

State ready to help smokers join effort on Thursday

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment encourages people to quit smoking as part of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on Thursday.

To provide assistance to smokers who are ready to quit, the department offers support and information online at www.KSquit.org or toll-free at (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

"Many smokers in Kansas want to quit, but quitting isn't easy," said Dr. Robert

Moser, secretary of the department and state health officer. "Becoming tobacco-free requires the support of friends and family and a plan that makes sense for each individual.

"Selecting a quit date is an important step, and the Great American Smokeout offers folks a chance to feel a part of something bigger than themselves.

"People across America will take a stand for their health on Thursday, when they create a plan to quit or quit smoking.

I encourage all smokers in Kansas to join them."

"Quitting smoking is good for your health and good for your wallet," said Paula Clayton, director of the Bureau of Health Promotion. "In fact, a pack-a-day smoker (at \$5 per pack) who quits could save \$200 between Nov. 15 and Christmas."

The Quitline is provided free to Kansas residents. Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week online or

by phone.

Studies have found that using a tobacco Quitline can more than double a person's chances of successfully quitting tobacco. Counselors work with participants during e-mails, live chats or one-on-one phone calls to prepare for a quit date and create a plan to fight cravings and face other challenges.

Follow-up e-mails, live chats or phone calls can be arranged around participants' schedules.

The department's Tobacco Use Prevention Program manages the Quitline and provides resources and technical assistance to healthy community coalitions to develop, enhance and evaluate tobacco prevention initiatives.

For information on the Tobacco Use Prevention Program, go to www.kdheks.gov/tobacco. Information about the Smokeout can be found at www.greatamericansmokeout.org.



Feast Celtic Music will appear at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley High School auditorium, sponsored by Western Plains Arts.

Celtic group to play in Oakley Sunday

Feast Celtic Music from the Rocky Mountains will appear at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley High School auditorium as part of the Western Plains Arts Association concert series.

The group's sound and delivery have won fans on two continents. It includes two champion Irish dancers in a show that appeals to

all ages. The group was born out of a classical chamber music series in 2005. A one-time special event performance turned into a unique Celtic band. All the members have performed nationally and internationally as classical musicians.

Programs offer a variety, including group numbers, solos, duos and trios, music form

haunting versions of "Star of the County Down" to humorous versions of timeless songs and rocking interpretations of hot Irish fiddle tunes.

Admission will be by Western Plains season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

Brewster mayor named to state historical board

Mike Baughn, mayor of Brewster and commissioners-elect in Thomas County, was elected to the board of the Kansas Historical Foundation at its 137th annual meeting Nov. 2 at the Kansas History Center in Topeka.

The Edgar Langsdorf Award of Excellence was presented to Benjamin Goossen for his article "Like a Brilliant Thread: Gender and Vigilante Democracy in the Kansas Coal Field, 1921-1922," published in the Autumn 2011 issue of *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*.

The Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Award went to Cherie L. Weible for work on literacy and libraries on the American frontier.

The award, named for the 26th governor of Kansas, also went to Jeff Wells for work on editors and publishers of the Farmer's Alliance and People's Party.

The Edward N. Tihen Historical Research Award went to Linda S. Johnston to conduct research on promise and hope in the Kansas Territory. The award, named for an avid researcher and amateur historian, also went to Madeline J. Laird for research on quilts as textile history.

For information, contact the foundation at 6425 SW Sixth Ave., Topeka, Kan. 66615-1099, (785) 272-8681, ext. 232 or membership@kshs.org.



Mike Baughn

Kastens cousins hold reunion

The annual Kastens cousins get-together was held during the weekend of Sept. 17 to 19 with Lynda Kastens Hurst of Oberlin as the hostess.

Those attending included Deanna Wancura Krannawitter of Olathe, Dana Wancura Batt of Manhattan, Debbie Wancura Moos of Colby, Jan Gilbert Kempt of Phillipsburg, Tina Cloe Alfred of Mayetta, Brenda Kastens Henry of Atwood, Krista Kastens Simminger of Ludell and Ms. Hurst of Oberlin.

The gathering began at the original Kastens homestead north of Ludell. The ladies visited, played games, visited family homes in the area and toured the cemetery

where family members were buried.

Saturday morning the group had fun visiting the U.S. 36 Association garage sales and were treated by Gertie Wancura Kastens to lunch at the Kastens home in Atwood. Saturday evening, they met their uncle and dad and mother, Stan and Verda Wancura, for a ride in a limousine to Colby to dine at Montana Mike's. They went back to the Kastens farm and spent the night playing spoons and having a good visit.

Tina's name was drawn to be the hostess for the group next year. They all departed for their homes with many happy memories.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Oct. 30

2:36 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog. Unable to locate.

3:34 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog. Spoke to subjects.

7:39 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew.

12:06 p.m. - Accident at 485 N. Chick.

2:23 p.m. - Battery/disorderly conduct/criminal damage to property: caller reported damage to dorm room. Report filed.

3:37 p.m. - Spoke to subject who was practicing parasailing in field to the west of 1950 S. Range. All OK.

6:19 p.m. - Caller reported domestic disturbance.

Nov. 1

12:20 a.m. - Halloween: caller reported picnic tables taken from gazebo at Fike Park and placed on top of each other. No damage.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported subject seen possibly being verbally and physically abusive to puppies. Spoke with subject, no report.

9:56 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School.

11:26 a.m. - Caller reported possible problem between two subjects. All was OK.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported possible assault.

2:21 p.m. - Subject came to station wanting speed check done on his vehicle. Spoke to reporting party.

2:55 p.m. - Caller reported barking dog. Owner not found, will check back later.

3:35 p.m. - Rape report filed.

6:16 p.m. - Caller reported theft. Report filed.

6:54 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs. Spoke with owner.

9:24 p.m. - Checked on stalled vehicle.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported two possible abandoned dogs. Made contact with owner; everything OK.

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported sunroof being broken out. No report, damage from accident earlier.

Nov. 3

1:56 a.m. - Helped EMT crew. 1:30 p.m. - Subject called about child custody issues. Provided information.

5:43 p.m. - Civil standby.

Nov. 4

1:30 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.

1 a.m. - Time change. 1:07 a.m. - Caller requested assistance.

1:48 a.m. - Caller reported possible domestic problem. Report filed.

2:03 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog. Unable to locate.

4:24 p.m. - Caller reported subject possessing drugs. All OK.

4:47 p.m. - Caller reported two motorcycles speeding in the Austin Ave. area. Not found.

5:11 p.m. - Caller reported cat at large. Unable to catch.

10:53 p.m. - Open 911 call; unable to make contact. Everything OK.

Last Monday

7:25 a.m. - Civil standby.

2:38 p.m. - Caller reported theft of prescriptions from vehicle. Report filed.

2:41 p.m. - Removed tree limbs from roadway at Third and Lake.

Tuesday

4:59 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

10:26 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large at Grant and Pine. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

11:25 a.m. - Walk through at Sacred Heart School.

Deaths

Harold L. Linville

Harold L. Linville, 81, Colby, a retired carpenter, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Hays, the son of Leftie and Bertha (Williams) Linville.

Survivors include his wife, Janice M. Linville, of the home; two daughters, Debra L. Berndsen, Hutchinson, and Dina L. Casey, Dighton; four brothers, Walter Linville, Irving, Texas; Norman Linville, St. Louis; Larry Linville, Colby; and Don Linville, Garden City; a sister, Maxine Brooks,

Mineral Wells, Texas; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at the Colby United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Mardock officiating and burial with military honors in the Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church or the Thomas County Historical Society, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Viola I. Jones

Viola I. Jones, 93, Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at her

home. Services are pending with the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Bookings

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• Kevin Cole McKampson, 21, Colby, Oct. 27, burglary, theft, criminal damage to property, Colby Police Department, released Wednesday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Nathaniel Raye Horinek, 21, Colby, Oct. 29, burglary, theft more than \$1,000, criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Wednesday on recognizance.

• Michael Dean Jones Jr., 25, Colby, Oct. 30, burglary, theft, criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, Thomas County Sheriff, released Wednesday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Richard Joseph Mesisca Jr., 40, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 30, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, possession of drug paraphernalia, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Tuesday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Toby Lucas Jones, 21, Colby, Oct. 31, burglary, theft, criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released Wednesday on recognizance.

• Shawn Patrick Lawler, 26, Colby, Oct. 31, burglary, theft, criminal damage to property, Colby Police, released Wednesday on recognizance.

• Charles Eric Stogsdill, 29, Sapula Okla., Nov. 1, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Tuesday on recognizance.

• Alysia Sue Oliver, 30, Brownwood, Texas, Nov. 2, conspiracy to commit felony (two counts), conspiracy to commit misdemeanor, Colby Police, released Wednesday on recognizance.

• Kile Brett Zerr, 28, Grinnell, Nov. 3, driving under the influence, Gove County Sheriff's Office/Court Services, released Tuesday for time served.

• Cody Samuel Lilly, 27, Colby, Nov. 5, disorderly conduct, Thomas County Sheriff/Judge Ress, released same day on court order.

• Barbara Jean Tuck, 51, Atwood, Nov. 5, driving under the influence, driving with license suspended or revoked, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released Tuesday on supervised bond.

• Jacqueline Dovie Shandy, 46, Colby, Nov. 5, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff/Sheridan County Sheriff's Office, released same day on bond.

• Wendell Alan Deshazer, 50, Copper Mountain, Colo., Wednesday, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.

Markets

Quotes as of close of business Friday (Markets closed for Veterans Day.)

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.77
Corn (bushel)	\$7.46
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.79
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.09

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.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for making my 90th birthday such a happy, fun time.

Your cards, wishes and attendance made it very special.

A special thanks to my family and friends who planned such a wonderful party.

Also thanks to Pam and Jeff for such good music.

My Blessings to All!
Joy I. Davis

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