

Family

Deaths

Maxine O. Swihart

Maxine O. Swihart, 95, mother of Sarah Jane (Doyle) Saddle of Colby, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at Fairview Estates in Colby.

She was born Sept. 21, 1915, in Pioneer, Ohio, the daughter of Roy and Ethel V. (Long) Rutledge.

She married Floyd T. Swihart in 1932. For 69 years they lived in Goshen, Ind., where she was an active member of the Dunkard Brethren Church. In 2001, she moved to Colby.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, Joseph Judson Swihart; a son-in-law, Dale Culp; and seven siblings.

Survivors also include a son,

George T. (Joan) Swihart of Austin, Colo.; another daughter, Ruth Marie Culp of Bristol, Ind.; a sister, Doris Hjelmstad, La Junta, Colo.; two brothers, Robert Rutledge, Temperance, Mich., and Russel Rutledge, Oak Harbor, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, with the family present between 2 and 4 p.m. Services and burial will be in Goshen.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Services in care of the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Duane R. Krey

Duane R. Krey, 69, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 at Gove County Medical Center in Quinter.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, (785) 462-7979.

Ready for showing



EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press
Nativities from around the world will be on display from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. The fourth annual Nativi-Tea will feature of nativity scenes from around the world.

Babies

Eli Porter Catlin

Eli Porter Catlin, son of Stacy and Selena Catlin of Colby, was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Welcoming him home were brother Trevor and sisters Macy and Allison.

Grandparents are Max and Yvonne Shippy of Sharon and Carolyn Catlin of Lakin.

Enjoy Christmas at 19th century fort

Visitors are invited to the annual Fort Larned Christmas Past open house from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

This year's theme is "A Taste of Christmas Past," and the open house will feature small samplings of traditional holiday foods from the 1860s such, including pies, cakes, soups, stews and bread. There will be Christmas music, caroling, games for adults and children and a short Christmas skit such as the officers and their wives might have produced at many frontier forts in the post-Civil War years.

And, of course, no Christmas event would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus, who will put in an appearance some time during the evening. The fort's bookstore, operated by the Western National Parks Association, will have its annual 20 percent off holiday sale on all items throughout the day and evening.

Just like today, Christmas dur-

ing the Indian Wars era was a highly anticipated event for young and old alike. However, there was some anxiety as well. Special holiday food and drinks helped remind people of home, but ingredients were often hard to come by and sometimes had to be ordered months in advance to ensure arrival in time for Christmas. Despite the shortages and hardships, Army families on the frontier celebrated the holidays with food, singing and much festivity.

Admission is free for this and all events at Fort Larned National Historic Site, six miles west of Larned on K-156. The fort is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, go to www.nps.gov/ or call (620) 285-6911. For information on area tourism partners, lodging, dining, and community services, go to www.larnedks.org or call (620) 285-6916.

Library to close while staff trains on catalogue

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday for staff training, then open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. that evening, and closed all day Friday, Dec. 10.

We are preparing to transfer to a new checkout and cataloging system, and the librarians will be training to use the new software those two days. Hopefully, this will help prepare us to explain and use the new system. Please plan on checking things out ahead of time. We will be reopen on Saturday, Dec. 11.

As the Christmas season is upon us, it is time to tell you about new items with a Christmas theme. The first is "The Christmas Journey," by Donna VanLiere. This book originated as a narrative to be read to a group of people, but VanLiere has now turned it into a full fledged book.

It starts out with a preface outlining the story of the birth of Jesus. Then it moves through the introduction into the "journey" portion of the book. Here Joseph's and Mary's circumstances are described to help bring insight into what often is viewed as a fairytale-like event.

VanLiere makes us look at the circumstances of their time and makes us appreciate their sacrifice and the challenges they experienced. This book reminds me of some of the A.D. Chronicles by Bodie and Brock Thoene. The fourth book, "Fourth Dawn," describes the announcements to Mary and to Joseph and the trip to Bethlehem.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

A country Christmas story with a little mystery written into it is "Grace: A Christmas Sisters of the Heart Novel," by Shelley Shepard Gray.

The Brennenman Bed and Breakfast is gearing down to close for the holidays until two guests insinuate themselves into this lovely environment. Levi Bender sent his reservation early and explained in his letter that he was to be notified no later than the 18th if there was no room available. Problem is, it is now the 20th and the proprietors just received the letter.

Melody shows up on their doorstep with a gift certificate from her boss, who hopes she will get some rest when her baby was born. The inn keepers do not know their guests or their problems, but they will find out as they extend grace to them through the holiday season.

Richard Paul Evans delivers another inspiring book this season: "Promise Me." It is available both in print and audio format. This author sucks a reader in with such eloquence.

In this new work, Beth Cardall is struggling to stay afloat with a daughter who is critically ill and a marriage that is about to fall apart. Their life takes a sudden sharp

turn when her husband becomes ill himself. She has good relationships at work, but attendance and family demands are wearing her thin. Then she meets Matthew while struggling to walk to the store on a breezy and snowy day. Matthew helps Beth with many decisions and struggles she's facing. She learns what "promise me" really means.

Three mystery vignettes are found in the book "Gingerbread Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, Leslie Meier and Laura Levine. In Fluke's portion, Ernie Kusak ends up dead. Did his complaining neighbor do it?

Levine's handsome Dr. Preston McCay also ends up dying by accident. Who are his secret admirers and who would spoil the Christmas play? Meier has Lucy Stone playing the detective to save others after 5-year-old Nemo disappears. Hansel and Gretel this is not, but you will enjoy every crumb.

Like other Fluke books, this book has recipes within it. One is Smokin Willie's Crispy Crunchy Coleslaw (p. 57), Chewy Coconut Cranberry Cookies (p. 68), Magic Chocolate Carmel Cookie Bars (p. 79), TCB Fruitcake (This Can't Be Fruitcake) (pp. 104-108) and others.

A classic love story is "The Christmas Bargain," by Sarita Leone. Protagonist Iris Newgate has learned that in order to inherit her grandfather's estate she must be married by Christmas. Lord James Whitman is trying to win her hand, but his reputation is less

than stellar. Does Iris give the man a chance, or does she believe the rumors that fly around London. Read and find out.

If these are not enough for you, do not despair, we also have: "Call Me Mrs. Miracle," by Debbie Macomber (in print and audio book); "Christmas in Cedar Cove: 5-B Poppy Lane," (A Cedar Cove Christmas) by Macomber; "Santa in Montana," by Janet Dailey; "A Christmas Odyssey," by Anne Perry; "A Chesapeake Shores Christmas," by Sherryl Woods; "Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor," by Lisa Kleypas; "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Magic: 101 Holiday Tales of Inspiration, Love, and Wonder," by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Amy Newmark; "Ideals Christmas 2010 + Ideals Christmas Songbook," by Ideals Editors.

If you do not want a Christmas book, we have a bunch of non-Christmas books just for you in the fiction and nonfiction areas. Just come and peruse our "new book" section or ask a librarian for help.

The Pioneer Memorial Library opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. weeknights, at 5 p.m. Friday and at 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. We are still a Wi-Fi hot-spot (24/7) and have computers and Internet access for your personal needs. See you in the library!

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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.

Thank You

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for thinking of us and Mom during this time, for the prayers, kind thoughts, food, flowers and memorials given in Memory of Veda Mae. Thank you to Pastor Connie for your comforting words and to the women of the United Methodist Church for the wonderful meal you prepared. It was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Ron and Carol Williams of Williams Funeral Home, who provided the arrangements and assisted in so many ways.

The family of Veda Mae Nelson

85th Birthday Card Shower

Gerald Tubbs Sr.

Monday, Dec. 6th



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