

Airshow performer, instructor dies in Texas

A pilot and aerobatic instructor who performed at several Goodland airshows in the 1980s and '90s, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, in Burleson, Texas.

Duane Cole, 89, had many friends in Sherman County from when he performed here. He wrote nine books, including "Airport Memories: More Than 1,400 Airports in a Lifetime," "Roll Around a Point: Aerobatics" and "The Flying Coles: An Autobiography."

Cole traveled to nearly 1,500 airports (a world record) in 47 states, 10 foreign countries and two U.S. territories.

He lectured throughout the country and bragged about having 30,000 hours of flying time, most of it without ever turning on a radio.

Cole took his first flying lesson on Christmas Day 1937 and went on to earn a private pilot's license in 1938, a commercial license in 1939 and his instructor rating in 1940.

That year, he flew his first airshow, and he spent the next 15 years teaching aerobatics to Civilian Pilot Training Program students, Royal Air Force cadets and U.S. Army Air Force cadets.

Cole was inducted into the International Aerobatic Club's Hall of Fame in 1987 and the International Council of Air Shows Hall of Fame



Duane Cole, 89, (left) at the controls of the plane which he flew to nearly 1,500 airports, including Goodland. Part of the air show was the in-flight transfer of a man by rope ladder from one plane to Cole's plane flying above.

in 1995. His Taylorcraft is enshrined at the Experimental Aircraft Association Air Venture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., and Cole was a member of the association.

With his brothers Marion, Arnold and Lester, he formed the Cole Brothers Air Circus. But worried

about infringement on the name of the Cole Brother Circus, they changed the name to The Cole Brothers Airshow.

His wife Judy became his airshow wing rider in 1957. In 1962, he won the National Aerobatics Championship and was named to

the U.S. team that competed in Budapest, Hungary, for the world championship.

In January 1963, at his Phoenix 100 Air Race, Cole introduced an Indy-type pace plane. He used the same start at the Pendleton 100 Air Race for Jack Brown in 1964.

That same year, he put together and ran the Reno Air Races, using the same start for the unlimited race, and won the National Aerobatic Championship once again. He served as the director of the Reno Air Races through 1967. After that, he ran an aerobatic school for the

next 20 years.

Cole was born in Peoria, Ill., in 1915, the oldest of 10 children, nine boys and a girl. He is survived by his wife.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Mountain Valley Funeral Home in Burleson.

Graduate performs in KU young people's theater

A Goodland High School graduate will be performing in a musical with the University of Kansas Theatre for Young People.

Joshua W. Vignery, son of Ron and Judi Vignery and a senior at the university, will play Pierre in the group's performance of the musical "Really Rosie" at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Crafton-Preyer Theatre in Murphy Hall.

Set in an urban neighborhood on a hot summer day, "Really Rosie" is about a group of bored children who are looking for something to do.

Rosie imagines herself as an incredibly talented star and decides to stage a musical movie about her life.

She gets her friends, the Nutshell Kids, to act out her stories, but fights break out over casting.

Maurice Sendak, the author of such children's classics as "Where the Wild Things Are," "Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months," "Higglety Pigglety Pop! or There Must Be More to Life" and "In the Night Kitchen," created "Really Rosie" by combining two of his books, "The Sign on Rosie's Door," written in 1960, and "The Nutshell Library," written in 1962. He invited singer-songwriter

Carole King to put his lyrics to music for a 27-minute animated film, which aired on CBS in 1975. In 1980, he adapted the work for the off-Broadway stage.

"Really Rosie" is recommended for families with children ages 5 and older.

General admission tickets are on sale at University Theatre, 785-864-3982; Lied Center, 864-ARTS; Student Union Activities, 864-

7469; and at <http://kutheatre.com>. Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$5 for students, \$8 for university faculty and staff and \$9 for senior citizens.

A free reading of Sendak's works will be Saturday at Borders Books and Music in Lawrence.

Among the guest readers are Greg Herd, host of "River City Weekly" on Sunflower Broadband Channel 6; Sandy Praeger, Kansas insurance commissioner; Sue

Hack, Lawrence city commissioner; Cathy Hamilton, host of Channel 6's "Home and Away"; Lawrence Mayor David Dunfield; University Chancellor Robert Hemenway; Kim Wilcox, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Rose Marino, university associate general counsel; Sarah Randolph of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Douglas County; and Ronald A. Willis, professor.

Soldier returning to Iraq

Army Pfc. Douglas Lalicker is on his way back to Iraq after spending at 15-day leave with his family in Goodland.



Lalicker

Lalicker, a chemical operations specialist, is assigned to the decontamination platoon of Headquarters Company 1st Engineer Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. The unit deployed to Iraq in September for a year.

Lalicker joined the Army in September 2002.

He completed basic training and advanced individual training at the Combat Support Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., then was assigned

to the 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley.

Lalicker said the only direct action he has been involved in was during a convoy run in September, about two weeks after arriving, traveling from Kuwait to Ar-Ramdi. His group received some small arms fire, which was returned. He said other than that, there is occasional isolated indirect fire targeting his base.

Lalicker said except for a few decontamination missions done soon after arrival, his platoon usually is involved with security opera-

tions at his base and for convoys.

Lalicker is the son of Ray and Jamie Lalicker of Goodland, and the grandson of Ray H. Lalicker and Shirley Dupsky, also of Goodland. He also is the grandson of Garry and Roayne Hagan of Spavinaw, Okla.

Lalicker attended Goodland High School for his freshman, sophomore and part of his junior year before enrolling at the Flint Hills Job Corps Center in Manhattan, through which he earned his high school General Educational Development certificate and his diploma in cement masonry in 2002.

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Insurance costs up 6 percent

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The prescription drug cost to employees is \$10 for generic and \$20 for brand name drugs.

He said the county has a \$15,000 stop loss, which is a maximum level on all services for each individual contract. The county has 17 single and 48 family contracts.

The single plan went up 6.03 percent to \$386.11 per month and the family plan went up 6.01 percent to

\$855.41.

Krull said the county is expected to have \$325,760 in claims this next year. The total claims in 2001-2002 were \$340,000; 2002-2003, \$314,000 and 2003-2004, \$326,000. The cap on the cost for the county for this year will be \$571,482.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she budgeted \$650,000 for insurance. Krull said the county could build its insurance reserve, which

would help if there was a large increase in the next few years.

"We think the costs have leveled off," Krull said, "but something could change that."

"The national average has been 11 percent," Krull said. "Yours at 6 percent is really good."

corrections

The photo information about the Ag Expo Rally for Beef on Page 1 of the Friday, Feb. 13, *Goodland Star-News* incorrectly said that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association helped sponsor the event. It should have said the National Sunflower Association along with KLOE/KKCI/KWGB.

This is an editing error, and not the photographer's.

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An editorial on Page 4 of the same issue incorrectly said that the four school board members who voted for the addition of baseball to the high school schedule

were all elected last year. Three of the four, Danny Whalen, Fritz Duke and Marty Melia, were elected last year, but Ron Schilling is serving his second term. The fourth member elected last year was Jane Philbrick, who was re-elected, and voted against adding baseball along with Dick Short and Mike Campbell.

This was an error by the editor.

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