

DEATHS AND SERVICES

Arlene Thompson

OTIS — Arlene Booth Thompson, 81, of Otis, passed away Aug. 22, 2015, surrounded by her family.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at the United Methodist Church in Otis.

Arrangements are by Dove Cremation and Funeral Service, 4020 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66606.

The family requests donations be made to the Otis-Bison School.

To leave a message for the family online, visit www.DoveCremation.com.

Arlene was born July 15, 1934, in Cambridge, to Oran and Flora Booth.

Her early life was spent in and around the Cambridge area. She graduated from Cambridge High School and Arkansas City Junior College.

On Oct. 10, 1954, Arlene married Wayne Thompson.

After raising her family, Arlene returned to school and graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in elementary education. She worked in the library and taught for many years in the Otis-Bison School District. After retirement, Wayne and Arlene enjoyed spending time at their lake house near Camdenton, Mo.

Arlene loved family gatherings and cooking meals for everyone. She was known for her caramel/cinnamon rolls, homemade bread and cloverleaf rolls. She enjoyed working outside in her vegetable and flower gardens. Arlene was an avid KU basketball fan!

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her brothers Arthur Booth and Richard Booth.

Survivors include her husband Wayne Thompson; children Mark Thompson and wife Mary, Topeka, Kirk Thompson and wife Joyce, Lancaster, Kala Blochlinger and husband David, Goodland, and Jill Schauer, Trenton, Ga.; brother James "Jim" Booth and wife, Linda, New Strawn; and sisters-in-law Jo Booth, Eustace, Texas, and Sonja Booth, Clearwater; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Thompson

Jeffery Morton

BELLE PLAINE — Jeffery S. Morton, 52, of Belle Plaine, passed away Tuesday morning, Aug. 25, 2015, in Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Miles Funeral Service, Winfield. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established in Jeff's name for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.milesfuneral-service.com.

A more complete obituary will appear in a future Courier.

Howard Morton

BELLE PLAINE — Howard Lane Morton III, 53, of Belle Plaine, passed away Tuesday evening, Aug. 25, 2015, at his home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Miles Funeral Service, Winfield. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established in Howard's name for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

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AGENDA

Cowley County Commission

The Cowley County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the courthouse first floor assembly room. Agenda items include swearing in of Thomas Langer as public health official for Cowley County; presentation of the FY 2014 annual audit by Aaron Iverson; amending order of a vacated road in Dexter Township;

road maintenance agreement with Burden; traffic paint and reflective beads; work estimate form for state project; FY 2016 Cowley County pay plan; Resolution 2015-09 establishing elected official compensation for FY 2016; MIS/GIS director contract extension; Pleasant Valley Township trustee; county administrator contract extension; and payment register for period ending Sept. 1, 2015.

WEATHER

Forecast

Today...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

Extended forecast

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Monday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night through Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday through Thursday night...Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 90s. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

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DAILY RECORD

Arkansas City Police Department

•Burglary/theft: Walmart, Ark City, was the victim Thursday.

•Probation violation: Amanda Creamer, Ark City, was arrested Thursday in the 100 block of W. Central.

•Burglary/theft: An Ark City male was the victim Thursday in the 600 block of N. Summit.

•Battery/domestic violence: An Ark City female was the victim Thursday in the 300 block of Meek.

•Theft: Maegan Leach, Ark City, was arrested Thursday in the 2200 block of N. Summit.

•Forgery: An Ark City business was the victim Thursday in the 600 block of N. Summit.

Cowley County Sheriff's Office

•Motorist assist: Deputies conducted a motorist assist Thursday in the 20000 block of U.S. 77. The driver was out of gas. The deputy gave the driver some gas for their vehicle.

•Carcass on roadway: Deputies removed a dead deer from the roadway Thursday in the 7000 block of 211th Rd.

•Welfare check: Deputies were dispatched Thursday to the 3000 block of E. Birch for a welfare check. Subject contacted and they did not require any assistance.

•Burglary alarm: Deputies were dispatched to the 26000 block of 51st Rd. Thursday for a burglary alarm. Structures were found to be secure. Dispatch to contact property owner in reference to the alarm.

•Minor injury accident: Deputies were dispatched Thursday to 500 block of Walch Rd. for a two-vehicle minor injury accident.

•Four wheelers in road: Deputies were dispatched to the 30000 block of 91st Rd. Thursday for a report of four wheelers in the roadway.

•Cattle in road: Deputies were dispatched Thursday to the 13000 block of 212th Rd. for a report of cattle in the roadway.

•Attempted burglary:

Deputies were dispatched to the 130000 block of U.S. 166 Thursday for a report of an attempted burglary where an unknown subject knocked on a door and then tried to open it. The unknown suspect also went to the back door. Entry was not made.

•Motorist assist: Deputies conducted a motorist assist Thursday in the area of 12th Ave. and the K-360 bypass. The driver had run out of gas.

•Motorist assist: Deputies conducted a motorist assist Thursday in the area of Fifth Ave. and Massachusetts. The vehicle did not have tail lights and was followed to the 2700 block of E. 12th Ave.

•Disturbance: Deputies were dispatched Friday to the 6000 block of 322nd Rd. for a disturbance. The caller declined filing a report.

•Municipal warrant: Deputies arrested Shelby Marie Wells, 19, Arkansas City, Friday in the 6000 block of Wright Rd. on a Rose Hill Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. She was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail on that warrant. She remains in custody at the time of this release.

•Non-injury accident: Deputies were dispatched to the 27000 block of 43rd Rd. Friday for a one-vehicle non-injury accident.

•Gunshot report: Deputies were dispatched Friday to the 27000 block of 91st Rd. for a report of gunshots heard in the area and flashlights seen.

First United Methodist Church Salad Luncheon, Monday, August 31, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, 10th and Millington. — Adv.

Marquee Peaches. Pick up Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Baden Square. — Adv.

Cowley County Crime-stoppers offers rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to an arrest. Contact 620-221-7777 in Winfield and 620-442-7777 in Ark City, or visit www.tipsubmit.com to make an anonymous report. — Adv.

Wichita planning 'urban wetlands' park

WICHITA (AP) — Wichita officials say they're planning an urban wetlands park in the city that could include walking and jogging trails, plus a fishing pond.

Mayor Jeff Longwell announced Thursday that the city will use more than 40 acres of land to create the park and public nature area. The land is being donated by Slawson Cos., which is planning a mixed-use development adjacent to the property, The Wichita Eagle reported.

"This area will have very cool park amenities and some quality-of-life opportunities for all of Wichita," Longwell said. "These are the types of things that are life-changing, certainly for west Wichita, and I think you'll see people travel to come to some of these amenities."

"It's very exciting - this would be a first-of-its-kind in the Midwest that we know of."

The City Council still must approve the land donation, which could happen next week. Part of the park and commercial development could be ready by fall of next year.

The company's vice president for commercial development said the business sees it as a "win-win situation."

Longwell said that one of the major benefits for both parties involves water management enhancements, which stands to aid the development and the city. Stormwater retention ponds will be housed in the wetlands area, which will serve as floodplain buffers for both the development and the city.

An estimated \$1 million has been earmarked for the planned wetlands park as part of the city's 10-year capital improvement plan. Officials say each part of the park project will need to be approved by the City Council and contracted out.

"To have a wetland inside an urban-suburban area is very rare," said City Council member Bryan Frye. "This property is home to a diverse collection of plant life and wildlife."

"Wetlands are disappearing at an alarming rate. We have an opportunity here to retain some."

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 Love - Mom, Dad, Del, Jerald, Tammy & family

High school grads stay local

By RAMA PEROO

With area high school graduates choosing to stay close to home to pursue their college education, Cowley College saw a 36 percent enrollment increase from the year before in students that graduated from Sumner/Cowley County high schools.

Sumner County high schools that have an increased number of students at Cowley College are Argonia, Belle Plaine, Caldwell, Conway Springs, Oxford and Wellington. Mulvane also saw an increase of 10 high school graduates choosing to attend Cowley.

Arkansas City, Arkansas City Christian Academy, Central-Burden and Winfield were among the Cowley County high schools that have an increased number of students at Cowley College in the fall. Winfield had the largest increase of students enrolled at Cowley (24 more than 2014).

Cole Davis, a 2015 graduate of Arkansas City Christian Academy, has had many friends choose to attend Cowley and is glad to have an opportunity to attend college close to home.

"Cowley has great educational programs at an affordable cost," Davis said. "I can start college

without taking on student loan debt."

Cowley College has long been a partner of the Sumner County and Cowley County service areas.

Janice Stover, director of academics/interim vice president of academic affairs, is pleased that many of the students from partner schools throughout the service area have chosen to take advantage of the educational opportunities at Cowley College.

"They have the convenience of remaining close to home yet gain knowledge from a talented group of faculty and staff," Stover said. "I look forward to seeing who will emerge as student leaders as they become involved throughout campus."

Admissions director Marcus Hicks said the focus of the admissions team is to build relationships with counselors and students during the spring.

"The admissions team reached out to students and counselors by phone and email which I think made a difference," Hicks said. "We owe a huge thank you to the marketing team, employees in financial aid and the business office and Lisa Grose who handles scholarships. We are excited for the upcoming school year as we continue to build relationships with our schools and their communities."

STOCKS

Friday's closing stock prices, courtesy of Rodger Steffen, financial advisor for Edward Jones:

Apple	113.29	+0.37
ADM	44.65	-0.18
AT&T	33.29	-0.15
BankofAmerica	16.34	-0.10
Boeing	133.16	+1.29
BP	33.26	+0.23
Coca-Cola	39.43	+0.16
CommerceBank	44.59	-0.11
ConocoPhillips	46.82	+0.95
EmersonElectric	48.04	+0.40
Exxon/Mobil	75.05	+0.20
FederalExpress	152.50	-0.54
FordMotor	13.73	+0.17
GeneralElectric	25.15	+0.14
GreifBros	29.21	+0.25
IntelCorp	28.42	+0.70
IBM	147.89	-0.65
JCPenney	8.93	+0.46
Kroger	34.94	-0.59
McDonalds	96.18	-0.30
Merck	55.35	+0.40
Microsoft	43.93	+0.03
3M Company	144.24	+0.34
Newell	41.66	-0.10
O'Reilly	240.99	-1.97
Pepsi	93.53	-0.07

Pfizer	32.65	-0.61
Raytheon	104.23	-0.88
SkylineCorp	3.38	+0.00
Sonic	27.83	-0.21
Spirit Aero	51.76	-0.12
Textron	39.71	+0.30
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