

Family

Leaders attend summit in Wichita

Deaths

Just a bit of old business before we begin talking about the festive holiday season in Colby. "The Oasis on the Plains."

The Kansas Leadership Center invited Leadership Thomas County members to attend its summit Nov. 4 through 6 in Wichita. Attending from Colby were board members Sean Hankin and Denise Stupka-Schieferocke and Leilani Thomas, program co-director. Sessions covered civic leadership and why it is hard, risky and difficult. There were over 200 attending from leadership programs across the state of Kansas.

We will hold another youth leadership class in January and February for Thomas County high school sophomores. This is a great opportunity to involve our youth in learning leadership skills and increasing their involvement in community and school. We will be sharing the class members with you when they have been selected.

The holiday season is here! This always means more activities than usual. Santa City opened Thanksgiving weekend. If you have not been there yet, make a visit a holiday priority.

The display is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and will be open 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday evenings beginning Dec. 14. Christmas Eve hours are 1 to 3 p.m. The display, with the theme, "The Spirit of Christmas on the Prairie," depicts scenes of Christmas activities dur-



Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

ing several decades of our 125th years.

This will be the same theme used for the Christmas light parade at 5:45 p.m. Sunday in downtown Colby.

We encourage those of you who are interested to put together a float for all to enjoy. There will be prize money. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office and we ask that they be returned by Friday.

You, too, are invited to light up for the Christmas season. The Colby Promotion Committee is again having its holiday lighting contests for residential and business locations. Have your display active and ready for the judging between 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12. Nominations may be made at Dillons, Walmart, the Chamber office and the Pioneer Memorial Library.

There are cash prizes and the opportunity to amaze your friends and neighbors. And Dec. 12 would be an excellent time to see the lights of Colby.

Music abounds during the holiday season. The middle school vocal concert and high school band and vocal concert will be at 7:30

p.m. Tuesday at the high school auditorium.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will perform their "Poinsettia Pops" concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the college Cultural Arts Center.

The concert will include a carol sing-along.

Western Plains Arts Association presents Riders in the Sky at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Oakley High School Auditorium. Their program is entitled "Christmas the Cowboy Way."

The fourth-grade music program will have two performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the grade school auditorium.

The Colby Community College band concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and the choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Both programs are scheduled for the Cultural Arts Center.

Saturday, Dec. 5, brings us several special holiday activities, including the Thomas County Community Foundation Santa's Workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Thomas County Office Complex. This gives young children an opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping.

The High Plains Lions' Club is having a pancake feed at 7 a.m. that day at the Community Building, Kappa Upsilon Christmas cookie and candy sale will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The Colby Recreation Department plans a candy cane hunt at Fike Park on Saturday, Dec. 12. Children 3 and under will hunt at 10 a.m., those 4 to 6 at 10:15 a.m. and 7 to 9 at 10:30 a.m. The third annual holiday gift and craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the same day at the National Guard Armory.

Sports also continues in December. The Colby Eagles Wrestling Invitational is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, continuing at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

College men and women play basketball against Cloud County at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and Seward County at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Colby High School C-team, junior varsity and varsity basketball games will start at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, with Hays, at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, with St Francis and at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, with Oakley.

We encourage you to participate in as many holiday activities as possible. Don't forget Santa City and the Christmas Light Parade. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Rotary Club

Steve Haynes, owner, publisher of the *Colby Free Press*, shared his history in the newspaper business and current happenings at the paper during the noon meeting of Colby Rotary Club on Nov. 24.

Guests were Kevin Bottrell, Andy Heintz and Miss Kinley Ziegelmeier.

Connie Renner extended greetings to club members from Mike Fell, former Colby Rotarian.

Miss Ziegelmeier won Roto-Lotto.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	Hi-Plains Co-op
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.37
Corn (bushel)	\$3.48
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.55
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.43

We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor@nwkansas.com

EAT HEARTY.....

STEAK FRY

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Your choice of Potato and Salad

COLBY VFW MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!

Dr. Gerard R. Hassett

Dr. Gerard R. Hassett, 85, Hays, a former Colby radiologist, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Syracuse.

He was born Feb. 19, 1924, at Bird Island, Minn., to Roger Gerard and Marie Agnes (Lahiff) Hassett. He married Margaret Maureen Moriarity in Missouri Valley, Iowa, on Sept. 22, 1951.

He graduated from the Creighton University Medical School in Omaha and did a residency in radiology at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

He served in the Army during the Korean War, from 1953 to 1955. He practiced at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Mich., and St. Thomas Hospital and Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hays and the American Medical Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a twin sister, Patricia Hassett Sisul, and a brother, Roger John Hassett.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Roger (Mary Rita) Hassett, Concord, Calif., and William (Emma) Hassett, Syracuse; three daughters, Teresa (Paul) MacDonald, Hays; Catherine Ann (Ken) Bryan, Littleton, Colo.; and Mary Pat (Dean) Cross, Manhattan; a sister, Marie Hassett Hathaway, Raleigh, N.C.; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the church in Hays.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. A vigil service will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the church's elevator fund or the Paul and Terri MacDonald Family Scholarship Fund at Fort Hays State University in care of the funeral home, 1906 Pine, Hays, Kan., 67601.

'Val' Heier

Valentine J. Heier, 83, a Grinnell area farmer and grandfather of Larry Heier of Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

He was born Oct. 12, 1926, in Gove County to Peter and Magdalena (Zerr) Heier. He married Anna Mary Zimmerman on Oct. 20, 1948, in Grainfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and three brothers, Francis X. Heier, Elmer Heier and Christopher Heier.

Survivors include a son, Randy Heier, and a daughter, Candy Percival, both of Grinnell; a brother, Albert Heier, Fredericksburg, Va.; three sisters, Rosina Kovar, Den-

ver; Bernita Taylor, Annadale, Va.; and Verlene Feldt, Hoxie; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church parish center, with a rosary and wake service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Grinnell Senior Center, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Francis Academy, or masses, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Ernel W. Rogers

Ernel W. Rogers, 91, Oakley, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at his daughter's home in Pueblo, Colo.

He was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Cheyenne County. He was a farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by parents: William and Cora (Nester) Rogers, first wife Charlotte (Worley) Rogers, son Billy, and three brothers.

Survivors include wife Lena (Parker) Rogers of the home, three daughters, Kay Repshire, Park; Gala Dunbar, Menahga, Minn.; and Susan Overbay, Colorado Springs; a sister Clarice Feaster of Las Cruces, N.M.; 11 grandchild-

dren; 24 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Butterfield Trail Ride, Muscular Dystrophy Association or Evercare Hospice of Colorado Springs in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Math relay good for Golden Plains

Golden Plains High School seniors Isaac Broeckelman, Jonathan Broeckelman and Shaun Gilbert and juniors Randi Cressler, Lucas Phillips, Devinn Ritter and Avery Spresser attended the 31st Fort Hays State University Math Relays on Nov. 12.

The Golden Plains students each participated in six events either as an individual or on a three-person relay team. Students compete at their grade level against students from schools of all sizes.

The event drew 61 juniors and 69 seniors. Golden Plains students placed fourth out of 23 Class 1A schools in the competition. Students placing in the top 10 include:

Event 1 — Using Number Sense: Phillips, fifth place; Isaac Broeckelman, fifth place; Jonathan Broeckelman, sixth place.

Event 2 — Trigonometry: Phillips, sixth place; senior team, both Broeckelmans and Gilbert, ninth place.

Event 3 — Algebraic Manipulation: Jonathan Broeckelman, fourth place, Isaac Broeckelman, fifth place.

Event 4 — Informal Geometry: Phillips, fourth place, senior relay team, both Broeckelmans and Gilbert, first out of 26 teams.

Event 5 — Applications of Algebra and Arithmetic: junior relay team, Phillips, Ritter, Spresser, fourth; Isaac Broeckelman fourth

Event 6 — Calculations with Calculators: senior team, tied for seventh out of 28 teams.

"Our students did well in the relays," said Math Teacher Traci Uehlin. "I appreciate Cathy Broeckelman taking them to Hays for this competition."



I. Broeckelman



Shaun Gilbert



J. Broeckelman

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Sunday
3:11 a.m. — Semi with flashers going on S. Range by Motel 6. Directions given to Atwood.

6:21 a.m. — Basket of puppies at southeast corner of Bosselman's taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

2:53 p.m. — Man on motorcycle struck a dog at Cedar and Range. Not found; motorcycle driver left and dog ran off.

2:53 p.m. — Dog at large caught at 1775 Lynda, returned to owner.

8:12 p.m. — Ambulance sent Veterans of Foreign Wars.

10:07 p.m. — Accident at Range and College. Van's towed both vehicles.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Sunday
2:27 a.m. — Lights on and door cracked opened at 2105 County Rd. 12.

6:20 p.m. — Sherman County Communications passed on third-party report of a semi driving erratically eastbound at I-70 mile 35. Not found.

Goodland home tour Sunday

The Goodland Arts Council's Annual Holiday Home Tour and Open House — "Christmas in Our Hometown" — will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The tour will feature homes of Jeff and Jill Deeds, John and Nora Garcia and Nationwide Homes.

Tickets, \$15 (\$12 for members), may be purchased at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th. When you buy a ticket, you get a chance to win a \$25 art-center gift certificate.

Show your tickets that Sunday

from noon to 3 p.m. at any of the following participating stores, the Almond Tree, El Dorado's, Jacque's Hallmark or Mann's Jewelry/Smitty's Sports, and receive a one-time offer.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Images by Michele Photography
Oakley, Kansas

Annual Holiday Weekend Specials!

Free Sitting - Drawings - Special Holiday Packages
New Backdrops - View and Order Same Day

Two weekends only!
November 21st-22nd & December 5th-6th

By Appointment Only. **Call 785-672-4930**
Reserve your spot now for family pictures! Picture-Perfect

Double M Designs invites you to

CHRISTMAS
IN THE
Country

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd
2-8pm

Please join us for some holiday cheer and see the new holiday jewelry line.

Double M Designs
Mary Maxwell
785-462-2905

24 We live 4 miles west of Colby on Hwy. 24; 1 mi. south; and ½ mi. west.

Kappa Upsilon
Christmas
Cookie & Candy
Sale

December 5th
11 am - 2 pm

United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall

All proceeds
donated locally.

MOVIE
PASSES

Watch for your name in the Wednesday movie listings for 2 free passes.

(Passes must be used within 7 days.)

Pick up your passes at your:

Logan County Manor
Has

Openings For Your Loved Ones

Payment Sources accepted:

- Medicaid
- Private Pay
- LTC Insurance

24 Hour Nursing Care

Clean Environment
PT/OT/STP
Restorative Care
Activities/Social Services
Beauty/Barber Shop
Laundry Services
Transportation Services

Come in for a visit or contact us for more information at 785-672-8109