

Family

Deaths

Frances A. Bremenkamp

Frances A. Bremenkamp, 98, of Colby, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in Colby.
Mrs. Bremenkamp was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Mingo.
She was a life-long area resident and farmer.
She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Garden Club.
Mrs. Bremenkamp is survived by one son, John P. Bremenkamp of Colby; two daughters, Marry Sonnefield and Helen Phillips, both of Colby; one sister, Eva Cersovsky of Colby; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and three

great-great-grandchildren.
Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.
Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.
A prayer vigil and rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.
Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic School and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Art club learns about American Impressionist

Last month the High Plains Art Club ladies voted to change the order of their meetings and have their program and business meeting in the mornings at 10 a.m. and to use the afternoons to work on their individual projects.
The Feb. 13 program chairman was club president, Marlene Carpenter, who presented a program on the life of Mary Cassatt, an early American Impressionist.
Carpenter reported that Cassatt was the daughter of Robert Cassatt, a wealthy Pennsylvania merchant. Carpenter said, "Robert and his wife, Katherine had three sons, Alexander, Robert and Gardner, and two daughters, Lydia and Mary."
"Being of French ancestry, Robert had a passion for the country of France, so, in 1851, when Mary was seven years old, the family moved to Paris where they could enjoy a life of ease, where restaurants served food and wine and there were theaters, art galleries, and fine shops, and where his children could have an education in private schools."
"They lived well on income from Robert's investments," Carpenter added, "but he began to miss good friends and business associates left behind in the U.S., and so in 1855 they returned to Pennsylvania."
"Mary, having been impressed

with all the art she had seen in Europe, decided she wanted to make a living as a painter. Her father felt that young ladies should not have careers, but he finally relented — thinking that, after four years at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, she would be ready to marry and settle down.
"The classes at the Art Academy soon became boring to Mary," Carpenter said. "Thinking there was nothing new she could learn there, she begged to return to Europe. Her father wasn't happy about this decision, but Mary was determined, so in 1865 when Mary was 21, she and her mother sailed to France."
Carpenter added that, "Because Mary was living with and supported by her mother and her father, who eventually moved back to Paris, she didn't have the hardships of other artists of her day. She could use her money to rent a studio and buy paints and canvasses, and to pay her models."
Carpenter said, "The measure of success for a painter of that day was to have a painting accepted at the Paris Salon each year and every serious artist in France took part. The judges gave more than 1,000 paintings the honor of

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Center celebrating St. Patrick's Day

By Emma Rogers

Senior Center

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Wear green Friday, March 16, for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. Come and enjoy the celebration. Be sure to call in before noon the day before if you do not eat everyday at the center so we will know how many to plan for.
There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of March 12-16, including Blue Monday. Wear blue to the center. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and bingo is at 11 a.m. Wednesday is Popcorn Day. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Friday exercise is at

9:30 a.m. and don't forget to wear green.
The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a con-

tribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Anyone under 60 years of age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.
The menu for the next week includes: Monday - chili dog with cheese, oven browned potatoes, mixed veggies, bun, apricots. Tuesday - chicken fajita salad, Mandarin oranges, chips, cherry crisp. Wednesday - ham and beans, pea salad, cornbread, rosy applesauce. Thursday - meat loaf, Scandinavian veggies, peaches, bread, birthday cake. Friday - cook's choice entree, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, strawberries and bananas, bread, bar cookie.
The building is also available for

rental for events. For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.
The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.
It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.
Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.
To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

Colby 'springing' into many spring activities

By Leilani Thomas

Tourism Director

On the Road

We know it is Spring when we turn the calendar page and it tells us daylight savings time begins March 11 and spring begins March 21. I believe everyone is ready this year although we are grateful for the moisture.
February was a very busy month and March promises to be the same. We worked the Wichita Boat, Sports and Travel show the 17 and 18 of February.
Crowds were good, but not as good as Denver. We were still able to distribute a great deal of information.
We attended the Kansas Health Foundation Ambassador Convening which we are a part of due to our Leadership training through the foundation Feb. 20-22. We were at

a retreat for Northwest Kansas in Sharon Springs the 27 and 28 doing some, long range planning.
Long range planning is the subject for the hospitality industry in Kansas at this time. KTI (Kansas Tourism Initiative) has been created to research and manage the preparation of a comprehensive plan that will envision the full potential of the Kansas tourism industry statewide, including tourism product, message, and return on investment. It will be composed of both publics and privates coming together to speak with one voice. The plan is due to be finished by the end of the year and ready for the Legislature next year. Most legislators are very impressed with the way the plan is being developed, financed and are

eager to hear the results. The Legislature has not been asked for any dollars for this project.
The 2006-2007 Leadership Thomas County Class made their Legislative trip to Topeka with the Sherman County Leadership class Feb. 21-23. While in Topeka, they had the opportunity to visit the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce as well as seeing both the Senate and House in session. They met with Senator Ostmeyer and Representatives Faber and Morrison over lunch. A tour of the capitol or dome was part of their itinerary. They went to the Capper Foundation and through various activities learned how difficult it is for those young people who have special needs and challenges. They also went to Rolling Hills Refuge Museum.
Board members Sean Hankin and Roger Herren accompanied the class and served as leaders for the Thomas County class. The trip was planned this year by Sherman County Board Members. LTC will be meeting March 14 for the economic development session at Farmers and Merchants Bank.
March is very busy with three annual events. The Gun, Coin, and Collectible show will be held at the Community Building, March 10-11. The Home, Garden and Better Living Show will be March 23-25 at the Community Building. Finally the CCC Endowment Auction will be held at City Limits Convention

Center March 31. March 3 the Bluegrass Festival Committee held a mini-fest at City Limits Convention Center. Appearing were The McClemore Family, Chase McNinch, a very talented youth who plays the dulcimer, Marshall Allen Bailey, and headliners Sons and Brothers. This popular group comes from Colorado and has been a favorite at the summer festival, but will not be appearing this summer. This was a great opportunity to enjoy them.
The chamber is also planning a couple of events. The Diplomats held their ladies luncheon March 7 at the Colby Country Club. This was a light hearted fashion show. The Mini-March Madness Basketball Clinic for third through sixth graders will be held March 30. This is in addition to the sports at the school and college which will now focus on baseball, softball, golf, tennis and track. The students are also active in Forensics and Scholars Bowl. We encourage you to support them in all of these endeavors. In the meantime — think spring.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Chamber luncheon meeting, Colby Country Club, noon
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Gun, coin and antique show, Colby Community Building, 9 a.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 1-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

WPAA presents "Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" by Windwood Theatricals, Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center, 3 p.m.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
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