

# Family

## Art Club

The High Plains Art Club gathered for its regular monthly meeting at the Colby United Methodist Church on Feb. 9.

Program chairman Karen Reed gave a program about Milford, Neb., artist Rosemary Thomas. Reed said Thomas learned china painting from her mother, E.W. Conner, when as a child. She paints china dishes with acrylic paint and specializes in roses.

As a hobby, Thomas has a greenhouse where she grows geraniums. Her husband works for John Deere.

Thomas sells her china in Lincoln, Omaha and Kansas City. Reed brought a teapot with a matching creamer and sugar bowl and a cake platter to show to the members.

After the program, President Marlene Carpenter called the business meeting to order. Ruth Hughes reported that Bev Kern, who was out of town, had contacted Anna Seeber Shaw about the possibility of giving another lesson. Shaw had to check her schedule and Kern told her to notify either Carpenter or secretary Marj Brown.

Treasurer Shirley Baker contacted John Scott of Hoxie about giving a lesson on landscapes at a club meeting, and he told her he would check and get back to her.

Carpenter reported that Brown, also absent, had checked with Berringer Hardware about using the old Colby Photo building on Franklin for a show in June. She was told they could, but he thought the building would be rented by then. She will check other places.

Margaret Denneler reported that Elaine Ptacek wanted another mural painted on the wall of her new building. Carpenter will visit with Ptacek to see what type of mural she has in mind and when she wants it painted.

Mary McNutt moved that the meetings be changed to paint in the mornings and have the program and business meeting in the afternoons. Reed seconded the motion and it passed.

After lunch, the members returned to do their own artwork and socialize. Refreshments were served by Carpenter.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, in the United Methodist Church with Kern as program chairman and Reed as hostess. All area artists are invited.

— Marj Brown

## Heart Month

An estimated 25.1 million men and 20.9 million women increase their risk of heart attack and stroke by smoking cigarettes.

## Colby middle schooler writes winning essay

Earlier this month, Gov. Mark Parkinson presented Colby Middle School student Keegan Morgan with the northwest regional award for the League of Kansas Municipalities' annual "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

Each year the league holds a statewide competition for seventh graders, asking students what they would do if they could be mayor of their town.

This year, over 800 students participated. Morgan's essay was chosen to represent the northwest section of the state,

one of five regional winners from across the state along with the overall winner.

The group presented the awards as part of the annual City Hall Day at the Statehouse, where city officials gather and discuss legislative issues. In the afternoon, Gov. Parkinson talked about state and local issues.

Other winners were Colten Uhl, Sylvan Grove; Krista Kay Vogts, Olpe; Jake Goldenstein, Augusta; Anna Keller, Hesston; and Anna Weibe, Rolla.



K. Morgan

## Area students on honor roll

Undergraduate students from the area at the University of Kansas earned honor-roll distinction for the fall 2009 semester.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university's schools. Some honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade average and others raise the minimum average for each year students are in school.

Those listed from this area include:

**Colby:** Lindsey Jean Bugbee, daughter of Diana Thompson, liberal arts junior; Kristin Rae Cox, daughter of Dalene and James Cox, liberal arts junior; Joshua John Houtz, son of Brett and Margaret Houtz, pharmacy professional; Morgan Josephine Stephens, daughter of Curt and Jackie Stephens, architecture senior; Paige Nicole Stephens, daughter of Jackie and Curt Stephens, liberal arts sophomore; Andrew Christian Toth, son of Patrick and Sally

Toth, liberal arts junior.

**Atwood:** Simone Marie Cahoj, daughter of Larry and Suzanne Cahoj, business senior.

**Edson:** Goodland High School: Josh William Doke, son of Fritz and Susan Doke, fine arts junior.

**Goodland:** Lea Elise Acuff, daughter of Mark Acuff, pharmacy; Craig Allen Mason, son of Jeff and Nona Mason, business senior; Courtney Marie Sheldon, daughter of Penny and Shad Sheldon, liberal arts sophomore; Michael Wade Smith, son of Celia Smith, liberal arts senior.

**Hoxie:** Heidi Patrice Arb, daughter of Harold and Bridget Koster, nursing senior; Bowe Isaac Neuenschwander, son of Karl and Marie Neuenschwander, liberal arts and engineering senior; Tanner O. Popp, son of Keith and Shirley Popp, liberal arts senior.

**Oakley:** Corine Michele Ribordy, daughter of Keith and Michele Ribordy, liberal arts senior.

## Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met at Colby Community College Tuesday with 41 members and guests, including Tom Peyton and Assistant District Gov. Dick Liess from Goodland.

Sacha Sanguinetti presented a program on a Radiothon for Polio Plus to be April 29. Club members can assist with two-hour shifts.

Polio Plus is a Rotary International project. Proceeds from the radiothon will go towards matching a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. All donations go to support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday at the college.

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## Library offers film matinee

This Sunday, come to a free afternoon showing of the movie "The Grapes of Wrath" from Twentieth Century Fox. After the movie and refreshments, we will enjoy hearing Kansas Humanities scholar Jane M. Holwerda discuss the subject and film. We will gather at 3 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

The first book that I want to tell you about this week is the unique fantasy novel called "Shades of Grey," by Jasper Fforde. Eddie Russett, the protagonist, finds that he belongs to the red caste of colors found in the chromatic scale. This rules his life, including work, spouse and opportunities. He is making headway in the world of Chromatacia until he moves to a backwards, isolated and intolerant area of East Carmine.

There his world begins to spiral downwards. Eddie finds that he must struggle to obtain equilibrium in this dystopia-type world. It is difficult when he is confronted by the sneaky yellow, hideous violets, and still yet, the fascinating grey individual named Jane.

Fforde has written a true fantasy beyond my imagination! The reader will deal with issues of choice, compromise and much more. You will find this book really intriguing.

A second type of fantasy is "Divine Misdemeanors" by Laurell K. Hamilton. Meredith Nic Essus is princess of faerie, but has come to Los Angeles under the assumed name of Merry Gentry. She has decided to give up her royal throne and escape to the human world, but finds that escape is not as easy as it seems.

Fairies that have migrated to the Los Angeles area are being murdered. The police do not understand how these murders are happening. Merry (Meredith) knows that it is not easy to kill a fey (fairy), so as a private detective she must continue to dig to the bottom of the mystery. She finds that other magical events are happening in the area and this brings a chaotic situation to a realm where she hoped to find peace. This is



Melany Wilks

## Library Links

the eighth of the Meredith Gentry books.

Laurel Hamilton has written this captivating book so that readers really do have some answers and are not left hanging. However, there may be some things left to consider, since the character grows as time continues on.

A third new book on the shelves is "Unfinished Desires" by Gail Godwin. Chloe Starnes finds herself in a new school. After her mother's death, she is enrolled in the all-girls school of Mount St. Gabriel in North Carolina. She is befriended by Tildy Stratton, the undisputed beauty of the freshman class. Tildy and Chloe hit it off, but things within the group that Tildy ran with begins to unravel.

Things get really interesting as they begin to use the play written by the headmistress, Mother Suzanne Ravenel. The use of this play and other events cause Ravenel to face up to a painful year back in 1951-1952. Godwin writes a sensitive book with humor and wit mixed together. You may enjoy this *New York Times* bestselling author's writing.

Another new book is "The Story Sister," by Alice Hoffman. I find it a dark book with touches of a mystical world of fairies mixed in. Unfortunately, the mystical world does not save Elv, Meagan and Claire from dealing with troubling life issues. If you have liked other Hoffman books, you will want to read this, but it is not a light and airy read.

Join the group that will be read-

ing the book "Mules and Men" by Zora Neale Hurston. We have twenty copies. Check the book out and then come to the book discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. Kansas Humanities scholar Ann Birney will lead the discussion.

Remember that Alvin Volk will once again give free tax help to those who are "low-and middle-income with special attention to those age 60 and older. He comes between 1:30 and 4 p.m. each Thursday until April 15. Also, if you need to find out how to get a printed Kansas tax form, please call the library, come in or visit our website at [colbylibrary.com](http://colbylibrary.com).

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See you at the library!

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

**Hi-Plains Co-op**

Wheat (bushel)	\$3.94
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## 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.

*Bridal Registry*

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and  
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**Legislative Town Hall Meeting**  
Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Rep. Jim Morrison, Rep. Dan Johnson

Kansas State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer with Kansas Representatives Jim Morrison and Dan Johnson will be visiting local communities on February 27, 2010, to seek your ideas on issues being addressed in the 2010 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on all of us. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Saturday, February 27**

**Meeting Times**

7 - 8 a.m. MT	Goodland	High School Auditorium
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. CT	Colby	Quality Inn
11:30 - 12:45 p.m. CT	Hoxie	Elks Lodge
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