

Deaths

Frank 'Sonny' Wilson Jr.

Frank "Sonny" Wilson Jr., 84, a retired farmer and rancher from Oakley, died July 3, 2012 at Citizens' Medical Center in Colby. He was born Nov. 21, 1927, in Colby, to Frank and Cathern (Cox) Wilson. On Sept. 17, 1947, he married Joanne Hanna in Oakley. They had a farm and ranch southeast of Oakley, where they lived until retired in 1990. He loved working the farm, his cattle and his dogs, including a schnauzer named Brandi, and his grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife in 2010; two grandchildren, Robyn Wilson and Cody Wilson; three brothers, Lloyd, Clyde and Clarence Wilson; and five sisters, Elva Pilkington, Pearl Wilson (infant), Goldie Wilson, Bessie "Bep" Luebke and Jeannie McDonald.

Survivors include three sons, Rex (Cheryl) Wilson, Rod (Ruth) Wilson, and Cliff (Robin Boese) Wilson, all of Oakley; three sisters-in-law, Bertilla Wilson, of Colby; Nina Mary Wilson, of Denver; and Lois Wilson, of Montclair, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2012, at the Oakley United Methodist Church with Pastor Sheryl Johnson officiating and burial in the Oakley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. The family suggests memorials to the Oakley United Methodist Church, in care of funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748. Condolences may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II

Memorial services for Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II, 65, longtime Colby physician, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2012, at the Colby High School Auditorium, with Pastor Mark Carlton officiating.

The Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. For full details see Page 1, "Longtime Colby physician dies," in today's paper.

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met June 11, at a park near Hunter Hall in Brewster. Ten members and guest Kacy Felzien attended. Roll call was answered with a project members' parents should take in 4-H. Acting President Ben Baird called the meeting to order; Austin Burkholder led the flag salute. Alicia Barrie and Burkholder, song leaders, led the club in singing "Row Your Boat." Parent Leader Kathy Baird announced the club is responsible for the putt putt golf at the fair; all families need to sign up for a shift. Ben Baird gave a report of the last council meeting. The last month's meeting report was printed in the Colby Free Press on June 1, said Janna Hutton on behalf of reporter Emeline Hutton, who was

absent. Burkholder gave a project talk on shooting sports. Ben Baird gave a tip on water safety. Kelly Palmgren gave a latch hook demonstration. Brett Roulier, with assistance from Hunter House, demonstrated how to walk a pig. Ashley Barrie reported on her experiences at band camp. A game of Pterodactyl, led by Ben Baird, was played for recreation. He also read announcements. Acting Vice-President Alicia Barrie read the program for next month's meeting in July. The date yet to be determined by the tour committee. Ashley Barrie led the 4-H pledge. The meeting's host was the Baird family. — Emeline Hutton

Celebrate the Big Easel

The High Plains Museum in Goodland is celebrating Kansas's largest artwork, the Big Easel, from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Learn about the Big Easel's history in Goodland and artist Cameron Cross and paint your own interpretation of the Big Easel's artwork on a T-shirt. See more community jewels in the exhibit

"Goodland Treasures" now showing through Monday, July 30. The local history museum located near downtown Goodland is invested in preserving and sharing the dynamic history of Sherman County. For information go to www.highplainsmuseum.org.

She's running barefoot

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa woman is running barefoot across the United States to raise money to provide shoes for needy children. Rae Heim, 18, of Carroll, started her cross-country trek in Boston in April and hopes to reach Huntington Beach, Calif., in October. The Des Moines Register (dm-reg.co/NscIC1) caught up with her this week in Iowa as she crested a hill near Victor in 91-degree heat. Heim stopped to talk but wasn't out of breath. She said she started running barefoot after breaking a toe last year and shedding her running shoes for comfort. Shoes now feel like dead weight to her, although she wore them through New Jersey, where broken glass and nails littered the highway, and dons them on gravel roads. The bottoms of her feet are like slabs of leather. When they start burning in the heat, she puts on toe socks. "We are born to run barefoot," Heim said. She told the newspaper that she hated to run and even dreaded rounding the bases while playing softball. "It was like a punishment," she said. But then Heim realized that people thought she couldn't run, and she set out to prove them wrong. She entered road races and last summer met a middle-aged man

who ran across America, which inspired her. What started as a personal adventure has become a fundraiser for Soles4Souls, a charity that supplies shoes to needy kids. "When I feel like quitting, I think of the \$2,900 I have raised," Heim said. "That's 2,900 pairs of shoes." There have been a few bumps during her trek. After the first week of 40-plus mile days, she had a twisted ankle, painful Achilles tendon and sore knee. She sat on the side of the road, crying, and then called her mom. "My parents taught us that you set your goals and don't give up," Heim said. Now, she's averaging 20 miles a day. She carries her belongings in a backpack. Her mom watches her every move with a GPS and has friends set up along the route to check on her. Heim said most of her journey has been pleasant. "The kindness I've seen in people surprised me. You always hear all the wrong with the world," she said. "But I've seen nothing but good in the world."

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Flying Debris Show tonight offers evening's diversion at library



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At 8 p.m. tonight, Richard Holgren will entertain us with his Flying Debris Show. It will include juggling, magic and other zany stunts. I am told it will also include audience participation. This event is for all ages, so all singles, couples and families come have fun with us. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and sun glasses. This week we have had quite an up roar about the Supreme Court Decision regarding the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA; Public Law 111-148). I am not going to write about my personal opinion and thoughts on the matter. Having just celebrated Independence Day for our nation it is important to remember that "We the People" have a responsibility to vote and make our voices heard to our representatives. We need to be an informed electorate and be ready to participate in policy making in local, county, state and nation. Have you taken time to look at the legislation or are you just listening to 24-hour commen-

tators? Are you reading information from your senators, House of Representative member – moran.senate.gov/public, roberts.senate.gov/public and huelskamp.house.gov – and state officials or another leader in our nation you trust? When I am looking for legislation and want to find the information fast, I have learned to go to the Cornell University Law School at www.law.cornell.edu. I often go to the page that provides laws listed by popular names. Next I go to the alphabetical listing of the act. Since it starts with "P" I scroll down to the title of the act. Then I can find the public law (listed as Pub. L.) which gives the entire bill. I must tell you a secret; I thought

I knew the proper name. I did not. I had to go to a search engine and read through a couple of links on line to find it. Then I could find the law on the Cornell site. We can use the Library of Congress Thomas site at thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php, but it is a bit more difficult. Another easy way to find all the information about the law is to go to Wikipedia.org. Enter the title "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patient\_Protection\_and\_Affordable\_Care\_Act). There you can find a good explanation of how the legislation was enacted. It does not give all the gory details, but it outlines the basic process. The Wikipedia article gives information on when things are enacted but there is not a lot on just how they may affect you. There are some actuary tables on what is classified as poverty and how those in certain brackets may be affected. A person can find the link to the full text of the law on the right-hand side of the screen with the

date when the legislation was enacted, the law numbers and statute numbers. It also provides who sponsored the act, committee information and when it was passed in the House and Senate. At the bottom of this article is an important amendment that is also important in this legislation called the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152). This link brings you to a page explaining that new law, and there you will find a link to a Pdf of the law. Now, having told you all this, there is much still to be learned about implementation of the law. Whether you agree with the law or not, it is incumbent upon you to learn why you agree or disagree. You may need to ask your financial advisor how this law will impact you directly. How is this going to affect your neighbor, businesses, seniors, single moms, families, farmers? What is the cost to our society, pro and con? Happy learning! See you in the library.

Senate internship applications open

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) is accepting applications for congressional internships in his Washington, D.C., and Kansas offices for the 2012 fall semester. "Congressional internships offer Kansas students a great opportunity to learn about Congress and the legislative process," Sen. Moran said. "I hope to give Kansans a similar opportunity to serve in a Congressional office that I had years ago." An internship in Sen. Moran's office provides a unique opportunity to work closely with Senate staff on behalf of the state of Kan-

sas. Interns will gain a better understanding of the legislative process in the U.S. Congress, and develop knowledge and professional skills valuable to future career pursuits. The intern program is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students who have strong interest in public service and government and have achieved academic excellence. While preference is given to Kansas residents, students from all states are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the fall 2012 semester is Friday, July 20. Application forms can be obtained and completed under the "Ser-

vices" section of Sen. Moran's website at www.moran.senate.gov. Applicants should submit a completed application form, resume, academic transcript, two letters of recommendation and a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in public service and goals of serving as an intern. Please submit required materials to: internships@moran.senate.gov. For questions, please contact Sen. Moran's office at internships@moran.senate.gov or call (202) 224-6521 and request to speak with the intern coordinator.

Privately devout Romney worships with family

By Kasie Hunt The Associated Press WOLFEBORO, N.H. — Every year, Mitt Romney and his family spend a week at his estate on picturesque Lake Winnepesaukee. They go boating, play games — and attend church, an expression of the faith that's fundamentally shaped the Republican presidential candidate. Romney, the first Mormon to clinch the presidential nomination of a major party, attended services Sunday with his wife, Ann, five sons, five daughters-in-law and 18 grandchildren. They made up nearly a third of the congregation that gathered inside the small, nondescript building that houses this tiny resort town's branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The Romney clan has attended the church in Wolfeboro many times before — only now the family patriarch carries the distinction of being President Barack Obama's Republican challenger. Not that church leaders or worshippers mentioned the new reality as, one by one, they stood at a podium to offer testimony, a custom in Mormon churches on the first Sunday of every month. Among those testifying: one of the many Romney grandchildren. "My name is Chloe Romney and I'm visiting here from Cali-

fornia," the candidate's middle-school-age granddaughter said from the church's lectern, a pink flower in her hair. "I know that my family loves me and I like to go to church." The family's devotion to the Mormon faith is a part of Romney's life that the electorate rarely sees. Romney almost never mentions it in public. And his campaign typically bars the media from seeing him participate in a religion that many Americans are unfamiliar with. But it's a part of his life that could help him connect with a public that's just now getting to get to know him — one that includes many church-goers. Romney's campaign doesn't tell reporters when Romney is going to church. But the Wolfeboro branch is open to visitors and an Associated Press reporter attended the same sacrament service the Romney family attended. It featured bread with water instead of wine, a variation on communion that allows for the Mormon prohibition on drinking alcohol. And it provided a rare glimpse

into his practice of a faith that has permeated every aspect of Romney's life: his childhood, his college years and time as a missionary, his marriage, his life in Boston, even his business career. Mormonism began in the 1830s when, according to believers, an angel presented another book of scripture to Joseph Smith, the church's founder, called the Book of Mormon. With 14.4 million members, the church is among the fastest growing in the world, supported by a full-time missionary force of about 55,000 young people. Romney has been an active Mormon all his life, so involved in the church at one point that he rose to a rank equivalent to a bishop. He eventually presided over a group of congregations. During his presidential campaign, the demands of Romney's faith can dictate how he spends his time; it requires as many as three hours nearly every Sunday for services. According to people familiar with his private schedule,

Romney goes to church nearly every week. His faith also helps drive his fundraising; a significant amount of money comes from wealthy Mormon donors. And Mormon households across the country often housed campaign aides as they moved from state to state during the GOP primary. When Romney does talk about his faith, he discloses little and usually focuses on his time as a missionary in France. He offered a forceful explanation of the role of faith in his own life during a recent speech at Liberty University that was aimed at bridging differences with evangelicals, many of whom are skeptical of Mormon theology. "Culture — what you believe, what you value, how you live — matters," Romney said during the May speech that avoided all direct references to Mormonism. "What we have, what we wish we had ... these things may occupy our attention, but they do not define us."

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Corrections The article "Flat track racing returns to Colby" on Page 8 of the Monday, July 2, Colby Free Press listed the wrong dates for the motorcycle races. The first race will be in Norton on Friday, Aug. 10, followed by the Colby races on Saturday, Aug. 11. The series will finish in Stockton on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 13 and 14. This was a transcribing error. ★★★★★ 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.

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