



Library holds lunch reviews all this week

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Every year in April, the American Library Association celebrates Public Library Week. This year's celebration was centered around "Communities Thrive Through Your Library."

In honor of Public Library Week, the Pioneer Memorial Library held Booked For Lunch programs each day at noon. The programs, usually held once every month, include lunch and a guest book review.

On Monday, Joanne Emerick of Hoxie reviewed her soon-to-be-published book, "Courage Before Danger." The book is a true account of the bomber squadron her father served with in World War II. She is self-publishing the book, which is due out in May, to avoid having important pieces of the book edited out. She will hold a book signing at the library later on this spring.

Tuesday, the Colby Writers Club shared bits and pieces of their "Journey Stories" to coincide



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Joanne Sunderman presented a book review of "Impeached," about President Andrew Johnson on Wednesday.

with the Thomas County 125th Anniversary. Members are Marj Brown, Millie Horlacher, Judy Withers, Nancy Sanders, Cheryl Brenn and Jane Bandy. Some of the members have been published or are in the process of trying to be

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Youth to perform at Chautauqua

With summer vacation fast approaching, area youth are encouraged to check out the fun programs that will be part of the Kansas-Nebraska Chautauqua scheduled for the first week of June in Colby.

Designed for children currently enrolled in grades four through eight, the Youth Chautauqua day camp will run Tuesday through

Friday, June 1-5, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Dr. Ann Birney, one of the Chautauqua performers, said the youth will develop performances based on Thomas County stories and historic figures, all within the 1930s theme. They have five

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Colby band, choirs score at state festival

The Colby High School band (above), concert choir and women's choir all scored II ratings at Thursday's State Large Group Music Festival. The groups were evaluated by three judges, whose ratings were combined for an overall score. On a scale of I-V, a II rating means "excellent." The band played two songs: "Emperata Overture" and "Sword." Senior Barbara Bickner (right) had a flute solo in Sword. The women's choir sang "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier," and "A Joyful Alleluia." The concert choir prepared "Sicut Cervus," "The Awakening," "Agnus Dei" and "Mungu ni Pendo," and sang two that the judges picked.



Look but don't touch



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First graders Yvonne Ballard (left to right), Taylor Fryback and Colby Church watched their newly-hatched chicks before school Thursday. Julie Ross' first grade class had 16 eggs which they helped hatch as part of a unit on life cycles. The eggs were donated by Betty Rundel. Ross said the chicks will go back to the farm today.

Museum to tell bankers' story at lunch program on April 29

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The history of two landmark homes in Colby will be featured at noon, on Thursday, April 29, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History when Judie Withers and Lon Frahm will review the history of the homes of the two families who established the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Colby, on Jan. 3, 1887.

The program is a part of Food For Thought, a monthly program sponsored by the museum, and this year is a part of the Thomas County 125th Anniversary.

The bank was originally located in a one-story frame building at 360 North Franklin, and lasted until 1907, when the frame building was moved away and a brick building was erected in its place.

In September of 1955, the bank was remodeled and retains its look today as the Colby Law Enforcement Training Center.

The story of the homes on record at the museum says Lauterbach was born in Germany and came to America in 1869 when he was 17 years old. He learned the baker's trade in Illinois, and moved to Red Cloud Neb., where he married in 1878.

He ran a restaurant and bakery in Red Cloud and became acquainted with the Buschow family. The two men made the decision to become partners and came to Colby to begin a new enterprise in 1887.

Lauterbach's greatest interest was education, and he served many terms on the Colby School Board. He built the house at 430 West Fourth in 1925 and was active in the Presbyterian Church

and in the community.

Charles Buschow was also born in Germany and came to the United States at the age of 18, in 1867. He settled Illinois and became a farmer. In 1873 he moved west and homesteaded in Nebraska. Along with the Lauterbachs they moved to Colby in 1887, where he was active in the community and school affairs and in 1900 was elected to the Kansas State Senate where he served two terms.

The Buschows built their house at 310 South Garfield in 1887, and George Grady, who operated a dray business, hauled the lumber from Monument.

The stories of the families who organized the bank are two of the stories of the "His-story, Her-story, Our-story" project.

The Thomas County 125th Com-

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Briefly

Offices to close for lunch

The Thomas County Clerk's office and the county road and bridge department will be off for lunch the rest of April for software training. Both departments will still conduct normal business from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call the clerk's office at 460-4500.

Youth group to wash cars

The Colby United Methodist Youth Fellowship middle school group will be washing and cleaning cars inside and out at from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Kansas Quick Lube. They will also be selling hot dogs, chips and soda. The proceeds will go to the youth fellowship and the United Methodist Mission and Ministry Fund. For information, call the church at 460-2761.

Poker to benefit violence agency

Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence

Services plans the "Aces Against Assault" poker tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at Twisters Bar and Grill. Registration will be from noon to 1 p.m.; buy in is \$30. There will be prizes for the winners and all proceeds go to the group. For information, call Tracy Ellegood at (785) 672-5033.

Trooper to teach self defense

Colby Community College is offering a women's self defense class at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 106 of the Student Union, taught by Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The Thomas County Farm Bureau will provide refreshments and door prizes. For information, call Shanda Mattix at 460-5464.

Brewster offers garden training

The Brewster Recreation Department and the K-State Extension Master Gardeners will offer landscape training sessions at 7 p.m. the next three Thurs-

days at Hunter Hall in Brewster: this week, Extension agent Clint Milliman, on composting and Earth Day; April 29, Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities by agent Dana Belshe; and May 6, Trees for Northwest Kansas by Jim Strine, state forester. For information, call the Sherman County Extension office at (785) 8904880.

City to start grass route

The Colby Public Works Department will begin picking up grass clippings Monday, April 26. Clippings must be at curbside by 8 a.m. on your regular trash day, in a separate tipper can from your household trash. Clippings should be loose, not in plastic bags. For information, call the department at 460-4420.

Arbor Day celebration April 28

The Colby Tree Board invites everyone to come help celebrate Arbor Day at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday,

April 28, in Fike Park, where the board will be planting trees, weather permitting. Jim Strine, area forester with Kansas State University, will speak. For information, call Marvin Bickner at (785) 462-6692.

College offers spring concerts

The Spring Vocal Music Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Frahm Theatre of the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College, featuring the Sunflower Singers and Concert Choir. The Spring Band Concert, with the Concert and Jazz bands, will be Tuesday, May 4, same time and place. Admission is free.

