



Daniel "D.J." Reitcheck and Megan Baalman

Colby, Oakley couple plan June rite in Colby

Megan Marie Baalman of Oakley and Daniel James "D.J." Reitcheck of Colby plan to marry Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with a reception to follow at the American Legion.

The bride is the daughter of Duane and Michaela Baalman of Oakley. She is the granddaughter of Lee Ann (McInay) Rehmer and the late Joe Rehmer of Grinnell and the late Johnny and Ruth Baalman of Oakley.

Megan is a 2008 graduate of Oakley High School and a 2011 graduate of Fort Hays State Uni-

versity with a bachelor's degree in early childhood unified.

The groom is the son of Dan and Charlene Reitcheck of Colby. He is the grandson of Al and Barb Reitcheck of Seguin and Jim and Lucille Cashmer of Arkansas.

A 2007 graduate of Oakley High School, he received an associate degree in computer programming from Colby Community College in 2009. He is a farmer near Colby.

After honeymooning in West Palm Beach, Fla., the couple plans a home in Colby.

Library's closed, still adding books

The library is officially closed for refurbishing until Friday, May 18.

We are asking patrons to have their items returned by Friday, May 25. However, if a person checked out a number of items and wishes to return some earlier, they can return them through our drop off slots in the driveway or in our drop box on School Avenue.

Even though we are closed for the month, we believe there is always something to tell you about for the library. This last weekend we added numerous audiobooks for patrons to listen to while we are closed. Most were checked out by the time we closed Wednesday.

The first book I want to tell you about is "Come Home," by Lisa Scottoline. This author is one of the most popular murder mystery authors writing today.

Protagonist Jill Ruspolini has finally gotten her life back on track. She has just officially begun an exciting relationship through marriage with a new family. The problem comes when her daughter from a previous marriage begs Ruspolini to help her solve the murder of her father, Ruspolini's ex-husband.

Things get complicated and she must decide just how much of her future she is willing to risk to help a young woman who was once a large part of her life. We have this book in regular and large print, as well as in audio CD format.

The second book is "Capitol Murder: A Novel of Suspense," by Phillip Margolin. In this book, private investigator Dana Cutler and attorney Brad Miller find themselves thrown back together to solve the murder of a person found in Sen. Jack Carson's home.

Splitting up to dig into the case, they think it is the work of Clarence Little, who just escaped death row. The interesting twist comes when a terrorist cell is discovered and the senator's work with the Select Committee on Intelligence becomes more intriguing. We have this item in print and audiobook.

The third item is "The Thief," by Clive Cussler. Protagonist Isaac Bell has just thwarted an assignment attempt on two scientists with a very important invention. Bell does not anticipate another attack, but one of the two is killed. Now he must find out just who did



Melany Wilks

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it and why they would care about this invention. This item is in print and audiobook format.

A fourth item is "Calico Joe," by John Grisham. This is a book about baseball and the AAA Wichita club, as well as Joe Castle who was taken out of the AA Club in Midland, Texas. Joe became the most famous rookie in the league. Paul Tracey was the son of Warren Tracey. Tracey was up to bat against Calico Joe. Paul was rooting for both players. He wanted his father to succeed, but he also loved Joe, the famous pitcher. Readers will enjoy the suspense as well as the baseball in this book. We have this in print and audiobook.

Other audiobooks we are adding are: "The Lost Years," by Mary Higgins Clark; "Catch Me," by Lisa Gardner; "Poison Flower," (A Jane Whitefield Novel), by Thomas Perry; "Stay Close," by Harlan Coben; "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," and "The Girl Who Played with Fire," both by Steig Larsson; "Victims," (An Alex Delaware Novel), by Jonathan Kellerman; "The Rope," (An Anna Pigeon Novel/Anna Pigeon Mysteries), by Nevada Barr; "Left for Dead," by J.A. Jance; "Oath of Office," by Michael Palmer; "I've Got Your Number," by Sophie Kinsella; "Private Games," by James Patterson; "Celebrity In Death," by J.D. Robb; "Home Front," by Kristin Hannah; "Guilty Wives," by James Patterson; and "Defending Jacob," by William Landay.

Thank you to all who attended events each day during National Library Week. We had great lunches and enjoyable authors and speakers who made the week a success. We averaged 46 persons per day for lunch.

These events would not be as successful without the help of those who contributed salads and desserts. The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library organization helped sponsor this week as well. So those of you who are part of this organization made last week possible!

Cats draw for donations

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A Los Angeles animal shelter that lets its cats chase toys on top of iPads hope the digital art created will encourage donations of money and tablet computers.

An Animal Planet crew visited the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles for the April 14 episode of "Must

Love Cats," where they documented how four cats used an app called Paint for Cats.

The results were so compelling that the shelter turned them into notecards. The cards with drawings named "Study in Feather Toys" and "Movement in Catnip" are being sold online for \$5.99 a pack.

Deaths

Harold Lefmann

Harold Lefmann, 92, Colby, a retired Colby Community College German instructor, died Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Nov. 24, 1919, to Jacob and Jessie (Wade) Lefmann in Douglas County. He graduated from Lawrence High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

He served in the military during World War II.

On March 6, 1969, he married Phyllis Acheson.

A German and history teacher at Colby High School for 23 years, he was one of the first teachers at

Colby Community College.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Order of Eastern Star and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preceding him in death were his wife and a sister, Hazel Price.

Survivors include a daughter, Julia Lefmann, Colby, and two brothers, Delmar Lefmann, New Jersey, and Delbert Lefmann, Virginia.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at the Colby United Methodist Church. No visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the college's scholarship fund, in care of Baalmann Mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met April 9 at Hunter Hall.

President Kasey Hoyt called the meeting to order. Emeline Hutton led the flag salute. Ashley Barrie, song leader, led the club in "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Thirteen members answered roll call by naming a favorite holiday.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Dara Roulrier.

Parent leader Kathy Baird reported that each family is to fill out a 4-H Family Survey on paper or online. She reminded members that Tuesday, May 1, is the deadline to sign up for projects. She also reported that the club received a blue ribbon on the model meeting at Regional 4-H Club Day. Members who participated in the model meeting received their blue ribbon.

Hutton reported on use of the gavel. She also announced the last meeting's report was published on March 15 in the *Colby Free Press*.

Ben Baird reported that the club needs to vote on a design for the fair trophy T-shirts and that volunteers age 14 and older are needed for the 4-H council's day camp to be held in May. Layton Werth volunteered to help at Day Camp. Baird also told the club that the community garden in Colby would like 4-H members to vol-

unteer time this summer to help water and weed.

Baird said the annual Easter egg hunt was held in the Brewster School gym due to bad weather.

Hutton told the club that the annual vaccination and rabies clinic will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Brewster at the city building with Dr. Mariah Berry, from Heartland Animal Hospital in Goodland. Club members need to sign up to work during the clinic. The community is encouraged to bring pets to receive annual vaccinations. Hutton asked for volunteers to help make signs to advertise. Baird and Hoyt volunteered to assist.

Hoyt and Hunter House gave project talks.

Dara Roulrier led the club in singing the ABC Song. An Easter Egg Hunt was led by Werth. Announcements were read by Hoyt; she reminded everyone of the Rabies Clinic, May 1 project deadline and small animal weigh-in the beginning of May.

Vice President Michael Schmidt read the program for next month's meeting which will be Monday, May 14.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Brett Roulrier. Hosts were the Baird and Werth families.

- Emeline Hutton, Recorder

Thieves make clean getaway

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) - Thieves in eastern Kentucky have made a clean getaway - with a bathtub.

An Ashland woman reported to police that the tub was stolen after it was delivered to her home by

UPS.

The *Independent* (bit.ly/GTH-FbU) cited a police report, which said the cast iron tub was an antique valued at \$1,800. Police are investigating.

Corrections

A baby announcement for David Berry Mundung Jr. on Page 3 of the Thursday, April 12, 2012, *Colby Free Press* gave the wrong date of birth. He was born Sunday, April 1, 2012. This was a reporting error.



Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded April 9 to April 16

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- April 9, quit claim deed, Sondra Barnett to Velma F. Barnett; NE/4 and SE/4 of Sec. 3, T7, R32.
- April 10, Melda A. Moore to Carl A. and Janet M. Miller; Lots 6-15, Block 7, Original Gem.
- April 13, Cooper Grain Inc. to Ralph H. III and Joan M. Brighton; Lots 1 and 9, Block 3, Colby Pioneer Subdivision II.
- April 13, Ronald L. and Cheryl R. Kogler to Ralph H. III and Joan M. Brighton; Lots 7-8, Block 3, Colby Pioneer Subdivision II.
- April 13, Mary Harper Brown

Trust No. 1 to Norman J. Hichert II; west 89.5' of Lots 11-12 and west 82.5' of Lots 13, Block 76, Colby West Addition.

- April 13, quit claim deed, Ross B. and Jeanne S. Sloan to Ross B. Sloan Trust and Jeanne S. Sloan Trust; Sec. 27, T7, R33 less tract.
- April 13, quit claim deed, Ross B. and Jeanne S. Sloan to Ross B. Sloan Trust and Jeanne S. Sloan Trust; E/2 of Sec. 14, T6, R32.
- April 13, quit claim deed, Ross B. and Jeanne S. Sloan to Ross B. Sloan Trust and Jeanne S. Sloan Trust; 2.3-acre tract of NE/4 of Sec. 27, T7, R33.
- April 13, States Resources Corp. to Amber 3R LLC; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 7, T8, R33.

Tiny puppy could be smallest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - A puppy named after one of the world's biggest pop stars could set the world's record for tiniest dog.

Animal rescuers in Northern California say the female Dachshund mix, named Beyonce, was so small at birth that she could fit into a spoon. At two weeks, she was about the size of a business card.

The Grace Foundation, based

in El Dorado County, says animal control picked up Beyonce's pregnant mother, and she gave birth to a litter of five on March 8.

Beyonce was the last delivered, and was born without a heartbeat. Veterinarians revived her through chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The foundation has submitted an application to Guinness World Records for world's smallest dog.

Blood Drive

The blood drive last Thursday at the Colby Community Building

ended with 83 people presenting but only 76 productive units, not meeting the goal of 81.

Friday ended with 54 presenting but only 46 productive units, meeting the goal exactly.

Some people had low iron so they couldn't donate.

The next blood drive will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 13 and 14. Stay in touch, as there will be a "Battle of the Churches."

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.77
Corn (bushel)	\$5.76
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.68

The David Holland Band

APPEARING LIVE! Country Western Band from the Wichita area featuring David Holland, guitarist and lead vocalist along with steel, bass guitar, vocals and drummer.

GRAINFIELD OPERA HOUSE • Grainfield, KS
Saturday, April 21, 2012 • 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15 per person

For tickets contact: Diana Kaiser, 785-938-4416
Janet Ziegler, 785-673-3021
Ron Eberle, 785-673-9519

Proceeds to Benefit Elevator Fund
Co-Sponsored by Grainfield Lions Club and QUINTER CHIROPRACTIC



St. Thomas Lodge #306

Stated Meeting
St. Thomas Lodge
Monday, April 23rd
Dinner - 7:00
Master Mason Degree

OPEN HOUSE

Ron Clark Insurance
280 N. Franklin, Colby, KS

In Conjunction with the 2012 Art Walk

April 20th 6-9 p.m. Art Walk Participant
Door Prizes and Refreshments

CHS Forensics Presents:

COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

A showcase of CHS Forensics performances combined with coffee, tea and many choices of homemade desserts.

Monday, April 23rd
7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Enjoy an evening of relaxation and entertainment.
(free will donation)

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

Brought to you in part by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism

South Kansas Symphony - On the Prairie
April 20, Winfield
Narrated by Larry Hatteburg. Outdoor concert, bring a picnic and lawnchair. Tickets: \$6, Time: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Bonfy Ranch, 24011 141st Rd., Winfield www.sckans.edu/sks-band (620) 229-6272

Kansas Storytelling Festival
April 27-28, Downs
The power of a story is celebrated! Humor, history, music & tall tales for all ages. Imagination brings them to life!
kansastorytelling.com (785) 454-6648

Kansas Byways
Kansas has eleven byways, eight scenic, two of which are National Scenic Byways and three historic byways. In addition to being beautiful drives, the byways each have a fascinating history and an abundance of activities to enjoy. ksbbyways.org

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