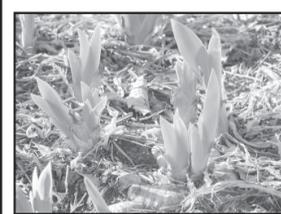


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Monday through Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

Thursday: High, 73; Low 43
 Precip: Thursday 0.14 inches
 Month: 1.10 inches
 Year: 3.71 inches
 Normal: 3.89 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:04 a.m. 8:24 p.m.
 Sunday 7:03 a.m. 8:25 p.m.
 Monday 7:01 a.m. 8:26 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Library holds week-long lunch book reviews

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published.

Joanne Sunderman, former Pioneer Memorial Library librarian attracted a capacity crowd on Wednesday to listen to her review of the political shenanigans of President Andrew Johnson.

"Impeached," written by David Stewart, is the story of the impeachment of the southern Democrat who became president of the United States after the assassination of Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, and his acquittal, which hinged on a single vote cast by Senator Ross from Kansas who changed his mind at the last minute.

Johnson was the son of an alcoholic father who was sold by his mother at age 10 to be an indentured servant to a tailor. He ran away while he was still a child and worked at the tailoring trade and even opened his own business as a 17 year old.

"He was a great tailor," Sunderman noted, "and an even better talker. He loved to debate on the street, and would always win."

His ability with words eventu-

Writer reviews highway history book at library

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Computer programmer turned writer Lee Whiteley from Centennial, Colo., was the guest speaker on Thursday for the fourth day of a week's worth of book reviews to celebrate National Library Week at Pioneer Memorial Library.

His topic was, "Motoring Through Colby Before the Interstate," using his own books.

Whiteley, who took up writing about roads, said wagon trails are what first sparked his interest in transportation routes.

Early roads played an important role in the history of the West, and the memories are about construction, businesses or incidents connected with where the roads would go and the towns that thrived because of the power of the highway.

He noted that the Golden Belt Road in 1911 ran to western Kansas from Abilene and Saline and was called the Road of Comfort, to attract travelers to drive through Kansas, because most roads weren't that comfortable to travel on. It later became Highway 40.

"Of course the Golden Belt Road came through Colby too," Whitley said, and it was the road that led to Pikes Peak. Of the five roads advertised to reach Pikes Peak, four of them came through Colby.

Trails and highway markings where all travelers had to go by before the federal government began giving numbers to roads.

The Victory Highway Association was organized in 1921 in Topeka, to locate and mark a transcontinental highway through St. Louis from New York to San Francisco. It was dedicated in memory of the soldiers who died in World War I. It also later became known as U.S. Route 40.

"Highway 40 was the old Smoky Trail," he said, and at one time the road that went west of Oakley was South 40 and the one that ran through Colby was North 40."

Politics has a great deal to do with where roads go, he said, and he noted that Interstate 70 takes a sharp north, at Oakley. However, it's not an uncommon thing for roads to be influenced by politics, he said.

The Federal Highway Act was signed in 1956 by President Eisenhower and Kansas was the last state to appropriate funds for public roads.

Whiteley has written five books, he said, but only three of note, "Cherokee Trail," "Yellowstone Highway" and "Playground Trail." The latter was picked up by a young film maker who make it into a documentary for public television about the books journey to national parks. It has been shown locally on Smoky Hills Public Television.

ally got him elected as mayor in his community, and later he made a successful run for state representative in Tennessee, and then senator. He moved right on up to become a member of the United

States Congress. As a self-taught reader, Johnson suffered from an inferiority complex and his goal was to go up the ladder of success, because he wanted to get as high on the ladder as fast as he could before the public discovered that he had absolutely no formal education, something that had always bothered him.

Lincoln's first vice president, Hannibal Hamlin, was ineffective, and the north was losing battles. Lincoln feared that he would not win re-election, so as a political move, he turned to Andrew Johnson, the southern Democratic congressman who had a way with words, to be his running mate.

After Lincoln was assassinated, Johnson took over and because he didn't agree with Lincoln's views, he turned a blind eye to treatment of the slaves. But that's not all he

did. To keep his cronies close, he took payment from incumbents, and he made decisions while Congress was recessed.

One of the other underhanded things he did was to put Ulysses S. Grant in the office of the Secretary of War and then told him to stand his ground and remain in the office when the official Secretary returned. It came down to where the office was barricaded and became apartment-style living when the secretary took back his office while Grant was out one day.

Congress finally became fed up with the whole thing, and Senator Thaddeus Stevens from Pennsylvania led a fight for impeachment, because the president was replacing cabinet members without the

approval of the senate.

The final vote came down to the two senators from Kansas, Senator Pomeroy and Senator Ross. Pomeroy was in favor. Ross was no slouch when it came to dirty politics; he had been paid bribes in the past. It appeared he was in favor of impeaching the president. The impeachment now hinged on one vote, Ross's. When they asked, how say ye, Ross said, "not guilty."

The president was acquitted by one vote, and did not have to go to trial.

"There's not much information nor many books about President Johnson," Sunderman said, "but this book tells a lot, and is a very interesting book, to say the least."

Museum to tell story of early Colby bankers

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mittee, Pioneer Memorial Library, and the Thomas County Historical Society encourage Thomas County citizens to write their stories, whether they have lived here for a year or for a lifetime, because all are a part of the story.

Story writing about businesses, families, churches, schools, organizations and homes is encour-

aged as a way to document and share information about Thomas County in 2010, as a part of the 125th birthday celebration of the county.

Information packets with help on writing are available at the library, museum, chamber of commerce office, Senior Progress Center, Brewster Senior Center and the Red Barn in Rexford.

Area youth to perform at Chautauqua in June

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days to research and come up with a routine and costume. The class meets every day the week before the Chautauqua.

Birney said this year's performances would be particularly interesting, since some of the audience will have been alive in the 1930s.

"They (the kids) might be interviewing or portraying a living person or relative," she said.

Birney and Joyce Thierer of Ride into History - a historical performance group - will present the workshop. Birney is an American studies scholar whose field of research includes the topic of rural women and their work. Thierer has researched, published and lectured in agrarian, western and women's

history. With performing, history, and teaching as her passions, she teaches history classes at Emporia State University. Together, they travel throughout the country to entertain and educate audiences of all ages.

Birney said that, in effect, the Chautauqua would be leaving behind a "speakers bureau" of young people who can talk to classrooms or organizations about the history of the county.

"It's not just an event, it's a service to the community," she said.

The camp is free and sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, the Colby Chamber of Commerce, and the Prairie Museum.

Anyone interested in participating in the camp is encouraged to call the Prairie Museum at (785) 460-4590 for registration and ad-

ditional information by April 30.

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be the site for two additional Chautauqua youth programs. The first is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 3. This free workshop, "Making Murals with Folktales: How Butterflies Were Made," is designed for children of all ages, with pre-school age children accompanied by an adult.

Led by scholar Wanda Schell, the program will combine folktales with art as children create a mural based on a folktale collected by Zora Neale Hurston.

"Dear Eleanor, Dear Michelle" is the second free youth workshop to be held in conjunction with Chautauqua. Facilitated by Paige Gawith, this program will introduce children, ages 8 and older, to life in the 1930s.

This program is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 4. Call the Pioneer Memorial Library at (785) 460-4470 with questions.

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