

Family

Look at those who serve nation

I am writing this week to help us remain focused on our nation and those who have served.

Next Thursday is Veterans Day. With this in mind, I want to share with you about those who have overcome great obstacles and succeeded in life to the best of their ability.

One book we have is "Courage Before Every Danger," by Joanne Pfannenstiel Emerick, printed locally by Leroy's Printing. This Hoxie native and local history teacher writes about the 31st Bombardment Squadron during World War II to keep the integrity of the men's thoughts about their experience. She spoke for last year's National Library Week and was dynamic.

A powerful non-fiction book written in 2003 is "The Price of Their Blood: Profiles in Spirit," by Jess Brown. This book shares portraits from 12 men and women who overcame debilitating injuries and doggedly pursued dreams they had for their lives. An inspiring book.

A biography is "Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir," by John McCain and Mark Salter. Two other new books are "The Korean War," by Bruce Cummings, and "The Pacific," by Hugh Ambrose.

We have so many other books in



Melany Wilks

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Our newest book describing the life and work of a woman during the Revolutionary War is "Betsy Ross and the Making of America," by Marla R. Miller. Miller describes Betsy's life as it surrounded her expertise in flag making.

She shows how Ross has chosen to continue to support the colonies' rebellion even after personal loss of two husbands. It also shows how the common man, craftsman, farmer or local artisan and business person contributed to the cause. This book is a whopping 480 pages but its content and writing are worth the size.

Another book is "George Washington's Sacred Fire," by Peter A.

Lillback. The author has painstakingly taken 15 years to go through Washington's personal writings, journals, letters, manuscripts and those from his family and closest friends.

A picture is painted for the reader that George Washington was not a mere deist, but a person with deep and great convictions about God, civil freedom and the need for religious freedom. It also shows him to be a man of great piety and servant leadership.

This book is 711 pages just in the historical telling, followed by 10 appendices, 198 pages of endnotes that one needs a magnifying glass to read, a nine-page bibliography and a nine-page index to boot. This volume is an inspiring piece of literature that should become a classic from which to begin the serious study of George Washington. A must read for the historian in you.

Another book we have in print and soon on the audio book shelves as well is "Going Home To Glory: A Memoir of Life with Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1961-1969," by David Eisenhower. His grandson shares about his grandfather's world view during his presidency and especially after his time as President.

Julie Nixon Eisenhower is cred-

ited with contributing a more professional look at the President's life after his presidency. It shows his personal character, humor and the common sense he applied to everyday life.

This book will add to your appreciation of him as a leader that made a great impact on his nation.

Kansas is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2011. It marked its admission to the Union on Jan. 29, 1861.

The State Library of Kansas has made a list of memorable and historical books citizens may be interested in that will be distributed soon.

Also, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is celebrating the 150th anniversary as well. I have personally gone through much of the museum in Abilene and know that I must return again to finish it. If you want information on this museum please go to the web address of www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

Our winter library hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. We still are your free Wi-Fi place 24/7! See you at the library!

Check smoke alarm; change your clocks

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday, and that day marks the 23rd anniversary of the Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery program, which reminds people to check and change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors during the fall time change.

The Colby Fire Department is doing their part to help the cause.

"We have a list of people, mostly the elderly," said firefighter Scott Hilbrink, "that we call around this time of year to ask their permission if we can go and inspect their smoke detectors. We try to do it around time change; this year we are doing it this Saturday, Nov. 6."

Getting on the list is easy. "If you want on the list, you just need to call the fire department in Colby and give us your name, address, and phone number," said Hilbrink. "We call the people on the list each year to see if they still want us to check their detectors."

There is no charge to have them come inspect, but you do have to pay for the batteries or

smoke detector if they need to be replaced.

Whether you call the fire department or do it yourself, setting the clock and replacing the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is quick and easy. In addition, encourage others to do so also — it could save their lives.

It's simple, and the habit can be lifesaving, the International Association of Fire Chiefs says. Forty percent of fatal fire injuries take place in homes without working smoke alarms, while 23 percent are in homes in which a smoke alarm is present but fails to operate.

Smoke alarms are an important tool, but often neglected. "Most people neglect to check their batteries," said Hilbrink. "It is important to check your batteries regularly and make sure they are charged. Smoke detectors are your first alarm when you are sleeping."

The fire department can be reached at (785) 460-4454 for information or to get on the list.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary met Oct. 13 at the Post home with Anita Thiel presiding. Roll call, opening prayer, patriotic instructions and flag salute were followed by a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action prayer. Routine business was covered.

The poppy chairman reported there will be a poppy display at the Pioneer Memorial Library in November for Veterans Day.

The hospital chairman reported that two boxes of coupons were sent to military bases in Turkey, four boxes of clothing sent to Fort Dodge and bags of used clothing donated to Bee Thrifty Shop.

The hospital project is making bags for Christmas gifts to veterans' homes and felt Santa money holders for veterans in nursing homes.

The membership chairman reported reminders sent for dues along with letters sent for Cancer Aid and Research luminaries to be filled out with names for memorials for cancer victims.

Tickets for the quilt drawing were sent out, with proceeds to go to cancer aid and research. A donation was made to cancer aid and research in honor of Connie Rooney as a token of appreciation of her district president visit.

Plans were made to volunteer at the museum Oct. 23 for Make a Difference Day.

District officers' coffee tour was to be here from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Correspondence read included the President's Message and a thank you from Relay for Life. A plaque was received in recognition for Auxiliary donations to Operation Upli, Unmet needs and Military Assistance Program.

After the National Home prayer and the ritual prayer the meeting closed.

Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Post Home.

— Hazel Duffey

Scouts stick with U.S.A.

For the first time in nearly a decade, Girl Scouts of the USA is putting the manufacture of its uniforms out to competitive bid. News of this led to reports that the uniforms might soon be manufactured overseas, and over the last few days, the organization's headquarters has been contacted by parents, members, and volunteers hoping to make sure the uniform continues to be made in the U.S.

Because of these concerns, the bid request has been altered to require that uniforms be manufactured in the U.S.

Vendors are also required to

adhere to strict guidelines as to worker age, treatment and safety.

"We thank the many Girl Scout parents and volunteers who stood up for their beliefs and showed our 2.4 million girls that every voice makes a difference," said Michelle Tompkins, the organization's spokeswoman. "They are the role models who help build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place."

For information about Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, visit kansasgirlscouts.org.

Yes, this really is the time to control your lawn's dandelions

The best time to control dandelions, henbit and chickweed in lawns isn't a matter of obvious logic. Rather than spring, it's in early November, just before these broadleaf weeds go dormant for winter.

"Even well-established dandelions are easier to control then. At other times of year, sprays typically kill top growth, but sometimes leave the roots ready and able to

sprout again, said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

All three weeds are preparing for winter in late fall by actively moving materials from their leaves to the roots, Upham explained. So, a herbicide application will move down, too, killing the plants from the roots up.

Besides that, henbit, chickweed

and some dandelions are young, tender and easier to control in early November, he said. Dandelions typically produce a flush of new plants in late September. Henbit and chickweed are winter annuals that go to seed during the growing season. Their next generation of plants germinates in October, getting a start on spring.

"The important thing to remember is that the better the weed is

growing, the more weed killer will move from the leaves to the roots. Cold weather will slow or stop this process. So, you need to choose a day when it's 50 degrees or higher," Upham said.

The traditional herbicides to use are 2,4-D or combination products (e.g., Trimec, Weed-B-Gon, Weed-Out), he said. A newer product that will produce a quicker response — especially as temperatures approach 50 F — combines carfentrazone with 2,4-D, MCPP and Dicamba. It's sold under such trade names as Weed Free Zone and Speed Zone.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

1:22 a.m. — Took subject home after talking to officer in the field north of Citizens Medical Center.

1:37 a.m. — Car door opened on trailer at Motel 6. Owner located, everything OK.

1:40 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.

11:36 a.m. — Vehicle parked on wrong side of road 100 block of W. Third. Owner contacted; it will be moved by 1 p.m. Thursday.

12:39 p.m. — Animal stuck in fence at 1805 W. Fifth. Opossum caught and removed.

1:04 p.m. — Dead opossum in the 100 block of E. Ash disposed of.

1:21 p.m. — Item found at Fike Park turned in at City Hall. Possible owner contacted, no report.

1:24 p.m. — Made contact with subject in the 100 block of N. Franklin; sent to City Hall.

10:44 p.m. — Domestic call: three officers responded.

11:41 p.m. — Subject reported

being assaulted at Walmart.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday

8:08 a.m. — Numerous tree limbs in road on U.S. 24 by Colby Trailer Village. Moved items to ditch.

9:02 a.m. — Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 44.

11 a.m. — Assisted Hays Police Department with attempt to locate. Not found.

12:06 p.m. — Truck pulling trailer on I-70 westbound at mile 62 being driven erratically. Followed vehicle, driving OK.

3:16 p.m. — Brent Murray arrested on warrant.

5:50 p.m. — Assisted Colby Fire

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Mary Kersenbrock; fourth, tie between Sarah Barrett and Barb Ulmer; fifth, Larry Barrett; sixth, Jean Snyder.

Department at I-70 mile 46 east-bound.

6:44 p.m. — Tire debris in the roadway one mile east of Nine-Mile Corner on U.S. 24. Removed from roadway.

8:34 p.m. — Rhonda Finn arrested on warrant.

Dad (Scott)

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Congratulations on receiving your Masters Degree in Health Science! We all love you and are very proud!

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Taylen, Brylen, ★
Kristie, Barb, Kerry,
Dad, & Mother

INTERNET AUCTIONS

GOVERNMENT

Bidding starts to close Tues., Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. CST

Assets selling from the City of Shawnee, City of Winfield, Butler County, Jefferson County, Labette County, MATC, KU, WSU and Sedgwick County including: (27) Ford Crown Victoria's, '02 Ford F150 King Ranch, '99 dump truck plus application equipment, atv, backhoes, boom lifts, forklifts, heavy trucks, industrial, skid steer attachments, tools, tractor loaders & attachments, trailers and more at www.purplewave.com

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Bidding starts to close Wed., Nov 10 at 10 a.m. CST

automobiles: '98 Dodge Ram 3500; '07 Ford F150; '06 Dodge Ram 1500; '07 Dodge Nitro SLT; '05 Volvo XTC90; '01 Chevrolet K1500 Suburban; '00 Dodge Durango; '01 GMC Yukon; '01 Volvo S80; '06 Chevrolet Cobalt LT; (9) more cars, (3) trailers, (2) boats, electronics, tools, jewelry including (2) Rolex watches and much more.

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Hi-Plains Co-op

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Corn (bushel)	\$5.13
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.64
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.92

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