

Family

Library takes food in lieu of late fees

Remember, the library is closed today and Friday for staff training. We will be open our normal schedule Saturday and Sunday.

The library begins its Food for Fines campaign Monday, running through Dec. 23. What is Food for Fines, you ask? Anyone who has overdue fines may bring in canned foods to redeem the fines on their account. We ask that the food have current dates, labels intact and be in good condition.

Beginning Monday you can redeem your library fines by simply filling out a small form available at the front desk, then give the food and your slip to a staff member so they can remove any fines you have on your record.

Food for Fines does not apply to lost items. If you have lost an item, please come in and talk to our library staff to solve the problem. We will be donating the food to the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. If you have any questions, call us at 460-4470.

Last week, we had the Colby High School chorale singers come to Booked for Lunch. They sang wonderfully and it was such a treat to bring in the Christmas season with singing.

During the Booked For Lunch, we recognized volunteers who help us at the library. Our volunteers do not want us spending money on them for gifts, since they volunteer to help the library.



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

So we have made a tradition of giving the library an item dedicated to the volunteers and their service each year.

For Mary Smith, who waters, trims and cares for our indoor plants, we gave the book, "Mary, Did You Know," by Mark Lowry and forward by Gloria Gaither. This is a beautiful book examining Mary, Jesus' coming and the miracle of the babe in the manger. It has beautiful pictures with the lyrics to the song introducing each section.

Another delightful thing about this book is that there are eight inspirational contributions from others, such as Ruth Bell Graham, Jill Briscoe, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Marjorie Holmes, Kevin Harnett, Joni Eareckson Tada, Edith Schaeffer and Charles Swindoll. This book also includes a simple CD sound track of the song as well.

Another book was dedicated to Margene Griffin. It was "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Magic: 101 Holiday Tales of Inspiration, Love, and Wonder," by

Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Amy Newmark. Margene cuts out donated coupons, sorts through them and then places the coupons in two baskets for patrons to look through. This helps people with food costs.

If you have not looked through the coupons, please do. If you have extra coupons, bring them to the front desk. Margene tells me that we can even use the expired ones.

Akaylah Trundle had the new book "Santa Claus" by Ron Green dedicated to her. One of Akaylah's tasks is to help us with is cutting out and preparing special books for our children's section. Hence, it is not quite ready for checkout. However, let me tell you that illustrators Simon Danaher and Jon Lucas have created a wonderfully creative interactive type book for children. The colors are rich and the activities are easy to use.

Lucy Davis had the book "The Twelve Blessings of Christmas," written by T.J. Mills, and illustrated by Joy Marie Dock. Lucy donates large print books to the library's collection.

This book has gift ideas, poems, recipes, decorating ideas and so much more. One page lists seven classic Christmas movies, another has favorite Christmas books and if you need ideas on how to enjoy Christmas, there is a page that lists "Things to Enjoy on Christmas"

(about pages 107, 110, 116).

JoAnne Brown donates the plants in the two round barrels outside of the library and then waters them throughout the spring, summer and fall. This is no easy task, since she carries the water. We do not have conveniently placed faucets for this task.

The book "Ideals Christmas" was dedicated to her. This 2010 edition has poems, thoughts and short stories, plus Christmas songs this year. One poem in the book is "The First Snow," by Eileen Spinelli. I am waiting for the description of this poem to come to Colby this year.

Remember, we have numerous disks and tapes with Christmas and holiday themes, as well as audio books. Magazines such as Woman's Day, Better Homes and Gardens, Cooking Light, Disney Family Fun, Family Circle, Ladies Home Journal and Creating Keepsakes are just a few of the magazines that will provide you with inspiration, recipes and enjoyment through the holidays. See you at the library!

The Pioneer Memorial Library opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. week-nights, 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 hotspot (24/7) and have computers and Internet access for your personal needs.

Solomon Valley 4-H

President Sally Wilson called the Solomon Valley 4-H Club meeting to order on Nov. 8.

Caitlyn Comfort led the flag salute. Twenty-eight members answered roll call by telling about their Thanksgiving plans.

The program was the initiation of six new club members: Chelsey, Julie, Laura and Danielle Schroeder and Maggie and Carli Nieman.

New officers also were installed. The music portion of the program was a trumpet solo of "You're a Grand Old Flag" played by Chandler Comfort. Kelly Sloan led recreation with a game of freeze tag.

MaKayla Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Chandler Comfort seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

—MaKayla Hoffman, reporter

Beef event to cover feed, body condition

"Succeeding in a Challenging Beef Industry" is the focus for the 2011 Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium and Trade Show set for Jan. 12, in St. Francis.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10 a.m. and running through 3 p.m. at the Riverside County Club. Attendees will have time to visit displays at the trade show throughout the day.

The annual symposium rotates between Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado; it is a joint effort between Kansas State University Research and Extension, University of Nebraska Extension and Colorado State University Extension. The goal is to bring a quality educational program and guest speakers to visit with cattlemen about current issues.

The program will begin with a "Systems Approach to Lowering Winter Feed Costs" presented by Aaron Stalker, University of Nebraska ruminant nutritionist. K-State Research and Extension northwest area livestock special-

ist Sandy Johnson will discuss the "Importance of and Factors Affecting Body Condition Scoring." The morning will end with a program on "Current Issues in Beef Cattle Genetics."

Dan Thomson, with the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, will present "Animal Welfare: More than Checking a Box." An industry panel discussion on "Beef Production in a High Input Environment" will end the event.

The registration cost is \$20 for the first person from an operation and \$15 for the second, on or before Wednesday, Jan. 5. Registration will be available at the door for \$30. Included in the fee will be trade show activities, coffee and rolls, lunch and handouts.

For details, contact Marty Fear, Sunflower Extension District livestock agent, at (785) 332-3171, or Johnson, (785) 462-6281.

The program is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Y-Text Corp., Farm Credit of Western Kansas and Western State Bank.

NORAD to track Santa again this year

For the 55th consecutive year, the men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command at Colorado Springs are getting ready to track Santa.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, went live Wednesday and features holiday games and activities that change daily.

On Friday, Dec. 24, the website will stream videos, captured by NORAD "Santa Cams," from cities along Santa's journey.

This year, children are able to track Santa through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and TroopTube. To follow NORAD on these Santa-tracking tools, type in "@noradsanta" into the search engine to start your tracking.

Beginning at 12 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 24, visitors to the website can watch Santa as he prepares his sleigh, checks his list, and goes through all of his preparations.

As soon as Santa takes off from the North Pole, children can track him with up-to-the-minute updates on Google Maps and Google

Earth through the NORAD Tracks Santa website.

Santa trackers will begin answering phones and replying to email at 2 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 24 and will continue until 3 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25. Children of all ages can call the NTS toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or send an email to noradtrackssanta@gmail.com.

The NORAD Tracks Santa program began in 1955 after a phone call was made to the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado Springs. The call was from a local youngster who dialed a misprinted telephone number in a local newspaper advertisement. The commander on duty who answered the phone

that night gave the youngster the information requested — the whereabouts of Santa. This began the tradition of tracking Santa, a tradition that was carried on by NORAD when it was formed in 1958.

The website receives millions of unique visitors from hundreds of countries and territories around

the world. In addition, a live operations center is occupied for 25 hours with more than 1,200 volunteers each year who receive hundreds of thousands of phone calls and e-mails.

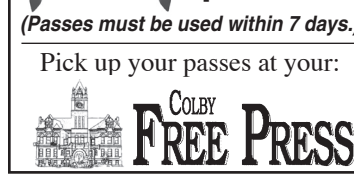
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Hi-Plains Co-op

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Corn (bushel)	\$0.00
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Corrections

A Colby High wrestling article entitled "Eagles win first dual; place third in tourney" on Page 8 in the Monday, Dec. 6, edition of the *Colby Free Press* failed to include Oakley in the the triangular met Thursday at Colby High School gymnasium. This was a reporting error.

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A Colby College wrestling article about a dual with Labette County Community College in the Wednesday, Dec. 8, edition incorrectly said the dual took place at the Community Building. It was in the Colby High School gymnasium. This was a reporting error.

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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... The family of Rodney Ryan would like to express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the staff at Citizens Medical Center, Family Center for Healthcare and Hospice Services of Thomas County for the wonderful care given to Rodney.

Special thanks to Dr. Darren Matchell for his sincere caring and compassion to not only Rodney but his family also. To the other providers at Family Center for Healthcare: thank you for your care, concern and expression of kindness during Rodney's illness, you are all truly a blessing to our community.

Thank you also to Don and Cathy Harrison at Harrison Chapel, Fr. Dana Clark and Jeannie Solko for their assistance and expertise in the planning of the beautiful services to honor Rod.

To all family and friends: we were overwhelmed by the out-pouring of all you have done for us, including the meals, supplies, visits, cards, prayers and words of support. No words can express how much it meant to us for everyone to do what they did. We know how much Rod meant to all of us and it was heartwarming to see what he meant to all of you.

Love and Prayers,
Danette and the Ryan Clan

Thank You

I Pat Sumner, the "P" of P&D Auto Repair want to announce my retirement at the end of this year. I have had the opportunity to serve this community as a mechanic since 1964 when I began my work for Jack Firzsimmons Motors. In 1981 Dave Bixenman and I opened P&D Auto and have been very grateful for our success over the years. This success would not have been possible without the trust and loyalty of our customers. I want to take this time to thank Colby and the surrounding communities for your support. I also want to send a special thanks to Dave and all of our faithful employees, past and present, who have helped make this business what it is today. Although I am looking forward to retirement, I will certainly miss the relationships I have made during this period in my life. P&D Auto Repair will continue to be open for business and looks forward to serving this community as it has over the past 30 years.

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Sunday - Thursday 7:00

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