

# Chilly weather brings inside events

The weather is reminding us that we are getting closer and closer to winter when those inside events are very, very welcome.

We just got back from the annual Tourism Conference in Overland Park. This was a terrific meeting. First of all, the Colby Visitor Center was designated as one of 12 community centers across the state. We will have special designation on the state maps and have a decal in our window.

The designation is meant to give the traveler some assurance of quality control. We are very proud of our Center, our staff, and our volunteers.

We had the opportunity to hear from Simon T. Bailey who is the author of two books: "Brilliant Service is the Bottom Line" and "Release your Brilliance." He is a phenomenal motivational speaker. We also had presentations from Lt. Governor Troy Findley, director, and all of the staff of the Travel and Tourism Division sharing their plans for 2010; Mayors Carl Gerlach of Overland Park and Ron Fehr of Manhattan discussing the relevance of working with their visitor's bureaus, and Bob Frohoff from MMG discussing media plans.

There were several concurrent sessions and shirtsleeve working sessions.

It was well worth the time away, but we're now playing catch-up once again. The staff in the office is putting together Santa City using the 125th birthday of Thomas County as our theme. It is hard to believe that Santa City will open the day after Thanksgiving and will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday as well. What a great way to kick off the holi-



## Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

day season.

We hosted the Northwest Kansas Travel Council in Colby, Tuesday the 27th at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. It is always great fun to showcase our community to others in the industry. We will be attending a Leadership Summit with Cindy Black, co-facilitator of Leadership Thomas County and two of our board members the first week of November. The summit has been planned by the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita.

What is on the Colby Calendar of Events for November? Again it is a wide variety of activities. Scheduled college events includes the college's Ambassador Classic which is being held over two weekends this year. Games will be held Friday and Saturday, and Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 12 to 14. Men's teams include Northwest Kansas All Stars, Sterling, and Trinidad State; women's teams are Sterling, Western Nebraska, Colorado Northwest, Independence and Clarendon. The Pickerill Lecture series begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center with Dr. Rhonda Janke discussing sustainable agriculture.

Other community events include Trivia Pursuit Night at Pioneer Memorial Library at 6:30

p.m. Thursday. Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov. 11. The parade will be held at 5 p.m. and travel from Fike Park on Franklin to the courthouse. Election day is Tuesday. Don't forget to vote. The Colby Recreation Department is having the Third Annual Turkey Trot 5K which is a predicted time race with registration at 8:30 a.m. and race at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Registration and race begins at the Community Building.

Musical and cultural events include the Colby High School musical which will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 12 and 13, in the high school auditorium. Western Plains Arts Association is bringing "Stars of Irish Cabaret" to the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. This is billed as a fun evening of Irish music and dance. The second grade music program will be held at 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the grade school auditorium. The program name is "When I Grow Up." The annual hospice event "An Evening On Us" will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, at Meadow Lake Club and Golf Course. You are encouraged to mark your calendars now for that one. The highlight of November for most of us is Thanksgiving, an opportunity to get together with family and friends and be thankful for our many blessings. The Convention and Visitors Bureau wishes each and every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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## Shakespeare Club

Shakespeare Club met Oct. 23 at the home of Kathy Calliham. The meeting was called to order with the flag salute and club collect. Roll call was answered with reflections of family visits to the Black Hills.

After approval of the September minutes, Joyce Hansen noted she had taken a 2009-2010 club yearbook to the Thomas County Historical Society to be included in the recently sorted archives.

President, Kathy Calliham adjourned the meeting to begin her program about the Crazy Horse sculpture in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

She told about the sculptor, Korzak Ziolkowski, who was recruited by the Lakota chiefs of the Sioux tribes in 1939.

The work on the 640-foot-long, 563-foot-tall mountain began in the late 1940s when Ziolkowski was 40 and had only \$174, and his hands were his only tools. The project continues today with members of Ziolkowski's family and others working daily.

Ziolkowski's wife Ruth manages their log home, plus a museum and work on the sculpture. Seven of their 10 children work in this family business and all live within three miles.

The family dream is to develop an Indian university and medical training facility at the complex.

The afternoon concluded with the hostess serving a fall pumpkin dessert.

The next meeting will be Jan. 22 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, when the club will host the Three of Clubs for a program about the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, "Journeys."

— Sheila Frahm

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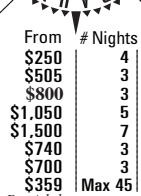
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