

Briefly

Water lesson planned

A lesson on the most important body nutrient — water — will be held from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. The event is being presented by Lori Sporer, Logan County Extension Family and Consumer Science agent, who will discuss critical functions of fluid in the body, common signs of dehydration and possible consequences of it. For those planning to attend, Gerstner urges them to call the extension office, (785) 460-4582.

Volunteer program banquet

The annual Retired and Senior Volunteer Program recognition banquet and dance is from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion in Colby.

The banquet recognizes members of the Northwest Kansas Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with an award presentation and meal. All area senior citizens are invited to the dance. For information, call the office at (785) 462-6744.

Fifth graders invited to program

The monthly middle school program "Third 2" will meet from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. This is the last session of the school year. The theme will be "Comedy Central." Flyers inviting fifth graders to join the fun have been distributed. "This will not only add to the fun," said Judy Kleinsorge, children's librarian, "but will give them a chance to check out the program and plan to come next year when they are in middle school. We hope to see several of the middle school students make it to this session." The program is free and no registration is required. Call 460-4470 for information.

Nader to speak Tuesday

The Max Pickerill Lecture Series at Colby Community College will host Ralph Nader at 7 p.m., Tuesday, in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center located on the college campus. The topic of Nader's speech will be global warming, said Tom Moorhous, series director.

Ribbon cutting for golf course

There will be a Ribbon Cutting for the Colby Country Club which is now Meadow Lake Golf Course and Restaurant on Wednesday, April 18 at 2 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting will take place in front of the new sign and then refreshments will be served afterwards inside the clubhouse.

Clean-up day planned

Thrivent Financial Services for Lutheran's Care in Community program is organizing an effort in cooperation with Heartland Christian School to encourage Colby community citizen volunteers in a Join Hands activity scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church at the corner of Fifth Street and Country Club Drive. Residents are requested to contact the Trinity Lutheran Church office at 462-3497 to provide the name and address where assistance is needed. Volunteers may sign up at the church or school. Lunch will be provided, and a cookout will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Sign attracting visitors to museum

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Thomas said the museum was chosen for the sign because of its proximity to Interstate 70 and Taylor was willing to give the ground.

Thomas said the convention and visitors bureau wanted to help the museum in any way it could.

"The museum is a wonderful attraction and we want to keep what we've got," she said. "It is a fabulous place with wonderful treasures for people to view."

Taylor is glad for the support. "Things are getting better," she said.

Proof of that is the museum gallery, which is sporting a new look. "The ABC gallery is still here," Taylor said. "We're going to put in some new things."

The Colby panorama that used to be in the education room now hangs in the main gallery. "We wanted a permanent place we could hang it," she said. "It's heavy and hard to move."

The gallery has been reconfigured to make better use of existing space. The area is also getting new carpet. Opening up the space will allow for more temporary exhibits and more possibilities for classes. It gives the museum 1,600 square feet more open space.

Taylor said visitors are shocked when they see it.

"They had no idea we had this kind of space left," she said.

Volunteer labor has helped with the gallery's reconfiguration. Volunteers helped move cases. Also, the museum could always use volunteers. However, Taylor said volunteers are needed for specific tasks, such as construction.

Another goal will be met in the

near future. Leadership Thomas County is helping with a hands-on area for children. Leadership Thomas County is a class held each year to develop leaders for the county.

"It's going to look like a house," Taylor said. "We're going to call it the Kansas Kids Corner."

Artifacts and other items will be on display for children to enjoy.

"This was one of the things that came out of the planning meetings last spring," she said.

Hopes for the future are to include an exhibit on the history of the High Plains, but it is still just an idea.

"Exhibits are very costly," she said, ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to put together.

More activities are planned this summer.

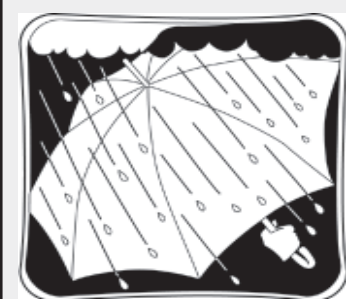
High Plains Art Club has expressed an interest in increasing arts programming at the museum.

In conjunction with its June Arts Jubilee display in downtown Colby this summer, it is sponsoring a children's watercolor class at the museum. Art from Colby High School students will also be on exhibit in June.

In July, the museum is holding a batik class. Batik is a fabric dyeing technique by putting wax on the portions to be left undyed.

This fall, Taylor said the museum will have a display focusing on sunflowers.

Weather Corner



Rain possible

The forecast

Tonight — A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 40. South wind around 10 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Tuesday** — A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 60. North wind around 10 mph. **Tuesday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 39. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 42. **Thursday** — A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy with a high near 69.

Temperatures

Sunday's high, 65
Low this morning, 35
Records for this date, 90 in 1963, 15 in 1951
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
April's precipitation, 0.79
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Teacher fair to be held at university

HAYS — A rising number of K-12 classrooms do not have teachers in them, but Fort Hays State University is working to provide a solution with its 32nd annual Teacher Career Fair.

The purpose of the event is in bringing together school administrators and candidates from all over the nation.

This year's fair, hosted by the Office of Career Services, will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, April 23, in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Administrators at the event will be available with talk to students throughout the morning.

Students may come and go at their convenience.

Students are encouraged to dress professionally and to bring their resumes.

The event is free and is open to students, faculty, staff and alumni of any university and to anyone in or interested in the Transition to Teaching program.

For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at (785) 628-4260, by e-mail at careers@fhsu.edu or visit the Web site at www.fhsu.edu/careers.



EVA KECK
is celebrating her 83rd birthday on April 21, 2007. You are invited to help her and her family celebrate this event by sending a card to her at 1166 Wheatridge, Colby, KS, 67701

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Deborah Ann (Lampe) Foss

Deborah Ann Foss was born June 30, 1951 in St. Francis, KS, the youngest of three children born to Merlin and Violet (Cox) Lampe. She passed away at her home in Colby, KS on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

Debbi lived in St. Francis and attended St. Francis Grade School until her family moved to Colby in 1963. She then attended junior high and high school at Colby Public Schools where she was a cheerleader and met her husband, Jerry. She graduated in 1969.

On April 17, 1971 Debbi was united in marriage to Jerry L. Foss in Colby at the United Methodist Church. To this union were born three children, Tera, Justin, and Jodi.

Following high school, Debbi's first job was a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone. Jerry and Debbi then owned and operated J&D Western Wear and T.J.'s Clothing Store in downtown Colby. She became a homemaker for many years while her children were growing and helped operate the family greyhound business. Later in her life, she went back to school, she attended Colby Community College and enrolled in Business and Computer Courses. She then did an internship at Colby United Methodist Church. Her new computer skills helped her obtain a secretarial position at The First Christian Church. In October 1997, she began her final position at the Hi-Plains Co-op as a secretary in the business office, a job she enjoyed very much and was hoping to be able to get back to.

Debbi was a member of the Colby United Methodist Church and in her spare time she enjoyed reading, spending time with family, friends, and her grandchildren. She maintained a positive attitude throughout her illness and never complained about being sick.

Debbi was preceded in death by her parents, Merlin and Violet. She leaves behind to mourn her, her husband Jerry, of the home. A daughter, Tera Edmundson and husband Staley and grandchildren Mandy and Connor of Colby. A son, Justin Foss and wife Dana and grandchildren Bailey, Brittany, and Brayden of Colby. A daughter, Jodi Anderson and husband Jermaine and granddaughter Brooklynn of Olatha, KS. Two brothers, Jim Lampe of Colorado Springs, CO and Steve Lampe of Colby, KS. And many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Harrison Chapel, Colby and were held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Mardock officiating. Music was furnished by Tom Harrison and Monica Bugbee-Miller. Pallbearers were Kendall Foss, Royce Rambat, Mike Moses, Cal Williams, Wally Bell, Ed Mildenburger, Jack Johnson and Charles "Ritz" Everett. Special Angels included Dr. LaDonna Regier, Karol Ruda, Dr. Victor Hildyard, Brian Unruh, Kay Hughes, and Mindy Green.

Final interment was at Beulah Cemetery, Colby, KS. Memorials are suggested in Debbi's name to Hospice Services of Thomas County and may be left at any Colby Bank.

ATTENTION

Colby High School, Brewster High School, and Golden Plains High School

Senior Parents & HOMESCHOOLERS

Hurry in parents!! Deadline is May 7th!!!

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

Call Crystal, Emily or Kristi @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS

Small Sample

I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball

PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whitney - go get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

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Announcing...

THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE MEMBERS!

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Logan High School Auditorium

Registration from 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
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- Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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