

Deaths

Anna Christena Weed

Anna Christena Weed, 84, an Oakley homemaker, died April 27, 2012, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby. She was born July 7, 1927, to Rasmus and Sarah (Pounds) Jensen in Lincoln County. On Aug. 25, 1945, she married Kenneth Weed. She was a long-term resident of the Levant area. Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents and a brother-in-law, Robert Schroeder Sr.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda (Dick) Roesch, Colby; Barbara (Al) Schmidt, Oakley; and Trudy (Joe) Heath, Dighton; a sister, Helen Schroeder, Levant; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Cremation has been chosen. Private family services will be held later, with burial in Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Phi Gamma Club

The Phi Gamma Club met Friday, April 27, at the home of Bev Eicher for their spring luncheon and induction of officers.

Co-hostess was Diana Schiffner. 10 members and one guest enjoyed pineapple peach punch and lunch.

Museum to show quilts at June exhibit in Logan

Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, is exhibiting the Midwest Transplant Network's Donor Memorial Quilt and the "Local Quilting Class Exhibit" beginning Friday, June 1, through Sunday, July 1. Midwest Transplant Network's Donor Memorial Quilt is dedicated to the memory of all those who have given gifts of life through organ, tissue or eye donation. Since its beginning in the year 2000, hundreds of families have chosen to honor a loved one by creating a quilt square in his/her memory. Many families choose to adorn their loved one's quilt square with special details such as a photograph, poem, quote or symbol of the donor's life. MTN's Donor Memorial Quilt is a work in progress. There is no deadline, and it is

never finished, as we know there will always be other families who face the death of a loved one and make the decision to donate. The Local Quilting Class Exhibit will feature the quilts created in quilting classes offered through the continuing education program at the museum. Janie Lowry of Stockton has led the classes for several years. The quilters have worked diligently on their projects using different techniques, patterns, fabrics and designs and are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to display their talents and finished products. For information, call Dane G. Hansen Museum at (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Collector proud of his 'junk'

By M. Scott Morris
Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal

TUPELO, Miss. (AP) – If you meet Lindy Gambrell, he might be tempted to poor-mouth his menagerie of odds and ends. "I'm proud of my junk," he said. Don't listen to his "junk" talk because Gambrell's collection of mason jars, comedy albums, vacuum cleaners, tin signs, cotton sacks, whiskey jugs, marbles, smithing tools, farm implements and so much more should be described properly: Treasure. "The age I've gotten to, it's better to sell than to buy," the 72-year-old Tupelo resident said, then he pretended to open a make-believe wallet. "But if I sold it all, all of them \$20 bills would look the same. They all look different on the shelves." Several barns and sheds protect his antiques and oddities, but one special item remains in the open, right where his daddy left it about 60 years ago. It's a rusted mule rake, a machine used to harvest hay in days gone by. Two steel wheels are about 5 feet tall and 10 feet apart. Between them are 28 tines for gathering up hay. Mules pulled it until the elder Gambrell bought a tractor and retired his mules. The device was leaned against a sycamore tree, where it stayed for six decades. "The tree's grown over it. The roots, too," Gambrell said. "It's been swallowed." Not long ago, his son-in-law

suggested cutting the tree down. "I said, 'Hold on, Ron. I'm kind of fond of it,'" Gambrell said. The sycamore once grew 50 or 60 feet into the air – "Maybe higher. That was a huge tree," he said – but no more. It's about 15 feet tall now. Last year, green leaves grew on a few thin sprouts, but there's no trace of green this year. Bark peels away as easily as wrapping paper. "I don't know what to do with it," Gambrell said. "It can't last too much longer." His 10-year-old grandson, Jordan Browning, said, "It's doing all right tearing up all by itself, Pop." While nature has its way, a single limb Gambrell used to climb when he was Jordan's age remains. There's no rush to say goodbye. He has his other passions, of course. Gambrell is a regular at flea markets in Northeast Mississippi. He actually sells some of his things. For instance, he's been reducing his marble holdings. But certain dealers in rare, old-fashioned wares love it when Gambrell walks their way with his real wallet at the ready. It's regular to see his truck overflowing with tin signs, used books, rare tools and other finds. "I like old stuff. I guess you can tell that," he said, smiling and wiping the sweat from under his Tupelo Hardware hat. "I've got tons and tons. I don't know why." He might joke around and say it's all junk, but anyone with eyes to see and ears to listen will recognize his treasure for what it is.

Bears interrupt weather report

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) – A mama bear and three of her cubs were caught on camera at a northeastern Pennsylvania television station seconds before a live weather report was to begin. It happened during the 11 p.m. newscast at WNEP-TV in Scranton. The station has a landscaped outdoor area it calls "the back-

yard" with trees and a water fountain for its weather segments. Meteorologist Kurt Aaron said he heard something behind him and when he turned around, a black bear was 10 feet away. He said he ran inside and did his report from indoors while a camera continued to show the bear family exploring.

New books range from prez to parties

This week I'd like to give you a heads up on items that can be found on the new book shelf when we reopen.

The first is a nonfiction item entitled "The Presidents Club," by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. This book includes presidents from the 31st, Herbert Hoover, to the 44th, Barack Obama. It's interesting that the authors group the various presidents not only by eras but by themes of various administrations. I have not read the book, so I cannot tell you whether it is heavily biased. I leave that for the reader to decide.

The second book is "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake," by Anna Quindlen. This Pulitzer Prize-winning author has written on insights gleaned from her life and experiences. Her sharing may bring inspiration and delight to your day when merely picking on section to read. You may discover a few expressions to describe something in your life to others.

The third book is also a memoir, called "Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected," by Kelle Hampton. This is a beautifully done book about a young mother who finds her second daughter has Down syndrome. She does not discover this until after the birth and her pediatrician confirms the diagnosis. During the first few days she is devastated, but after bringing the child home, she and her family discover a vibrancy of life and experience they never anticipated. The pictures in this book alone make this book worth the checkout.

If you are interested in this subject, we have also just added the book, "Down Syndrome Parenting 101: Must-Have Advice for Making Your Life Easier," by Natalie Hale.

The fifth book is "celebratori: Unleashing Your Inner Party Planner to Entertain Friends and Family," by Tori Spelling. This gives some new ideas for entertaining and decorating for the person on a budget.

Some party ideas are a cowboys and lace party, a game night and a do-it-yourself spa brunch. Spelling gives ideas for creating décor, with decorations or using things from the past to create a mood. Pictures are found in each chapter illustrating and giving examples of concepts. Another book is "The First 20 Minutes: Surprising Science Reveals How We Can: Exercise Better, Train Smarter, Live Longer," by Gretchen Reynolds. This is not a how-to book with pictures. It is a book that discusses health, exercise and wellness.

In the first chapters it talks about just how much exercise is needed for a positive attitude and a feeling of physical well-being. It postulates that walking is better than running and that even 20 minutes a week of activity or exercise boosts positive feeling.

My husband and I are doing Walk Kansas this year and I often think "oh I have to get my cardiovascular movement up for 20 minutes at least." I then remember that the most effective results come after you have exercised a few minutes and gotten your heart beat up to a certain level – the 20 minutes start after that.

However, recently I have been tired with all moving and remodeling in the library. I have said to myself, "Just get out there



Melany Wilks

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and walk. Get yourself moving." What I've found is that I get going and my pace increases, my energy actually returns and I find myself enjoying my time out and about. Reading the beginning of the book just confirms what I've experienced.

A few other nonfiction books we are adding that I do not have space to write about are "Astronomy With A Budget Telescope," by Patrick Moore and John Watson; "Adoption Is A Family Affair," by Patricia Irwin Johnston; "Stop Signs: Recognizing, Avoiding and Escaping Abusive Relationships," by Lynn Fairweather; "Better By Mistake: The Unexpected Benefits of Being Wrong," by Alina Tugend; "A Comprehensive Guide to Suicidal Behaviours: Working with Individuals at Risk of Suicide and their Families," by David Aldridge; and "Real Simple Easy, Delicious Home Cooking: A Year of Fresh, Healthy Recipes for Every Occasion," by Real Simple.

People are curious to know how the work in the library is going. We have most of the carpet laid and the painting finished. We now need to put in the tile. After all this is done, we start the massive work of clean up, putting furniture in place, hanging items and just generally putting our library back together.

Remember, 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 you wish to return some items earlier, return them through our drop off slots in the driveway or in our drop box on School Avenue.

If you have a question, please e-mail us at contactus@colbylibrary.com.



Lauren Cox and Cuyler Prichard

Outdoor rite to follow graduation at Sterling

Lauren Cox of Colby and Cuyler Prichard of Aurora, Colo., plan to marry in an outdoor wedding on Sunday, May 13, 2012, at Sterling College.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Jeanne Cox of Colby. She is the granddaughter of Joseph and Beverly Moss of Colby and Leonard and Elsie Cox of Sharon Springs.

Lauren graduated in December 2011 from Sterling College with degrees in Biblical studies and Christian ministries.

The groom is the son of Wade and Mindy Prichard of Aurora, Colo., and the grandson of Joe and Pat Stone of Colorado Springs, Bert and April Prichard of Oceanide, Calif., and Joyce Bryant of Gardnerville, Nev.

He will graduate from Sterling College on Saturday, May 12, with a degree in business and a minor in Christian ministries.

The couple plans to travel this summer.

Barn tour rescheduled

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission has rescheduled a tour of area barns for 2 p.m. Sunday. The tour group will leave The Gateway at 2 p.m.

Tour members will gather at The Gateway to form car pools. Refreshments will be served during the tour at the farm of Steve and Arian Arnold. Other barns on the tour include those of Mick Barth, Richard Anderson, Millard Kye (the Mines barn), Martin May, Art May and the Helmkamp barn.

This is an Arts and Human-

ities season ticket event or \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and \$25 for families.

For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.



You're Invited!

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. of Colby invites the public to share in their Business After 5 and 30th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, May 10 from 5:00PM until 7:00PM on the hospital campus. We are very pleased to honor the Founders of Citizens Medical Center at a Founders Celebration at 6:00PM in the hospital conference room. Activities, food, and tours will take place at Family Center for Health Care, Citizens Medical Center, and Prairie Senior Living Complex.

If you have any questions, please call Tama Unger at Citizens Foundation (785) 460-1214.

Family Center for Health Care 5:00 - 7:00

- Non-alcoholic drinks and finger foods
- Tour of FCHC facility
- Discuss expansion/Capital Campaign (FCHC basement)

Citizens Medical Center 5:00 - 7:00

- Cookies and drinks in cafeteria
- Displays of last thirty years of service
- Tours of Physical Therapy, laundry and the latest addition

6:00

- Founders Celebration at CMC Conference Room

Prairie Senior Living Center 5:15 or 6:30

- Tour Bus departs from CMCI to PSLC

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