

## Deaths

## Thelma Larie Wolf

Thelma Larie (Peter) Wolf, 86, Hot Springs, Ark., died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Fountain Lake Health and Rehab Center in Hot Springs.

She was born Dec. 27, 1925, in Sherman County, the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Zimbelman) Peter. On Jan. 30, 1948, she married Dale Allen Wolf in Sherman County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in December 2004, four brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Dennis) Powell, Hot Springs; a son, Bobby Wolf, Hutto, Texas; a sister, Delores (Hank)

Elliott, Goodland; a brother, Larry (Bernice) Peter, Finger, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. A memorial service is planned for the spring.

The family suggests memorials to Dierksen Hospice, 3648 N. Arkansas Highway 7, Suite E, Hot Springs, Ark., 71909.

Condolences can be sent at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com).

Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 462-7979, is in charge of arrangements here.

## Glenn J. Weis

Lifetime Sherman County resident Glenn J. Weis, 83, father of Jennifer (John) Mazanec and grandfather of Brandon (Tess Baumfalk) Mazanec of Colby, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at his home in Goodland.

He was born Oct. 9, 1929, in Denver, the son of Ruby (Pentico) and Pete Weis. He attended Brownville School in rural Sherman County and graduated from Brewster High School.

He had been a gas well pumper for Lobo Enterprises for 20 years. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include another grandson, Joshua Mazanec of Goodland.

Memorial services are pending.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735-1555.

## Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded  
Oct. 15 to Oct. 31

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

- Oct. 15, Jean Bacon to Marceil L. and Keith L. Gilbert; Lots 24-26, Block 6, Havice Addition Rexford.

- Oct. 16, Verna Baird Trust to Lon Frahm; NW/4 of Sec. 34, T6, R35.

- Oct. 17, Sage M. and Sheena Hemmert to Lucas J. and Jada L. Tubbs; east 50' of Lots 16-20, Block 14, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 19, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Revocable Living Trust; N/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 28, T9, R36.

- Oct. 19, Ruth Nollette Trustee of Ruth Nollette Trust to Stephen C. Nollette Trustee of Irrevocable Trust of Ruth Nollette; SE/4 of Sec. 8, T10, R33; Sec. 9, T10, R33; NW/4 of Sec. 15, T10, R33; W/2 of Sec. 20, T10, R33; NW/4 of Sec. 23, T10, R33; SW/4 of Sec. 6, T10, R32; W/2 of Sec. 21, T10, R32.

- Oct. 22, Timothy G. and Amy L. Hutfles to Mary Joann Teeter Trust No. 1; E/2 of Lots 11-14, Block 6, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 24, quit claim deed, Lucas J. and Jada L. Tubbs to Wildhawk Properties LLC; north 75' of Lots 8-10, Block 74, Colby West Addition.

- Oct. 24, quit claim deed, Lucas J. and Jada L. Tubbs to Wildhawk Properties LLC; Lots 9-10, Block 15, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.

- Oct. 24, quit claim deed, Lucas J. and Jada L. Tubbs to Wildhawk Properties LLC; east 50' of Lots 16-20, Block 14, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 24, Brett A. and Stephanie M. Mead to Brett A. and Stephanie M. Mead; Lots 7-8, Block 27, Colby South Park Annex.

- Oct. 25, Nicholas M. and Tammy K. Foster to Cynthia R. Ford; east 50' of Lots 16-20, Block 15, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 25, Theodore E. Hart to Jay L. and Shelley R. Andreasen; west 75' of Lots 18-19, Block 21, Original Colby.

- Oct. 26, Kenneth C. and Courtney A. McCarty to Brooks V. and Emily J. Wederski; Lots 13-15, Block 15, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.

- Oct. 29, Alice Ruth Ronning to Charles and Ruth Ronning Family Trust; SW/4 of Sec. 32, T8, R35.

- Oct. 29, Marc S. Alwin to Wendt Lea Ehlers; Lot 9-10, Block 52, Colby South Park Annex.

- Oct. 29, Lisa and Leon J. Hake to Norman L. and Betty J. Behring; Lots 6-7, Block 14, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 29, Tammy Morton to Norman L. and Betty J. Behring; Lots 6-7, Block 14, Colby South Park Addition.

- Oct. 30, Clinton T. and Sarah E. Horinek to Aaron M. and Elisa J. Horinek; E/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 29, T7, R34 less tracts of 3.67 and .5 acres.

- Oct. 30, Stephanie L. Albers to Vaughn Rentals LLC; Lots 6-7 and 10, Block 5, Original Colby.

- Oct. 31, Parker and Whitney McKee to Bryan C. and Justine M. Higerd; Lot 15, Block 5, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

- Oct. 31, Beverly McCormick Trust to Brenda Keith, Beth Welsh and Karen O'Neal; SE/4 of Sec. 13, T7, R31; Sec. 24, T7, R31.

- Oct. 31, 310 Chick LLC to Vaughn Rentals LLC; Lots 1-2, Block 18, Colby South Park Addition.

## Gray Santa angers visitor

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Police in Sweden had to intervene after a foreign visitor to a spa and conference center grew angry because a visiting Santa Claus was wearing a gray instead of red costume.

No one was arrested during the incident in Vallsta, some 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Stockholm, early Tuesday.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
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## Capture the special memories of year with family and friends

Well, we are just days away from 2013. I can still remember being amazed that 2012 had begun.

My grandparents always used to say that time goes faster as you get older; I think I can now agree with them. It certainly has gotten more eventful both for the good and for the bad.

I'd like to close the door on all the tragic events in 2012 and begin with a new slate of hope and joy for the new year.

Do you as my readers have any suggestions on ways to capture the joy and fullness of life while we are smack in the middle of it? How do you commemorate special days of memory building and enter into giving thanks when it is not that season?

Maybe we should write on the bottom of our monthly calendars when we draw a close to each month. Can we summarize in a paragraph just what happened and what we are filled with amazement and joy about? Maybe a Facebook comment for each month could help. I find that our little comments on Facebook, which are shared daily, are sometimes lost in the colossal amount of posting from all my friends and family. Maybe that is why some blog their way through life.

What is it that makes you commemorate? God told the people



**Melany Wilks**

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of Israel to stack up stones so that they could point backward to their children and later generations what God had accomplished for them. How do you do this for your children and generations – video recordings, scrapbooking, charms on a bracelet, Christmas ornaments, journaling and cards through the year?

E-mail me with your ideas to [director@colbylibrary.com](mailto:director@colbylibrary.com). We could start a discussion on this topic alone.

We are adding several very good audiobooks for your enjoyment. The first is entitled, "Last to Die," by Tess Gerritsen. This is the 10th in the *Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles* series. Protagonist Teddy Clock is 14 and just had horrific experience when his foster parents and family were murdered. Jane Rizzoli from the Boston Police Department is assigned the case. She finds there is still someone committed to killing Teddy.

The next audiobook is "The Lost Night," by Jayne Castle, Jayne Ann Kretz' new pen name. This is the

first book of the *Futuristic World of Harmony: Rainshadow* series. Rachel Bonner is enjoying her life on Rainshadow Island until Harry Sebastian comes to inquire about the privately-owned woods called Preserve. The two come into conflict once she discovers his intent and evil aspirations.

The third item is a nonfiction audiobook, "America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't," by Stephen Colbert.

Colbert uses his humor to share his opinions on who we are and where we should go. If you know Colbert, expect the bizarre humor and candor that his special personality and talent brings to our generation.

The following list includes audiobooks I described in previous columns when the print editions were added to the library: "Shiver," by Karen Robards; "The Sanctuary," by Ted Dekker; "The Forgotten," by David Baldacci; "NYPD Red," by James Patterson and Marshall Karp; "Bone Bed," by Patricia Cornwell; "Back of Beyond," by C.J. Box; "Severe Clear," by Stuart Woods; "Merry Christmas," by James Patterson and Alex Cross; "Sleep No More," by Iris Johansen; nonfiction "Five Lieutenants," by James Carl Nelson; and junior fiction "The Fire Chronicle," by John Stephens.

Some of you will remember our

most recent performer and storyteller, Pippa White. We have added three CD (audio) recordings of her performances: "The Story of the Orphan Train," "Voices from Ellis Island" and "Far As The Eye Can See...." These are produced by One's Company Productions.

We are also adding three new DVDs: a double feature, "Scooby-Doo Goes Hollywood" and "Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders;" "Superstar Sisters: The Great Adventures of Angelina and Polly!" and "The Dust Bowl: A Film by Ken Burns."

Our holiday hours after today will be as follows:

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
- 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.
- Closed Tuesday for New Year's Day.

Regular hours resume Wednesday.

We are changing our regular Saturday schedule to 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., beginning Saturday, Jan. 5. All other hours will remain the same. They are posted on our doors and on our website at [colbylibrary.com](http://colbylibrary.com).

See you in the New Year at the library!

## Stores look to post-Christmas for sales

By Candice Choi

AP Retail Writer

Bargain-hungry Americans will need to go on a post-Christmas spending binge to salvage this holiday shopping season.

Despite the huge discounts and other incentives that stores offered leading up to Christmas, U.S. holiday sales so far this year have been the weakest since 2008, when the nation was in a deep recession.

So stores now are depending on the days after Christmas to make up lost ground: The final week of December can account for about 15 percent of the month's sales, and the day after Christmas is typically one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

Stores, which don't typically talk about plans for sales and other promotions during the season, are known for offering discounts of up to 70 percent after the holiday. This year, they're hoping to lure more bargain hunters who held off on shopping because they wanted to get the best deals of the season.

Still, a powerful winter storm, which pounded the nation's midsection on Wednesday and is heading toward the Northeast, could hurt post-Christmas shopping. The storm is bringing high winds and heavy snow that disrupted holiday travel, knocked out power to thousands of homes and were blamed in at least six deaths.

The Macy's location in Herald Square in New York was bustling with shoppers on Wednesday. There were a variety of deals throughout the store: candy dispensers for 70 percent off, various men's clothes were "buy one get one free," belts for 50 percent off, a bin of ties for \$9.99.

Ulises Guzman, 30, a social worker, was shopping in the store. He said he waited to shop until the final days before Christmas, knowing that the deals would get better as stores got more desperate. He said he was expecting discounts of at least 50 percent.

The strategy worked. He saw a coat he wanted at Banana Republic for \$200 in the days before Christmas but decided to hold off on making a purchase; on Wednesday, he got it for \$80.

"I'm not looking at anything that's original price," he said.

Lenox Square Mall in Atlanta was also crowded by midday on Wednesday. Laschonda Pitluck, 18, a student in Atlanta, was shopping after Christmas because she wanted to get the best deals. Last year she spent over \$100 on gifts but this year she's keeping it under \$50.

Pitluck said she found items for 50 percent off, including a hoodie and jeans for herself at American Eagle and a shirt at Urban Outfitters. She said she would have bought the clothes if they hadn't been 50 percent off.

"I wasn't looking for deals before Christmas," said Pitluck, who also bought boxers for her boyfriend.

The shopping rush after Christmas illustrates just how important holiday sales are. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, and many retailers can make up to 40 percent of their annual revenue during the

two-month holiday shopping period at the end of the year.

So far, holiday sales of electronics, clothing, jewelry and home goods in the two months before Christmas increased 0.7 percent compared with last year, according to the MasterCard Advisors SpendingPulse report that was released on Tuesday. SpendingPulse, which tracks spending, said that's the weakest holiday performance since 2008 when sales dropped sharply, although the company did not know by how much.

The SpendingPulse data, which captures sales from Oct. 28 through Christmas Eve across all payment methods, is the first major snapshot of holiday retail sales. A clearer picture will emerge next week as retailers like Macy's and Target report monthly sales.

In the run-up to Christmas, analysts blamed bad weather for putting a damper on shopping. In late October, Superstorm Sandy battered the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states, which account for 24 percent of U.S. retail sales. That coupled with the presidential election, hurt sales during the first half of November.

Shopping picked up in the second half of November, but then

the threat of the country falling off a "fiscal cliff" gained strength, throwing consumers off track once again.

Lawmakers have yet to reach a deal that would prevent tax increases and government spending cuts set to take effect at the beginning of 2013. If the cuts and tax hikes kick in and stay in place for months, the Congressional Budget Office says the nation could fall back into recession.

Still, The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said Wednesday that it's sticking to its forecast for total sales for November and December to be up 4.1 percent to \$586.1 billion this year. That's more than a percentage point lower than the growth in each of the past two years, and the smallest increase since 2009 when sales were up just 0.3 percent.

Kathy Grannis, a spokeswoman for the group, noted that the trade group's definition of holiday sales not only includes clothes and electronics, but also food and building supplies.

"Stores have a big week ahead, and it's still too early to know how the holiday season fared at this point," she said.



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