

Family

Christmas reading starts the holidays

The Christmas season has begun with gusto, so let me begin by telling you about a few new items that fit into this season.

"A Blue and Gray Christmas," by Joan Medlicott, is a new edition to the *Ladies Covington* series. Two men fight in the Civil War on opposing sides. Both end up injured and dying on the field of battle. A woman helps them both through this ordeal.

They find their benefactor is old and frail, so decide to stay and help her in her old age. Meanwhile, three young ladies, Grace, Amelia and Hanna, find letters from these men in the Covington Homestead. They decide to reunite the families of the men and the men to their families. This book brings beauty into the season through a different sort of theme.

A second item is "A Christmas Blizzard" by Garrison Keillor. The protagonist, James Sparrow, is looking forward to a warm island Christmas until a call comes that he needs to visit a sick aunt. He and his wife Joyce think this is to be a quick detour in their plans — until the blizzard hits. Trapped due to the immensity of the storm, he is confronted with friends and foes from the past. Let's just say that James has an epiphany of sorts by the end of the book. You'll enjoy the story.

Another book is "The Memory Quilt: A Christmas Story for Our Times," by T.D. Jakes. Each wedding in Lela Edwards' family is an opportunity to make a quilt. However, this time the season is not cheery like weddings and Christmas seasons should be. Lela's beloved husband has just died; her daughters are not living nearby. Darcie, Lela's daughter, is struggling with her marriage and knows her life needs some work. Lela, Darcie and other family members begin to learn about applying some truths that Mary learned while bringing Jesus into the world.

A fourth book is "Knit the Season" by Kate Jacobs. This novel continues the saga of the Friday Night Knitting Club. If you have been reading the series, you are familiar with Dakota, the owner of the knitting shop. She is spending time in Scotland with her father and grandmother.

This book takes you from Thanksgiving through Hanukkah, and Christmas to New Year's. As always, Jacobs brings together



Melany Wilks

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loving, fun and joyful relationships that warm the heart. We also have this item available in audio book format, an unabridged edition with six CDs in the set. You will enjoy either version.

Do not forget that we have lots and lots of Christmas recipe books. We just received "Christmas with Southern Living, 2009."

The editors of the *Southern Living* magazine have done it again. It has 100 great new recipes, along with ways to make family and open-house celebrations come to life. They even have suggestions on making an elf party for kids!

Speaking of kids, a great book for the children is "One Wintery Night," by Ruth Bell Graham and illustrated by Richard Jesse Watson. This book is found in our rotation section (loaned to us from the Northwest Kansas Library System) in the children's room.

We also just purchased "Disney's Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws." I bet you did not know that Santa has a dog — well he now does! Since dog is man's best friend, this brings fun and adventure into Santa's life.

A second DVD is Disney's animated movie "Up." The characters learn that sharing ice-cream cones and counting passing cars is just as important as doing the outrageous stunts of dare. If these movies are checked out by others when you want them, ask us to put you on hold for the item. When it's returned, we give you a call and tell you your movie is ready.

Our annual Food for Fines campaign begins Saturday. Anyone who has overdue fines may bring in canned foods to redeem them. We ask that the food have current dates, labels intact and be in good condition.

Beginning Saturday, you can redeem your library fines by simply filling out a small form available at the front and then giving us your food items. We will be donating these items to the Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank. Food for Fines will run until Wednesday, Dec. 23.

are really stirring and more. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Adams, professor of physics and Anshutz professor of education, at (785) 628-4538 or padams@fhsu.edu.

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

Science of Christmas show explores season at Sternberg

HAYS — The Fort Hays State University student chapter of the National Science Teachers Association will present its seventh annual Science of Christmas show at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Seibel Lobby of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

Student scientists will explain how Santa fits down the chimney, the secret to reindeer flight, if mice

Colby nurse elected state council president

Jeanene Brown, a registered nurse and director of education at Citizens Medical Center, was elected president of the Kansas Healthcare Education Council on Nov. 13 during the Kansas Hospital Association annual conference in Wichita.

"Brown has been a member of the council



J. Brown

for many years, and is known for her innovative ideas, along with her wealth of experience and good leadership skills," said Carolee Hager, vice president of the council.

Jeanene, a Colby native, and her husband Mike farm southwest of Colby.

Babies

Dryce Wiley Brott

Dryce Wiley Brott, son of Nolan and Lacey Brott of Brewster, was born Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches.

Brother Rance is two.

Grandparents are Bill and Peggy Miller, Colby, and Larry and Connie Brott, Hayes Center, Neb. Great-grandparents are Elon Miller, Colby, and Dave and Marry Gibbins, Palisade, Neb.



Bailey Flores

Bailey Marie Flores

Bailey Marie Flores, daughter of Andria Nicole Flores of Colby, was born Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches.

Sister Jordan Flores welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Dawn Mouser and Norman Sharp, both of Colby.

Hayden Michael Hooten

Hayden Michael Hooten, son of Cody and Chanda Hooten, of Arkadelphia, Ark., was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark., on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Big brother Huston welcomed him home. Grandparents are Mike and Jeanene Brown of Colby, and B.J. Hooten and Joe and Lisa Hooten of Sulphur Springs, Texas.



Hayden H.

Jaden Paul Tubbs

Jaden Paul Tubbs, son of Nicholas Paul and Angela K. Tubbs of Colby, was born Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches.

Brother Boston Allen Tubbs, 3, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Bill and Donna Bennett and Jody and Gerald Tubbs, all of Colby.

'Cavemen' on display

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Visitors to Warsaw's zoo are being greeted by two "homo sapiens" peering out from a cage — humans in animal skins trying to spark interest in man's caveman ancestors.

Organizer Maria Mastalerz says the weeklong "performance" aims to attract interest in a play, "Caveman," showing in the Polish capital. But she says it also carries a message that humans today are not all that different from their prehistoric ancestors.

Dressed in furs and animal

skins, the young woman and man smoked a fish over a fire Friday.

Deaths

Randall Ray Newcomb

Randall Ray Newcomb, 51, Denver, formerly of Colby, and a nephew of Judie (Jim) Withers and Smokey (Rosie) Stover of Colby, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at his home.

He was born Feb. 13, 1958, in Denver, the son of Tyke and Mildred (Stover) Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb was a 1976 graduate of Ranum High School in Denver, and attended Metropolitan State College for two years.

He worked as journeyman electrician, a driver for the Regional Transportation District in Denver, a delivery driver and a test driver.

Most recently, he worked at the convenience store at Service Oil in Colby for three years. While

in Colby, he attended the Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous group and Narcotics Anonymous. He returned to Denver in 2008.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tyke Newcomb and Mildred Lutz.

He also is survived by a sister, Cathy (Pal) Bajcsi, and a brother, Mike (Jenny) Newcomb, both of Denver, and two uncles, John (Carol) Stover of Glen Elder and Walter (Milt) Newcomb, Denver.

Family and friends are invited to an informal memorial service from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the home of his sister, 2890 S. Newland, Denver.

For information, call Ms. Withers at 460-0167.

Family shelter in Hays helped by Oakley native

When anyone asks Oakley native Caroline von Lintel, a nationally recognized interior and furniture designer, what her dream design project would be, she immediately answers, "a shelter," saying that inspiring people in need is her passion.

She is working to complete upgrades to her fourth shelter through her Save the Family program to refurbish and renovate the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services shelter house in Hays.

Through von Lintel's expertise, plus the efforts of volunteers who have donated over 2,000 hours and 25 businesses that have donated time, products and materials, the center is being transformed into a brighter safe haven for victims of abuse. This year, guests will be celebrating the holidays with a brand-new kitchen, career center and children's art center.

The project is nearly half completed, and when finished will

include a children's media center, new flooring, and paint, and new landscaping, including a barbecue, picnic center and play area.

The center serves victims of domestic and sexual violence in 18 counties in Northwest Kansas. It can house up to 15 families at any given time. The renovation began in August 2008.

Von Lintel, who founded her company, dv8, in 2002, said she has been saving leftover paint from other clients for many years, and rented a storage unit for items she may need some day to help others. Her most recent project was to help refurbish a shelter in Mesa, Ariz.

To volunteer for the Save the Family program, contact Ameer Jana from Be in the News Inc. at (310) 696-9115 or amee@beinthenews.com.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.53
Corn (bushel)	\$3.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.46
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.24

Urgent news for people who took YAZ or YASMIN

Many users of the birth control pill Yaz®, Yasmin® or Ocella® have suffered blood clots in the lungs, legs and other areas, as well as strokes, heart attacks, gall bladder problems and even death. If you or a loved one suffered from any of these problems call us now toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

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Card Shower for Jeanette Weishaar

Jeanette has finally returned to her Salina home after recuperating from back surgery this fall.

We would like to shower her with well wishes and holiday greetings from all of her Colby Friends.

Please send cards to:
Jeanette Weishaar
1607 Kaci Circle
Salina, KS 67401

High Plains Lions Club Pancake Feed
Saturday, December 5, 2009

\$4.00 Donation ~ 7am - 2 pm
Colby Community Building

Bring your glasses & hearing aids to be recycled. \$ goes toward community projects!

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Dec. 5th (Sat.) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Come on Out and Enjoy the 12th Annual Colby Christmas Light Parade!
Sunday, December 6, 2009 @ 5:45 pm
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Stock Realty & Auction in Downtown Colby will open its doors at 5:00 and invites you to stop in before or during the parade to register for a holiday gift certificate and enjoy:

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2009 Third Quarter Grants Awarded

Colby Police SLEF Fund		
Colby Grade School	Bal-A-Vis-X Program	\$ 1,000.00
CCC & Lindsay Frahm	Criminal Justice Scholarship	750.00
CCC & Jake Cox	Criminal Justice Scholarship	375.00
CCC & Rebecca Theimer	Criminal Justice Scholarship	750.00
Cory R. Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund		
CCC & Jay Wessel	Criminal Justice Scholarship	1,020.00
TCCF Endowed Youth Fund		
Boy Scouts of America	High Plains Pow-Wow	200.00
Director's Fund		
KS AARP Tax-Aide	Thomas County computer	200.00
USD #316	Reading program equipment	500.00
		Total \$4,795.00

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