

Candidate forum and more coming to library

The Pioneer Memorial Library is busy working on some very important events. At 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, we will have a "Meet Your Mayoral Candidates" event in the basement. Please submit pertinent questions for mayoral candidates to the library by Friday, March 18, at the latest. We will have a drop box in the library or you may send questions to the library's email, contact_us@colbylibrary.com.

The library is issuing new patron library cards. Your orange or yellow cards are being retired because our old library catalog is also being retired. The new system will not allow our old cards to work, so we have updated our image and think citizens will like the new look. The new cards are being officially handed out the week after National Library Week, beginning Monday, April 18.

During National Library Week we will be having a Silent Auction for special numbers on the new cards, sponsored by the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library. Do you want a special number –



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like No. 1, 2, 5 or 10, say 75,777, or pick your own – then we will be having a select few to cards to bid for? We will make an announcement soon on this.

The proceeds will ultimately benefit the library. The Friends' mission is "To build a partnership between the library and the community to advocate for quality library service." They are great at helping our library be better and stronger for the whole community. If you missed the Murder Mystery put on by the Friends of the Library, you missed a really nice meal and a fun event!

The third major event is National Library Week, April 11 to 15. Each day we will have special speakers and authors

along with special events during lunch. Lunch is free to all in the community, noon to 1 p.m. During these events we will also give attendees the opportunity to place their name in a drawing for a new library card. We will be drawing on the last day of National Library Week, so each day a person attends they can put in their name for another opportunity to win a free new library card. If someone attends all five days, they have five tickets that could be chosen. We will announce our authors and speakers soon. The winners of the silent auction will be announced at noon Friday. Anyone that cannot attend will be notified by phone or e-mail.

Now let's get to some new items being added to the library. The first non-fiction book is "The Next 100 Years" A Forecast for the 21st Century," by George Friedman. This man has always produced audacious books with keen insights. This new one is no different. He has the guts to predict into the 2080's at least, but then that is what the title of the book announces! He states that the though many say the

American Age began in 1991 with the fall of the Soviet Union, the real age began on Sept. 11, 2001 (p. 31). He sees America's real overarching grand strategy to be overcoming anyone or any country that would try to dominate the U.S.A. He says that the Middle East is in chaos and is less likely to conquer us because of this (pp. 31-49). He also talks about how computers have brought our lives down to the basics of pragmatic living. The computer is changing cultures around the world very fast and America is being blamed for this (pp. 50 – 64). Other chapter titles include "New Fault Lines;" "China 2020;" "Russia 2020;" "American Power and the Crisis of 2030;" "A New World Emerges;" "The 2040's: Prelude to War;" "Preparing for War;" "World War: A Scenario;" "The 2060's: A Golden Decade;" "2080: The United States, Mexico and the Struggle for the Global Heartland."

A second item that we have received is "The Emotional Calendar: Understanding Seasonal Influences and Milestones to Become Happier, More Fulfilled, and

in Control of Your Life." by John Sharp, M.D. This book is not just about holidays, it talks about the impact of the seasons, the weather and the way each affects different people. His book helps readers examine their lives and respond to the positive and negative times they experience throughout the year. This is an easy to read and skim book with helpful information and stories from real people.

We are also adding a number of DVDs to the library, many either winners of or nominated for Academy Awards. "Secretariat," by Walt Disney; "Waiting for Superman," by Paramount; "Life as We Know It," by Warner; "Touching Home," by Millennium; "Due Date," by Warner; "The Other Guys," by Sony; "You Again," by Touchstone; "Unstoppable," by 20th Century Fox and "Megamind," by Paramount.

Remember we are your free Wi-Fi resource here in Colby. We will be open each week day until 8 p.m. during spring break. See you in the library!

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Sunday

12:20 a.m. – Officer was en route to assist Sheriff's Office Unit with a possibly drunk driver.
12:45 a.m. – Erratic driver at Fourth and Franklin. Located subject, everything OK.
1:04 a.m. – Open door.
1:20 p.m. – Tire slashed on pickup while parked in front of 1255 S. Range.
3:01 p.m. – Loud music in the

area of 1150 S. Franklin. Unable to locate any loud music.
5:06 p.m. – Report of small child traveling unrestrained in the area of 1900 S. Range, heading north on Frontage. Unable to locate.
5:25 p.m. – Welfare check; officer unable to contact subject; officer unable to make contact with subject. Spoke with reporting party, information provided.
8:43 p.m. – Caller reported someone had not been seen since

3 p.m. Spoke with caller, information provided.
9:48 p.m. – Welfare check. Everything OK.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Saturday

4:50 p.m. – Booked Max Alexander Krejckant.
5:06 p.m. – Released Krejckant.
6:15 p.m. – Four calls reported fight in progress. Subject taken to

Law Enforcement Center.
6:27 p.m. – Report filed on fight.
7:06 p.m. – Booked Frankie Lane Stevens.
10:44 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

Sunday

2:24 p.m. – Caller reported subjects either shooting or tying to blow something up. Not found.
5:03 p.m. – Assisted motorist with a flat tire in the area of U.S.

24 and County Rd. 25.
11:22 p.m. – Booked Steven R. White Jr.
11:50 p.m. – Released White.
11:58 p.m. – Took subject from the Law Enforcement Center to 24/7.

Monday

8:30 a.m. – Released Jose Luis Gutierrez.
9:10 a.m. – Released Dusken Allen Juvenemann.
11:05 a.m. – Booked Christo-

pher Michael Ferren.
12:12 p.m. – Released Ferren.
3:07 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Frankie Stevens.
4:49 p.m. – Booked Mark Dulany.
9:46 p.m. – Hit and run accident at the sale barn.
11:34 p.m. – Rollover injury accident four to five miles east of Colby on U.S. 24. Turned over to Highway Patrol.

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