

Student News

**Colby Public Schools**  
**Activities: Monday:** 4 p.m. seventh and eighth grade scholars bowl, Oberlin; 4:30 p.m. boys eighth grade basketball vs. Grant; 4:30 p.m. boys seventh grade basketball, Grant. **Tuesday:** 4 p.m. seventh and eighth grade scholars bowl, Hays-Felten; 4:45 p.m. girls C-team basketball vs. Holcomb; 6:30 p.m. girls varsity basketball vs. Holcomb; 6:30 p.m. boys junior varsity basketball vs. Holcomb; 8 p.m. boys varsity, girls junior varsity basketball vs. Holcomb. **Thursday:** 2 and 7 p.m. fourth grade music program, grade school auditorium. **Friday:** 4:45 p.m. C-team basketball, Ulysses; 4:45 p.m. boys and girls C-team basketball, Ulysses; 6:30 p.m. girls varsity, boys junior varsity basketball, Ulysses; 8 p.m. boys varsity, girls junior varsity wrestling, regionals, Concordia. **Saturday:** state piano festival, Wichita State University; boys wrestling regionals, Concordia.  
**Menus: Monday:** breakfast: sausage patty, cinnamon toast, orange juice; lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, hot roll, peas, fruit mix. **Tuesday:** breakfast: Belgian waffle sticks, pear; lunch: sausage, eggs, hash brown, French toast, orange juice. **Wednesday:** breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick, orange wedges; lunch: chicken patty on bun, whipped potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, sliced pears. **Thursday:** breakfast burrito, chilled apple juice; lunch: marzetti, green beans, romaine spinach salad, apple half. **Friday:** breakfast: French toast, grape juice; lunch: hamburger on bun, baked sun chips, baked beans, mandarin oranges.  
**Sacred Heart**  
**Menus: Monday:** pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, roll. **Tuesday:** chicken fajita, veggie blend, pineapple, whole wheat roll. **Wednesday:** chili, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, strawberries and bananas, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** goulash, green beans, pears, garlic bread. **Friday:** chicken sandwich, peas, French fries, pineapple slices.  
**Heartland**  
**Activities: Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Healy. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. County Spelling Bee, Heartland Christian School. **Friday:** 2 p.m. Secondary Assembly-Answers in Genesis.  
**Golden Plains**  
**Activities: Monday:** no school; 1 to 8 p.m. parent teacher conferences; 7 p.m. board of education. **Wednesday:** spring pictures. **Friday:** high school basketball vs. Cheylin; sweetheart crowning. **Saturday:** middle school basketball Freedom League Tournament; Sweetheart Dance.  
**Menus: Rexford: Tuesday:** breakfast: grilled ham and cheese;

lunch: chicken a la king. **Wednesday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: chili cheese nacho. **Thursday:** breakfast: bagels; lunch: soft sweet taco. **Friday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: beef fingers.  
**Selden: Tuesday:** breakfast burrito; lunch: beef and noodles. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and gravy; lunch: chili cheese nachos. **Thursday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: corn dog. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: sloppy Joe.  
**Brewster**  
**Activities: Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. Quinter; senior recognition night. **Thursday:** Freedom League basketball tournament, Dighton. **Friday:** 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Dighton, leave at 3:45; no school. **Saturday:** Freedom League basketball tournament, Dighton; state piano music contest.  
**Menus: Monday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs and cheese; lunch: taco stew, green beans, baby carrots, cornbread, orange slices, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin; lunch: chicken wrap, Spanish rice, corn, baby carrots, pears, apple. **Wednesday:** breakfast: French toast strips; lunch: ham and cheese rolls, potato smiles, peas, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, pineapple. **Thursday:** breakfast pizza; lunch: hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots, apple, orange slices, chocolate chip cookie, biscuits.  
**Colby Community College**  
**Activities: Sunday:** 12 p.m. baseball, Odessa, Texas; equestrian team, Lincoln, Neb. **Monday:** Valentine's Day. **Tuesday:** noon – baseball vs. Lamar Community College, college baseball field; 7:30 p.m. college Catholic Student Fellowship mass, Cultural Arts Center chapel. **Wednesday:** Great Western Activities Conference middle school music contest, Cultural Arts Center and Student Union; 10 a.m. junior day, student union; 6 p.m. women's basketball vs. Butler, community building. **Thursday:** National Random Acts of Kindness Day; 11 a.m. baseball, Otero Junior College, LaJunta, Colo.; Phi Theta Kappa honors recognition, Topeka. **Friday:** 1:30 p.m. Essential Academic Skills Testing, Ferguson Hall 506; rodeo, Kansas State, Manhattan; indoor track regionals, Manhattan. **Saturday:** rodeo, Kansas State, Manhattan; indoor track regionals, Manhattan; 5:30 p.m. women's basketball, Hutchinson; 8 p.m. men's basketball vs. Butler, community building. **Thursday:** National Random Acts of Kindness Day; 11 a.m. baseball, Otero Junior College, LaJunta, Colo.; Phi Theta Kappa honors recognition, Topeka. **Friday:** 1:30 p.m. Essential Academic Skills Testing, Ferguson Hall 506; rodeo, Kansas State, Manhattan; indoor track regionals, Manhattan. **Saturday:** rodeo, Kansas State, Manhattan.  
*Send us your calendar and menus. E-mail colby.society @ nwkansas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.*

Lunch program on military forts

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby will offer "Kansas Military Forts," a presentation by Leo E. Oliva, as part of the monthly *Food for Thought* series at noon Thursday.  
The free program will include a light lunch. Contact the museum at (785) 460-4590 for information.  
Military posts – Forts Leavenworth, Scott, Riley, Larned, Harker, Dodge, Hays and Wallace – have been important in Kansas for more than 150 years. Oliva will discuss how these forts were essential to westward expansion and served a critical function during and after the Civil War.  
Oliva, a retired professor of history at Fort Hays State University, has written several books on frontier military history. He is the editor of the Santa Fe Trail Association Quarterly, *Wagon Tracks*,

and writes the weekly newspaper column, *Our Kansas Heritage*.  
"In 1959, I attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Fort Larned," he said, "and since then, I have been researching and writing about Kansas frontier military history for 50 years. Military posts are among the first Euro-American settlements in Kansas. Today two remain active and two are national parks. The stories of the forts are a major part of federal participation in the state's rich heritage."  
The program is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau, commemorating the Kansas sesquicentennial. The bureau features presentations and discussions about Kansas and what it means to be a Kansan over 150 years and across generations.



Leo Oliva

Senior Progress Center

There will be a Valentine Party Monday at the Senior Progress Center.  
Activities for the week: **Monday:** 11 a.m. Valentine Party. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Wednesday:** sweets day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 Wii game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pool game.  
Menus for the week: **Monday:** chicken rice casserole; winter mix vegetables; apricots, bread; pudding. **Tuesday:** chili, cook's choice fruit, crackers, cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** salmon patties or loaf; hash brown casserole,

peas, bread, applesauce. **Thursday:** roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, gelatin with fruit; birthday cake. **Friday:** lasagna, tossed salad with carrots and tomatoes, corn, garlic bread, mixed fruit.  
The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75. Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Lions will gather

Lions members from 70 clubs across the western half of Kansas will gather at the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 19, for the annual District 17-L Convention.  
Special guests will be International Director Gary D'Orazio, who will speak, representing the International Association of Lions Clubs.  
District Gov. Kerry Hookstra

and his wife Renetta of the Downs Lions Club will serve as hosts.  
Other Kansas Lions will attend and serve as instructors and presenters for various workshops and information seminars. These are designed to help club officers and members develop leadership skills to improve service to their towns.  
For details, call Denny Smith at (785) 625-4146 or e-mail les\_herrman@yahoo.com.

Bridal clothing exhibit conveys history

By Laura Millsaps

Ames Tribune

AMES, Iowa – A wedding dress is many things to a bride: a celebration of a special day, an expression of her taste and current fashion, a way to mark family traditions.  
All of these elements come together in a new exhibit at the Textile and Clothing Museum on the Iowa State University Campus. Nineteen garments ranging from the late 19th century to the present are on display at the Mary Alice Gallery, 1015 Morrill Hall, on the campus.  
Janet Fitzpatrick, manager of the university's textile collection and curator for the exhibit, said the exhibit was timed to coincide with Valentine's Day and spring bridal fairs.  
With a wide variety of wedding clothing housed in the collection, Fitzpatrick said the garments for the exhibit were selected based on the history behind them, with all of them having a connection to the university or the state of Iowa.  
"I was as interested in the bride's story as in the gown itself," Fitzpatrick said. "Also, having wedding photographs to accompany the dress was important. Being able to see the face of the bride that wore it, I think that's very poignant and gives the exhibit more meaning."  
A graceful silk crepe de meteor gown worn

by Miss Elsa Rehmann when she married Arthur H. Neumann in 1914 in Des Moines also becomes the memory of a touching family tradition. Rehmann, heavily involved in music herself, was serenaded on her wedding morning by members of her choir. She carried on that tradition with her sisters-in-law and her daughters, and now two of her granddaughters hold the tradition for the family's brides.  
Also in the exhibit is a lace mantilla veil and ivory wedding dress worn by Elizabeth Hoffman, executive vice president and provost at the university. The veil, passed down through Hoffman's family, was a gift to her great-grandmother from the last Russian empress, Tsarina Alexandra Romanov. It has been worn by at least six brides in Hoffman's family, and it is rumored to have been smuggled out of the country.  
"When we tell visitors that (Hoffman) designed and sewed her own gown, that really gets people's interest," Fitzpatrick said. "But the veil's history is fascinating, and we are fortunate to have it. Bridal veils are made of such fragile material, not many survive to for us to use in exhibits like this."  
Visitors to the exhibit will not find a snowy parade of all-white gowns. The collection features a blue worsted wool gown from the 1890s, a peach organza dress trimmed with

green velvet from the 1930s and a taupe silk three-piece suit from the 1940s.  
"I think the thing people find most surprising is that bridal wear wasn't always white," Fitzpatrick said. "It's believed that custom began in 1840 when Queen Victoria married in a white gown. But for many brides, investing that much in a gown you would never wear again simply wasn't practical. For many, their wedding gown went on to become their 'best' dress for other special occasions."  
Even as late as the 1940s, when it was popular for women to wear suits to be married in, war-time restrictions on materials and frugal living meant that it was not only practical, but considered patriotic to wear wedding clothing that could be used again, she said.  
"It wasn't until after World War II, when people started having disposable income, when war-time shortages stopped, that it became the norm for brides to wear the big beautiful white wedding dress we think of today," Fitzpatrick said.  
The exhibit also features "Lalique" a modern Art Deco-style gown from the 2009 collection of Matthew Christopher, Inc. The designer, Matthew Christopher Sobaski, is an Iowa State alumna who will be the guest designer for *The Fashion Show*, April 9.

Notorious Russian prison to get tanning beds

MOSCOW (AP) – A centuries-old Russian prison notorious for its primitive conditions will soon offer inmates a new perk – tanning beds.  
The ITAR-Tass news agency on Sunday cited federal prisons service Viktor Dezhurov as saying the tanning beds at Moscow's Bu-

tyrskaya prison will be ready for observances of its 240-year anniversary this year.  
Dezhurov was quoted as saying the tanning beds are meant to compensate for inadequate sunlight in the cells. But inmates will have to pay, and at 10 rubles (33 cents) a minute, that's a sizable

fee in a country where the average monthly salary is well under \$1,000.  
The prison's dismal conditions attracted wide attention in 2009 after the death of Sergei Magnitsky, a young lawyer who died of pancreatic disease there after inadequate medical care.

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