

# Family

## Museum exhibit to celebrate seasons

The art works of Colby residents Marj and Jim Brown are on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through December and January.

The public is invited to an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The couple will give a video presentation highlighting their trip to Mahone Bay and Kejimikujik National Park, Nova Scotia, in eastern Canada.

The Browns call their joint exhibition "Joy of the Seasons" to highlight their choice of subject matter in their paintings, drawings and photography.

Jim Brown says that he has never pretend to be a professional photographer. In fact, he is shy about his talent.

Jim said he became interested in photography when he was serving in the Army in Korea. He found himself taking pictures of friends and the Korean people to send home. While on leave in Japan, he bought a Minolta 35mm camera and has since been fascinated with taking pictures.

"He has never had a course in photography, but has a natural ability to just know what makes up good composition," Marj said. "I think visitors to our show will be surprised at his beautiful photographs. He still uses a 35 mm camera and has not gone digital, but who knows, maybe I can talk him into that one of these days."

Jim will be sharing and discussing his photos of the annual Scarecrow Festival held in Mahone Bay.

Marj Brown said she has been doing artwork in one form or another all of her life, including por-

celain dolls, quilting, ceramics, and especially drawing and painting. However, while working as a nurse at Citizens Medical Center, she found no time for her art.

She said she organized the High Plains Art Club after her retirement to assure her return to painting. As a member of the club, she said, she has assisted in painting murals at the Bedker Memorial Complex at Colby Community College, the Prairie Senior Living Center and the Heartland Counseling Service.

Marj has entered her work at area art shows along with her fellow club members. She has studied art at Colby Community College with instructors Thomas Currey, Cal Mahin, and Kenneth Mitchell, and attended many workshops. Her favorite media include watercolor painting and pencil drawing, but she also has been trying colored pencil and pastel work, some of which she will display at the museum.

"I love to paint portraits," she said, "and have always wanted to capture the look on a child's face when he or she sees a Christmas tree lighted for the first time or sees Santa in the Christmas parade. Last year, I did a watercolor of the Bob Gordon home in Colby at Christmas time, and I have painted another Colby home this year; but people will have to come to the show to see what home I have chosen to paint."

Many of her paintings are of winter and Christmas, and much of Jim's work reflects a fall theme. This explains the reason for their exhibition title, Joy of the Seasons.

## Deaths

### Billye Schoenberger

Services for Billye Schoenberger, 91, Atwood, a retired grocery and dry cleaner, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby, with the Rev. Gary Davison officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. She had owned a grocery and a dry-cleaning shop before she retired. She was preceded in death by her

husband Harold in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Karla Denney, Topeka, and Karol (Bob) Ruda, Lake Kiowa, Texas; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Mount Hope Cemetery, Ellis.

The family suggests donations to Hospice Services in care of the funeral home, 745 South Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Wanda Rogers

Services for Wanda Rogers, 85, a longtime resident of Thomas County, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at the Colby First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Stephen Wing and the Rev. Carol Rahn officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Rogers, Colby, a son, Tom Rogers, Wichita; and three daughters, Tracey Rogers and Alana Tubbs of Colby and Jean Rogers, Lakewood, Colo.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, with burial in the Germantown Cemetery, Kensington.

The family suggests contributions to the Thomas County Community Foundation for art education in the public schools, in care of the funeral home, 745 South Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Corrections

An obituary for Freda Thieler in the Wednesday, Dec. 3, edition of the *Colby Free Press* incorrectly

stated that she had seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. It should have said she is survived by four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. This was an editing error.

The name of Pastor John Schmidt was misspelled. This was a typing error.

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## Markets

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Lindsey Marie and Mitchell John Bailey

## Couple married in Leawood ceremony

Lindsey Marie Cox and Mitchell John Bailey were married Nov. 1, 2008, at the Leawood United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Howard and the Rev. Wally Proctor.

Parents of the couple are Richard W. and Kristie Cox, Hays, and David and Kay Bailey, Ellsworth.

Grandparents are Max and Roberta Brewer, Hays; Richard L. and Elsie Cox, Colby; and Keith Bailey, Ellsworth.

The bride wore a classic raw silk A-line strapless gown with a peekaboo tulle inset.

Attending her sister as matron of honor was Leslie Cox Schmidt. Bridesmaids were Cody (Siemsen) Miley, Jami (Munsell) Hess and Dani (Hauser) Leafgreen. Personal attendant was JoLynn Short.

Gabriel Bailey, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Dylan Stang, Brent Foland and Mark Denney. Ushers were Robert Weatherly and Brett Moore.

Flower girls were Rylee and Madison Schmidt, nieces of the bride. Kaden Schmidt, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Attending the guest book was Jenny Bailey, sister-in-law of the groom.

Prayers for the service were read by fathers of the couple.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the wedding at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel.

The groom is a graduate of Ellsworth High School and Otawa University with a degree in management of information services and business communications. He is an interface analyst at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

The couple will make their home in Chicago.

## About Town

The Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is closed for remodeling. While the building is closed, Sunday services are being held at 1005 S. Range. For information, contact Maxine Nelson, 462-3571.

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## Babies

### Ryker Wildeman

Ryker James Wildeman, son of Brad and Amy Wildeman, Colby, was born at Hays Medical Center on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches.

He was welcomed home by brothers Thane and Alec.

Grandparents are Willie and Marilyn Wildeman, WaKeeney, and Terry and Pam Grindle, Burlington, Colo. Great-grandmother is Katie Eberle, WaKeeney.

## Bridge Club

Winners at the Meadowlark Bridge Club last week were:

Elaine Ptacek, first; Katie Melvin, second; Sarah Jane Barrett, third; and Mary Kersbrock, fourth.

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## Freda Katherine Marie Pabst Thieler

Freda Katherine Marie Pabst Thieler, 94, of Colby, died November 30, 2008, at Golden Living Center in Downs. Freda was born June 12, 1914 in Thayer County, Nebraska to Conrad and Francie (Buhs) Pabst, the sixth of eight children. At six years of age, the family moved from Gilead, NE to a farm south of Halford. Freda graduated from the eighth grade in Halford and from Colby High School with the class of 1933.

Freda married Cleo E. Thieler on December 25, 1935 and resided on a farm southeast of Colby. To this union were born Harry and Marlene. After the death of Cleo in 1969, Freda remained on the farm taking care of the farming and cattle; however, after the death of Harry in 1970, Freda sold the farm and moved into Colby. In November of 2002, at the age of 88, Freda sold her home and moved to Fairview Retirement Estates. In September 2007, Freda moved to the Golden Living Center in Downs.

Freda was baptized into the Lutheran faith in June 1914 in Nebraska. She was confirmed with the first confirmation class at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby on April 14, 1935. Up until the time of her death, she was the oldest living member from the originating congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church. She held offices in Lutheran Women's Missionary League, served as secretary-treasurer for Aid Association for Lutherans from 1976-1980 and Historian from 1975-2000. In 1995, Freda was one of twenty-four individuals who took a two-week tour of Greece and the Holy Land. Freda was faithful in reading her Bible and portals of prayer which were always laced with her personal devotional notes. Any guests to her home would see these books on the end table next to her chair in the living room, for she always wanted to be near her God.

Freda began her life as a daughter and sister but grew into a wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Through the years, she was not a person to remain idle. She mowed her lawn until her mid 80's and manicured her flowers and garden to perfection. When arriving at Freda's house, she was quick to give the home and garden tour before sitting down to visit. For many years Colby Community College welcomed Freda every morning for aerobics and aquatic exercises. On the flip side of the health endorsement aspect, Freda worked at Daylight Donuts far past retirement age and instantly became a hit when she had a few donuts on hand for the grand kids. Speaking of food, she was an excellent cook. She was well known for her homemade angel food cake, noodles, no bake cookies, cherry winks, pumpkin pie, and peppernuts. Her flawless skills also extended into her dog pillows and exquisite quilts. Whether it be for a wedding, baby, graduation, Christmas, or just for love, Freda made each of us several quilts that we will cherish forever. Our grandma Freda leaves our hearts with many memories that will bring us joy beyond these immediate days of sorrow. We will always remember her candy drawer, her fine taste in clothing and jewelry, her generosity, and least we not forget that grandma never colored her hair. She was truly beautiful inside and out. Tucked away in her belongings we found a statement that she had cut out of her devotional reading. It states, "What is a mother? A mother is a link to God - a child's first impression of God and first awareness of God's Love comes from a mother." Grandma, you have been our link to God. May he continue to wrap you in his arms. We are blessed to have been loved by you. We'll see you on the other side!

Those left to remember Freda include her daughter Marlene and husband, Bud Murphy of Cheyenne, WY. Grandchildren include Charlene and husband Cory Beougher of Downs, Rod Murphy and wife Barbara of Girard, Roger Murphy and wife Carmen of Maynardville, TN, Cathy and husband Chad Berens of Casper, WY. Great grandchildren include Craig and Cala Beogher, Robert, Brenna, Reid, and Bree Murphy, Cade Murphy, Saylar and Dawson Epperson, Trig and Jos Berens.

Freda was preceded in death by her husband Cleo, son Harry, parents Conrad & Francie Pabst, brothers Bill Herman, Ed, Hie and Paul and sisters Alvina and Ethel.

Funeral services were held December 5, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, KS with Pastor John Schmidt officiating. Those serving as pallbearers include Cory Beougher, Craig Beougher, Rod Murphy, Robert Murphy, Reid Murphy, Roger Murphy, and Chad Berens. Honorary pallbearers are to be her nephews, David Pabst, Darrell Pabst, Kenny Thieler, Don Thieler, Delmer Hoeting, Ray Bange, Don Pabst and Jerry Pabst. Interment was at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, in care of the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel - 745 S. Country Club Dr. Colby, KS 67701.

Visitation was 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Thursday, Dec. 4th at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

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