5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberan.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497. Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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