

Club News

EASTERN STAR

Colby Chapter met Monday night, March 19, at the Masonic Temple. Worthy Matron Christa Nye and Worthy Patron Paul Layland were in the east. Worthy Matron gave a welcome and opened the chapter in due form.

Open installation of officers was conducted for the coming year. Installing officer was Paul Layland; installing marshal Barba Palmer; and installing chaplain Jean Searls. The following officers were installed: Worthy patron Roy Searls, Associate Matron Martha Hullet, Associate Patron Armun Jones, Associate Conductress Pearl Crisp, Secretary Joyce Gatlin, Treasurer Marguerette Edmundson, Electa - Amy Nelson, organist - Pauline Layland, Warder, Sarah Protzman.

Get well card was sent to Sister Bernice McDougal.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Monday, April 2. There will be a pot-luck dinner at 7 p.m. No formals.

BREWSTER PRAIRIE GEM 4-H CLUB

The major business decision for the members of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club was to sponsor the community Easter Egg Hunt. The discussion took place at the regular monthly meeting on March 12.

The meeting opened with the flag salute led by President Katherine Mills. The song leaders led the members in singing *Pop Goes the Weasel*.

Twenty-five members were present and answered roll call by spelling their last name backwards. For some names this is more difficult than it first seems. The remaining business for the evening consisted of the usual officer, leader, and committee reports.

The club will be presenting a model meeting at County 4-H Day on March 23. To be sure everyone is prepared for the model meeting, the members decided to meet after school on March 19 for review and supply distribution. The club members were reminded to attend Family Fun Night in Colby on April 6. Youth who had volunteered to bake a

Death

Robert L. Jenson

Dr. Robert L. Jenson of Aptos, Calif., died in San Diego, Calif., March 17, 2001. He was born on March 19, 1922, the son of Dr. J.L. and Helen L. Jenson of Colby.

Survivors include his wife, Marion, of the home; daughters, Jo Henley of Vallejo, Calif., and Eugenia Jenson of Aptos; sister, Helen Lorraine Chancey of Florida, and brother, William K. Jenson of LaJolla.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. March 31, at St. John the Baptist Church, Capitola, Calif.

Memorials may be sent to St. John the Baptist Church, 216 Oakland Ave., Capitola, Calif. 95010 or to Cliniac del Valle de Pajaro, 850 Freedom Road, Watsonville, Calif. 95076.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Thursday, March 22, 2001

Admissions

Jodie Touslee, Colby

Ida Schmidt, Colby

Dismissals

Bernice McDougal, Atwood

Irene Leopold, Colby

Brenda Erpelding and infant female, Oakley

Suzanne Herschberger, Colby

Lillian Meska, Winona

Skyler Warren, Goodland

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Thank You So Much...

for the wonderful picture and lost ad in the Colby Free Press on Thursday, March 15. The ad was for a lot black & white cat "Rodrey" who had lost his way home. He was gone for two weeks and we had decided he was probably gone forever. We put the ad in the paper as a last effort to try and find him - we were heartbroken! I was on my way home Thursday around 8 p.m. and saw a cat run across the street to the elementary school. I jumped out of the car and went to the large pine tree looking and calling for Rodrey...no luck. I got back in the car and headed for home. As I drove around the corner at Cedar and Grant, I saw something move on the front porch. Please remember that we had prayed for this cat and given up. I jumped out of the car leaving it in the middle of the intersection (at least I put the brake on...it's a stick!) and ran for the front porch. I started crying when I saw him and he was looking at me as if I was half-crazy! I cried all the way to the back door. I thanked God the whole way too! I then moved the car, lost my beepers and had to find them. I am positive my neighbors think I am crazy! My sons were out of town, so I called them and they screamed and yelled hooray. We are together again - our whole family! Rod has lost about 6 lbs. and has decided that the hamster looks pretty tasty! (We had a discussion that the hamster is a friend - not chow!) Thank you whoever you are that saw the ad and sent the black & white child home. I am so glad to have our family back together.

Thanks again - Kim

cake for the Cake Walk were reminded to take their item to the Fun Night at the Comfort Inn.

The program for the evening began with project talks. *A Hare Raising Project* was the title of the talk given by Bryan Gray. He brought two of his rabbits for the club members to see. Baylee Westover told about her market steer and said she will enjoy the project until the livestock sale at the fair.

Alex Diercks had a safety presentation for her first talk as a member of 4-H. She talked about bicycle helmet care and the need for using one when biking. A health talk was given by Miranda Starns. She told members about the basic techniques of CPR.

How to Make a Wall Stud was the topic of a demonstration presented by Quentin Bear. Kayla Ryan showed members of the club *How to Make a Sock Snowman*.

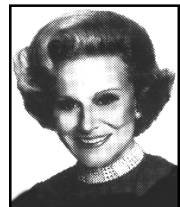
The program ended with Ryan Allen giving a reading titled *The Secret*. This was followed by group recreation. Quentin Bear led the members in playing a relay game involving the movement of peanuts from a bucket using a serving spoon. I think some members ate more peanuts than they moved with the spoon!

The meeting closed with members repeating the 4-H pledge. Hosts for the evening were the Don Allen and Wayne Carpenter families.

COLBY COUNTRY CLUB

Winners March 20 were: Joy Davis, 1st; Marge Roulier, 2nd; Thelma Shalz, 3rd, Mary Sonnenfeld, 4th.

Sharing house with mother fills woman with dread



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 34-year-old mother of four kids, ages 17 to 6. My 9-year-old boy has been raised by my mother since he was 6 months old. I was in the middle of a divorce when he was born. I wanted to give him up for adoption, but Mother would not have it. I usually never let my mother make decisions for me, but in that case, I thought she might be right. My dad, mother and older sister took the baby and moved away.

Three years ago, they all moved back into the subdivision in which I live with my second husband and three other kids. Dad died four months later. My sister (age 50) died the following year. Now my 76-year-old mother - who does not drive - depends on my two older brothers and me to get around.

My brothers won't allow Mother to move in with them unless she gives my son back to me, because their children are grown and gone. She said, "Over my dead body." Now she is asking my husband and me to sell our home so we can buy a bigger one with her.

Abby, I'm not sure I can handle my mother living with us, constantly checking on me and my every move. My husband and I like to have time alone. We can't afford to do much, so

we let the kids stay overnight with friends so we can have the house to ourselves. Mother told me it's wrong to have sex in the middle of the day, and that I should spend all my waking hours with the kids until they're grown. Only then will I have time alone with my husband. I told her that may have been good for her, but it's not for me.

What do you think?
TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING
DEAR TRYING: While I understand your mother's firm stance in

not "giving back" her grandchild, what she is proposing is a recipe for disaster. Do NOT buy a home with her unless it is a duplex or one that includes a separate mother-in-law unit. Privacy is essential to your marriage, and your mother's ideas, while they may have worked for her, are outdated.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Hurting in New York," I feel compelled to share my story. Her son's wife had died, but "Hurting" didn't attend the calling hours at the mortuary because there had been a falling-out after the family business split up.

Several years ago, my husband and his father also parted ways in business. He spoke to his father only if absolutely necessary. I didn't talk to anybody. A few years later, our son was killed in

an accident, and my mother-in-law was one of the first people at our door. She wrapped her arms around me, and we cried together. Many years before, she had lost a son, too, and I knew she understood my pain more than anyone. Our relationship isn't perfect now, but it's much better than it was.

I know "Hurting" was trying to do the right thing in a difficult situation, but times of grief often give us the opportunity to say, "I'm sorry," in more ways than one.

HEALING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HEALING: Your argument is a compelling one, and you may very well be right. However, I caution people who are trying to bridge a family rift during an emotionally charged situation to be prepared for at least the possibility of another rejection.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$2.69
Corn	\$1.89
Milo	\$3.05
Soybeans	\$3.83

Philanthropy is basically an act of good citizenship ... fulfilling the natural aspiration of every thoughtful man and woman to add a measure of improvement to his/her community.

Community foundations are nonprofit organizations that seek to increase community giving, build endowments from the funds they raise, and use the income to invest back in the community. They create the means for people to be philanthropic. The foundation has the knowledge of community needs, community resources, and can create new ways for people to be involved in their community.

A foundation is designed to serve donors. It is a part of the grant making foundation world, not the grant seeking nonprofit world. Rather than beginning with a specific product or project for which funds are sought, a community foundation promotes the concept of providing an effective vehicle to carry out donors charitable intentions, whatever they might be. A community foundation provides a myriad of ways for donors to contribute in both direct and deferred manners.

A relationship with the Kansas Health Foundation has evolved because of the Thomas County Leadership classes. The Kansas Health Foundation saw a need for community foundations. If Kansas is to continue to be the best place to live for both adults and children we need a way to keep our community growing and prospering. As a result Thomas County was one of 17 counties chosen by the Kansas Health Foundation to receive a grant of \$100,000 to establish an endowment in a permanent foundation. One-half of the interest would go to youth projects and the other half would go for leadership enrichment in our community. Future funds would be used in the area of the donors interests such as, arts, historic preservation, new facilities, events or whatever the intentions of the donors.

We were also given the opportunity to meet yet another challenge from the Kansas Health Foundation. They know that if a foundation is to survive it has to have good solid funding for operations. So, they challenged each of the 17 communities to be a part of a matching grant process. We need to have commitments of \$300,000 by December 31, 2001, and we have until December 31, 2003 for all the pledges to be collected. It is vital that we meet the \$300,000 by the end of the year to qualify for the matching funds. If we can prove that our community is committed we will be given the opportunity for other grants as well. At this time it is up to Thomas County to make a difference in the lives of all citizens of our community. Please join us on this venture for the survival of Thomas County in the 21st Century. We must ALL pull together to continue to thrive to make Thomas County the special place it is today and tomorrow... the foundation is a tool for surviving.

As a community if one or two people try to accomplish a goal it won't happen BUT if we do it as a total community and we are inclusive, it will happen!

Mission Statement: "FOREVER BETTERMENT"

To endow funds to improve the quality of life for ALL Citizens of Thomas County. YOU can be a vital part of this community venture. In the near future we will be contacting YOU to help us make this a reality for Thomas County.

Our office is located at 350 S. Range Ave, Suite 14, Colby, KS 67701. You may also reach us by phone at 785465-9152. Rita Erickson is our Executive Director and we are happy to have her on board. Rita comes to us with great knowledge and is a Thomas Countian. Rita grew up in the Gem area, graduated from Colby High School, attended Colby Community College, Washburn University, and Fort Hays State University. She has a Masters Degree in Political Science.

"We have made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when we plant shade trees under which we know full well we will never sit." D. Elton Trueblood

Stroll Down the Seine

Colby Community College

Endowment Association Scholarship Benefit

Comfort Inn Convention Center • Colby, Kansas

Saturday, March 31, 2001

Doors open: 4:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Live Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Auction conducted and clerked compliments of Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc. - Don Hazlett, Broker

- Approximately 275 items sold either live or by Silent Auction -

SOME FEATURED ITEMS:

• 2001 1/4 OZ. AMERICAN EAGLE COIN

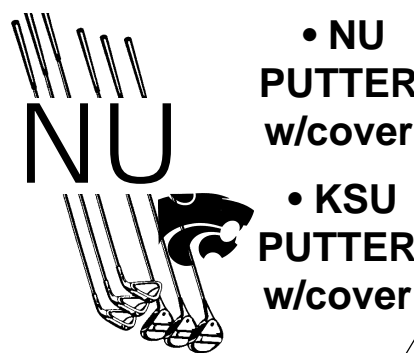


• 1880 ENGLISH SOVEREIGN 1/4 oz. GOLD COIN with bezel and chain

• 1 OZ. GOLD COIN

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• 1 OZ. AMERICAN EAGLE GOLD COIN



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• KSU PUTTER w/cover

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Autographed KSU FOOTBALL



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KU JAYHAWK STAINED/ETCHED GLASS WINDOW



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Larry Arehart, 462-6047; Stan Edmundson, 462-6779; Todd Barrows, 462-7312

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and Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce

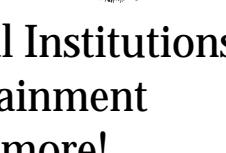
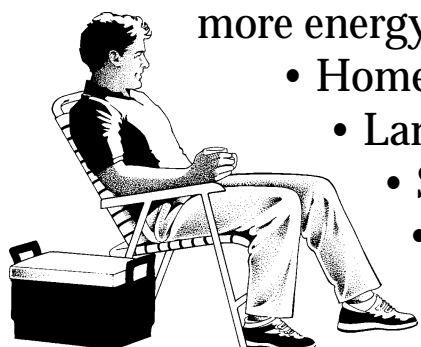
March 23, 24, & 25 Colby Community Bldg.

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