

Family

Babies

Evan Wayne Best

Evan Wayne Best, son of Erika Best of Colby, was born Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Nea Johnson of Colby is his grandmother. Great-grandparents are Jackie and Ray Johnson of Rexford. First-time uncle is Haydyn Best, also of Rexford.



Evan Best

Corbin Dennis Franklin

Corbin Dennis Franklin, son of Nathan and Amanda Franklin of Atwood, was born Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Camden, 2, welcomed her brother home.

Grandparents are Dennis and Kim Franklin of Atwood; Gary

and Joy Seemann of Great Bend; and Shorty and Dona Kulhanek of Colby.

Great-grandparents are Lorene and the late George Franklin, Atwood; Rosalie and the late Ernie Seemann, Colby; Gene and Helen Normandin and the late Fritz Kaus of Damar; and Darrell Lamb of Colby and the late Sylvia Wachen-dorfer.

Geoffrey and Harry Morris



Geoffrey M.

Geoffrey Michael Lee Morris and Harry Arthur Charles Morris, twin sons of Daniel and Michelle Morris of Colby, were born Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. Geoffrey weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and Harry 6 pounds. Both measured 19 inches.

Sister Annie welcomed the boys home.

Grandparents are Larry and Susan Hawkins of Colby, Tama Haddock of Bury St. Edmond, England, and the late Geoffrey Morris of England. Great-grandfather is John Brannick of Colby.



Harry Morris

Aliyah Marie Rydquist



Aliyah R.

Aliyah Marie Rydquist, daughter of Angie Rydquist and Travis Jefferson of Colby, was born Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Sister Alexis welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Regina Rydquist of Colby; Rick Rydquist of North Richland Hills, Texas; and Janet Jefferson of Portsmouth, Va.

Haleigh Anne Somers

Haleigh Anne Somers, daughter of Jami and Chad Somers of Goodland, was born Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Sisters Kara Maybury, 6, Lauren Somers, 4, and Aubrey Somers, 19 months, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Brian and Carolyn Somers of Brewster and Nick and Dawn Simminger of Atwood.



Haleigh S.

Police escort sea lion home

YACHATS, Ore. (AP) — A wayward sea lion trying to scoot down a highway along the Oregon coast got an escort from state troopers.

The Oregon State Police says the animal apparently entered U.S. 101 through a state park near Yachats and weaved in and out of traffic for about half a mile.

Troopers and a fire and rescue unit used batons and plastic boards designed to keep patients immobile as they flanked the sea lion and guided it along the side of highway.

The animal was led back into the Pacific Ocean after the procession guided it to an oceanside state park about a quarter mile down the road.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for the week of Dec. 28 were first, Joy Davis; second, Dave Ulmer; third, Katie Melvin; fourth, Gail Vacca; and fifth, Barb Ulmer.

Winners this week were first, Larry Barrett; second, Mary Molstad; third, Janet Harper; fourth, Thelma Shalz; fifth, Gail Vacca; and sixth, Kyle Worthly.

Library readying new system

Happy New Years to all!

I hope you are as ready to race as I am. This year we have a lot going on in the library, there are so many special programs and events. When I returned from the Christmas holidays, I knew that there were many things to bring to fruition within just months.

The staff is working on a new library software management system for the library and patrons. This will entail updating your accounts and distributing new library cards. We are not quite ready to "go live" yet, but hold on to your hat, it's coming.

The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library will be sending out their annual membership letter and planning the annual membership meeting in February. We will be sending out notices soon. If you are not a member, call or come in and request an application.

In February, mark your calendars for a special event in honor of Kansas' 150th Birthday. The library will have Tomas Averill to speak on Friday, Feb. 18, on a book he compiled, "What Kansas Means to Me: Twentieth-Century Writers on the Sunflower State."

On Monday, Feb. 14 — yes! Valentines Day — we will have having an event we call "Chocolate and All That Jazz." The Colby Community College Jazz Band will be playing in the basement while



Melany Wilks

Library Links

people come and enjoy special treats.

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24 to 26, we will be having our Book Lovers Book Sale. All of this will be announced in the coming weeks.

These events are in addition to our regular Story Time for children 18 months to 3 years Tuesdays and Wednesdays, plus Family Night on Tuesdays. We also have *Booked For Lunch* on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Much more goes on here, but this is just a taste of our activities.

Now — to the business of telling you about items added to the library. The first is "WAR," by *New York Times* best-selling author Sebastian Junger. Junger was an imbedded reporter with an American platoon in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan. Tim Hetherington, a photojournalist, was with Junger, and he contributed to this work as well.

Junger's main character in his book is real combat veteran named

O'Byrne. Besides O'Byrne, he interviewed many soldiers and then had fact checkers go behind and check the accuracy of his writing.

The Korengal Valley is often considered the worst of the worst in Afghanistan. This tribal area is so remote and poor, with tribal autonomy, that no one has succeeded in conquering the people of the area.

Junger has written this book to explain how men of war bond and respond in war. He wants the reader to understand that these fighting men live with such intensity that every decision and action is scrutinized. Even putting on one's boots and tying ones shoelaces can have consequences.

He hopes to portray the deep relationships that are forged during this time of service. Junger believes that re-entry into normal, everyday life is most difficult for soldiers. Having lived with such pressure and intensity can make life seem less fulfilling. There are three main divisions in this book: Book One: Fear; Book Two: Killing; Book Three: Love. Twelve pages of footnotes disclose sources and references. I recommend this book highly.

On a less serious note: We also have added the book "All by My Selves: Walter, Peanut, Achmed, and Me," by comedian and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham. Dunham

says he purchased a dummy at age 8, and became "a ventriloquist junky." Reading this book allowed me to learn that there is a world of ventriloquists out there that you may not know existed. They have yearly conventions and their history is well documented.

Dunham's book discusses his growth as a child, his parents and their relationship with his gift, and the way he becomes more recognized over time.

His dummies tell more about Dunham in the book than the author does. The Dummies take on a life in print and not just on the stage.

I guess when such personalities are part of your life and career, and a person is use to using them as foils and another voice for brilliance, then they must be included in a book too. Enjoy the journey he tells.

We have many other items coming on the shelf that I have not had time to tell you about. For the youths, we just received all eight books of the series "Dear Dumb Diary" by Jim Benton. More new video disks will be added this week as well.

If you need help finding something in the library, please just ask. We are always here to help you.

See you in the library!

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 28 members and guests Clarissa Unger and Nikki Moss and visiting Rotarians Art Mai and Steve Haynes.

Thank you notes were received from the Senior Progress Center for food gift bags for Meals on Wheels participants and Ashley Standage, the club's December Student of the Month.

Marilyn Unger had the program, which featured her daughter Clarissa providing an update on her studies at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Clarissa is studying there this year with the help of a Rotary District 5670 scholarship.

Her course of study is Comparative European Politics. She said classes include 13 students from the U.S., Ireland, Bulgaria, Germany, Finland, Armenia and Finland. Clarissa is preparing for her dissertation and will be in Ireland until September. She said her goal is a career in public service.

Leilani Thomas won Roto Lottery. The club meets each Tuesday in the student union at Colby Community College.

— Relda Galli, reporter

Colby Lions expect visitor

Vice District Gov. Ralph Rodgers of Hugoton will visit the Colby High Plains Lions Club at 7 p.m. Monday at the Student Union of Colby Community College.

Rodgers assumed his duties July 1. He will become district governor in July upon returning from the Lions International convention in Seattle.

The vice governor is active in the Hugoton Chamber of Commerce where he served as presi-

dent in 1996. He is a 4-H leader, serves on the Stevens County Fair board and is Fair Superintendent. He is a member of the Stevens County Extension Council, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is active with the Antique Tractor Club and is a former coach for girls summer league softball.

Rodgers has two grown daughters and seven grandchildren.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$9.38
Corn (bushel)	\$5.53
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.51
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Some of Our Memories of

Roberta Horning Heaton

We only began to know you when you married our dad, Jack Heaton in 1991.

We remember your trips to Oregon to go gold-panning in the Siskiyou Mountains and walking barefoot in the sand on the coast. We have pictures of you being so happy picking blueberries and blackberries on the farm in Washington. We have fond memories of our times at the cabin on Trenton Lake.

We thank you for being in our lives.

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