

Family

Library lunch offers book ideas to digest

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have *Booked for Lunch* at noon on Wednesday. Clarice Howard from the Northwest Kansas Library System will be speaking on two books: "Just Take My Heart," by Mary Higgins Clark (fiction), and "Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain," by Oliver Sack (nonfiction).



Melany Wilks
•Library Links

This week I want to share with you about two interesting videos that the library has on architecture. "Architecture #1: A Collection," by Facets Multimedia discusses famous work in Europe such as the Bauhaus, Nemausus I and others.

"Architecture #4," by Facets Video discusses the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans, La Maison de Verre and other great edifices. What I loved was the insights of how masters that created such structures were really trying to create a society for learning, social structure and unity among the masses. The ways these buildings were received or denigrated also depended upon the political climate, financial potency and general understanding of the visionary.

Speaking of masters, visionaries and such, I want to tell you about two interesting books we have placed on our shelves.

The first is "iBrain: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind," by Gary Small and Gigi Vorgan. This is a fascinating book on how technology is processed differently in the brain than, say, math problems. Our children are considered Digital Natives, while we are considered Digital Immigrants. This book also provides good news for the 35- to 50-year-old age group. Small and Vorgan have found that studies show those within these age ranges are able to "optimize all the information available to us from our experiences over the years" (p. 44).

The authors also suggest that parents of young children restrict TV watching for their children. He cites some interesting studies and environmental observations that show how images and visual concepts can influence their development. While they admit that double blind studies have not been completed to demonstrate this, some parents did observe positive changes when restricting TV for children with autism (pp. 71-73).

Chapter six provides a test for readers to consider non-verbal communication skills, self-esteem, empathic abilities and listening skills, multitasking and attention, relaxation and off-line creative activities, and hi-tech addiction (pp. 106-113).

If all this is not enough, the author tells us about a brain-computer interface experiment with epileptic patients who were trained to control the cursor on the computer screen (p. 187). Other experiments are being conducted on mentally typing into a computer.

This book has other helpful resources found in three appendices: a high-tech glossary, text message shortcuts and emoticons, and other resources for hi-tech addition, face-to-face communication, technology toolkit resources, and helpful websites. It also has notes for each chapter and a very nice index.

Another new book on the brain is "Pink Brain, Blue Brain: How Small Differences Grow into Troublesome Gaps - and What We Can Do About It," by Lise Eliot. She is a graduate of Harvard and is the author of "What's Going On in There? How the Brain and Mind Development in the First Five Years of Life."

She admits there are differences in the brain between boys and girls, but studies show the difference is not as great as we think. The great thing about this book is that Eliot is a parent of one girl and two boys. Seeing the differences, she knows she and her husband did not set out to influence their children in the daily activities the children are drawn towards. She, however, is sharing with us studies in plasticity of the brain. Plasticity in the brain is what happens when we learn something new.

The author covers infancy, preschool years, school age, such subjects as sex, math and science, as well as love and war. You will glean some insights into the formative years of babies to youth in this book. She not only provides notes for each chapter, but an extensive bibliography and index.

A third book that you may want to consider reading is "Lost At School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges are Falling Through the Cracks and How We Can Help Them," by Ross W. Greene. His basic premise is that kids with behavioral problems need to be taught the skills to "behave adaptively," but need to be taught in "increments they can handle" (front flap).

What I also gleaned is that there are no quick fixes! Helping children grow and develop takes commitment from all within the community: parents, teachers, principals, ministers, family and friends. But it also led me to understand, that it is possible to make a difference in a child's life.

Remember, as you start thinking of harvest festivals and parties, that we have lots of resources to check out.

We have craft books, cookbooks, magazines with seasonal ideas, and even Halloween cake pans. Come check out books, audio books, DVD's, and magazines for your pleasure. In case you have not heard, we are a Wi-Fi hotspot which is available 24/7 at the library.

The Pioneer Memorial Library is open until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday, until 4 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!



Adam Randall Smith and Miranda Ann Brown

Colby graduates plan February wedding here

Miranda Ann Brown and Adam Randall Smith of Urbana, Ill., plan to marry Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Loisann Brown of Republic, and the granddaughter of Vic and Glenna Brown of Republic, and Iona Tuley and the late Kenneth Tuley of Belleville.

She graduated in 2002 from Belleville High School, in 2004 from Colby Community College, and in 2007 from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in agronomy. She is a research associate for Pioneer Hi-Bred, International in Champaign, Ill., working with

corn in crop genetics research and development.

The groom is the son of Randy and Linda Smith of Colby, and the grandson of Keith and Nina May Farmer of Colby, and Fran Smith and the late Donald D. Smith of Colby.

He graduated from Colby High School in 2002 and earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 and a master's degree in 2009, both in computer engineering, from the University of Kansas. He is working towards a doctorate in computer science at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

The couple plans to live in Urbana.

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Daughters of the American Revolution, John Athey Chapter, met at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Q Inn in Quinter.

Regent Judith Watkins opened the meeting. Kay Weber gave the President General's message concerning Constitution Week. Gladys Rowley gave National Defense. Roll call was taken. Guests included Stephanie, Greta, and Jeanine.

Treasurer's report was given. Minutes were read and approved by Eva Lee Wheeler. Kay Weber gave "An Indian Moment" about

the basket makers in Riverside, Calif.

Members brought items for Sharon Maurath to deliver to veterans.

Maurath closed the meeting with prayer.

Following lunch at the Q Inn, the group went to the TNT Tea House. Terry Scofield gave a history of tea, and the club sampled various kinds.

Next meeting will be at 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, at the home of Delphyn Biggs in Oberlin.

—Eva Lee Wheeler

Markets

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Coming Soon To City Limits Bar & Grill

New Pasta and Desserts!

Chef Bud Anderson From Ben E Keith's Food Distribution from Amarelo, Texas will be teaching the staff 3 or 4 new pasta dishes on Thursday, October 1st that will soon be available!

City Limits is also offering flau and homemade apple pie with ice cream!

New drinks include New Belgium and O'dells micro brewed out of Fort Collins, Colorado! Pitcher's of Margarita's are available daily but pitcher specials on Tuesday only!!



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Babies

Thomas Steven Meagher



Thomas M.

Thomas Steven Meagher, son of Bill and Mandy Meagher of Hays, was born Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Steve and Sara Juenemann of Colby and Tom and Patty Meagher of Hays. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Rogers and Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, all of Selden, and Peggy Brungardt of Russell.

Mia Rhian Dickson

Mia Rhian Dickson, daughter of Josh and Kayla Dickson of Las Vegas, was born Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Southern Hills Hospital in Las Vegas. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 17 1/2 inches.

Sister Kinlie, 22 months, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Tim and Leisa Hansen of Colby and Dale and Nancy Dickson of Dodge City. Great-grandparent is K.D. Mollenkamp of Arnold.



Mia Dickson

High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions met Monday, Sept. 28. President Justin Burrus called the meeting to order with the roll call question, "Why are you glad to be here?" In the absence of song leader Mary Hurtt, secretary Sheryl Brenn directed the group.

Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and committee chairmen. Melinda Morton reported on the home-owned carnival at the 2009 Thomas County fair, with the Zipper being the most popular ride.

Members reported hours of community service and recycling. A member asked about a statement in the *Free Press* concerning the improvement of Young Ball Field. It was reported that another Colby service club had done the "lion's share" of the project. The member questioned what part of the project the Lions Club was supposed to have done. Following a club discussion, it was decided that the report should have been re-worded to say that the other club "did the largest part of the work" and

the project had nothing to do with the High Plains Lions.

Sheryl and Larry Brenn reported to the club the activities they attended at the U.S.-Canadian Lions International Forum in Memphis. The forum drew 2,800 Lion members from all over the world. Kansas had 52 members. They reported the club has been in compliance with the International policies.

John Sanders won the drawing.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 12. Larry Koon will have the program.

—Roger Hale

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday, Sept. 29, were first, Gail Vacca; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Gerry Anschutz; fifth, Larry Barrett; sixth, Joy Davis.



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V. L. "Lew" Patten

Lifelong Brewster, Kansas resident V. L. "Lew" Patten, 98, died Saturday, September 26, 2009, at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

He was born July 12, 1911, on the family homestead located on the Republican River northwest of Bird City, in Cheyenne County, Kansas. He was the second of fourteen children born to Emmett and Mary Ellen (Garner) Patten. He attended South Fork Rural School and also Bird City High School.



On March 3, 1934, he and Letha Wilma Duncan were married at Goodland, and they began their life together farming in the Brewster area.

The couple was very active in the community. Lewis was elected as Barrett Township Trustee in 1946, also serving as clerk. He served on the Garden Plains School Board and the Colby Cemetery Board. Lewis and Letha enjoyed going to the Threshing Days at Bird City to watch the old threshing machines and tractors powered by steam engines. They spent the days renewing old friendships from many years past and visiting with all the "old timers".

Preceding him in death were his wife of sixty-nine years Letha Patten, who died March 24, 2003; twin daughters; one granddaughter Julie Owens; one great-grandson Austin Golemboski; his parents; three brothers Roy Patten, Robert Patten, and Leonard Patten; and four sisters Norma Gilland, Silvia Woodward, Minnie Clapper, and Eva Bishop.

Surviving family includes daughter Bonnie Carpenter and her husband James of Goodland; son Vernon Patten and his wife Sally of Brewster; five grandchildren Greg Patten and his wife Rashelle of Ellinwood; Jacque Golemboski and her husband Mark of Colby; Jolene Burgess and her husband Dave of Las Vegas, Nevada; Lowell Carpenter and his wife Becki of Brewster; Wayne Carpenter and his wife Leisha of Brewster; twelve great-grandchildren Danielle, Devann, and Danae Patten, all of Ellinwood; Zachary Golemboski and his wife Katie of Colby; Quinten and Dailynn Burgess, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; Ashley Stainbrook and her husband Rylan of Curtis, Nebraska; Amy Carpenter of Brewster; Jarrett Carpenter and his wife Trisha of Brewster; Seth Carpenter of Brewster; Russell Owens and his wife Candi of Goodland; Nichell Lowery and her husband Dusty of Garden City; three great-great grandchildren Jordon and Addison Owens; Lexy Golemboski; two brothers Floyd "Bill" Patten and his wife Eleanor of Austin, Colorado; Elmer Patten of Carlisle, Indiana; and sister Annie Bishop of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The funeral will be Thursday, October 1, at 9:00 AM Mountain Time (10:00 AM Central Time), at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with burial to follow in the Brewster Cemetery. Friends may share their respects on Wednesday, from 3:00 until 7:00 PM MT, at Koons Chapel. Memorials may be designated to Prairie Senior Living Complex or Brewster Heritage Center, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.