

Booked for Lunch starts off big, focuses on creating community

Wednesday we had our first Booked for Lunch for the season. We had a packed house.

Lon Frahm spoke on the book "Survival of Rural America: Small Victories and Bitter Harvests," by Richard E. Wood.

He did a great review, explaining the definition of a purple cow. This is a unique aspect of a business or community that we can make into something that is a money maker or industry for the area. He challenged us to find our purple cow or cows and build upon them.

Frahm wants us to focus on encouraging those who stay in the community to continue their education locally or in fields that can bring the next generation back to jobs and professions so that the adults can support their families adequately.

The highlight for me was Frahm pointing out that the book demonstrated to him that we need to work together to create our community. He challenged the audience to put aside jealousies and differences that would keep us from seeing each other become successful in our businesses and community endeavors. Frahm thinks this is what will make us successful in the Colby area.

A good non-fiction book is "In Good Times and Bad: Strengthening Your Relationship When the



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Going Gets Tough and the Money Gets Tight," by M. Gary Neuman and Melisa Neuman. The authors are a married couple. Gary is a family therapist but he writes on personal experiences as well as those of others. They tell you the intimate details of their early marriage and some of the challenges. This book talks, not about failure, but about choices to save a relationship through determined grit instead of walking away and allowing the pain merely engulf you. This therapist wants us to consider channeling the pain for good.

Another non-fiction book we just placed on our shelves is "Clutch: Why Some People Excel Under Pressure and Others Don't," by Paul Sullivan. Sullivan describes what a clutch event in a person's life looks like. He then gives us information on why people choke. Here again, an author shares life experiences of individuals as well as businesses. It will be an interesting read.

Another new item on business

principles is "Ten Steps Ahead: What Separates Successful Business Visionaries from the Rest of Us," by Erik Calonius. The author begins by talking about extremely successful entrepreneurs and musing about how they made it to their level of expertise. He shares with the reader that visionaries have four essential factors that affect their ability: intuition, courage, emotional intelligence and luck. One important chapter is titled "When Genius Fails." This book has notes, a bibliography and an index.

A personal development book we just added to the shelf is "Game On: Find Your Purpose - Pursue Your Dream," by Emmitt Smith. Smith is a Hall of Fame running back and has also been a champion and participant with Dancing with the Stars. It looks like this book will be about more than his fame as a football player, a way to inspire others to dream and become. Chapter 10 may sum it up: "Be the Blessing You Seek."

Other books we are adding are "Between a Rock and a Hot Place: Why Fifty Is Not the New Thirty," by Tracey Jackson; "Share This!: How You Will Change the World with Social Networking," by Deanna Zandt; "The Start Your Own Business Bible: 501 New Ventures You Can Launch Today,"

by Richard J. Walsh; and "Best Answers to the 201 Most Frequently Asked Interview Questions," (second edition), by Matthew DeLuca and Nanette DeLuca.

September is Library Card Month. To celebrate, we are giving the first 100 high school students who come in and update their library account or get a new library card (parents need to sign for any first time applicants) a gift certificate for a free dessert item from the Colby McDonald's, such as free ice cream cone, sundae, pie or cookie. This is only for September and to the first 100. So, the early bird gets the dessert!

Any other person signing up for a new library card or renewing their account will be entered in a drawing for a free special ice cream dessert, drawn the first of October.

Remember that Story Time starts Tuesday for preschoolers and Wednesday for toddlers. Both begin at 10:15 a.m. We also have Story Time for families of children that begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The library is now open longer hours under our winter schedule: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Send cards for 80th

Maedean Deremer of Shawnee, formerly of Colby, will celebrate her 80th birthday with family on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Her family would like to invite family and friends to send



M. Deremer

cards to 6905 Monticello Road, Shawnee, Kan., 66226.

Deremer and her husband Herb lived in Colby from 1959 to 1985 before retiring in Shawnee.

Gem Hog Roast shows big turnout

The Gem Lions Club annual hog roast, the evening Aug. 24, was another success.

Held at the Gem Community Building, estimates put attendance between 750 and 800 people.

The night's entertainment included a mix of bluegrass, folk and country music provided by Brandon McLemore, Rusty Helin, Monica Bugbee-Miller, Karla Haggard, Jared Haggard, Madison Haggard, Wayne and Millie Lauritsen and Scott Cameron. A horseshoe throwing tournament also took place.

Proceeds from the hog roast will go to needed community improvements. They came from donations for the meal along with

tickets sold for eight chances to win half a hog. The hogs were donated by Hi-Plains Co-Op, Colby Implement, Dr. Shane Franz, Farm Implement & Supply, Frontier Ag Brewster, Frontier Ag Mingo and Tom Sloan/Golden Harvest Seeds.

Julie Saddler won an afghan made and donated by Margie Flanagan.

Many civic groups and volunteers helped to make the hog roast possible including the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, scouts and family members of Boy Scout Troop 140 and members of the Colby American Heritage girls.

High Plains Art Club

In addition to the regular meeting of the High Plains Art Club, a workshop was presented by John Scott of Hoxie on Aug. 8 and 9 at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Scott assisted members with painting, drawing and uses of various other media.

Secretary Maxine Nelson gave blessing on a salad luncheon during the Tuesday meeting which was conducted by Bev Kern, copresident.

Kern gave each member a large feather with instructions to paint a scene on it for display at the Christmas meeting. Members will be asked to guess who the artist is of each feather, after which they may take their own work home.

The next regular meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Margaret Denneker will be hostess and Ruthie Hughes will have the program. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

- Maxine Nelson, secretary

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.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners on Tuesday were Gail Vacca, first; Sarah Jane Barrett, second; Lyle Worthy, third; Jean Snyder, fourth; Joy Davis, fifth; and Larry Barrett, sixth.

Fort Hays State releases program plans for year

Here are some highlights from the Fort Hays State University's Department of Music and Theatre program for the season.

All performances, except where otherwise noted, are at 7:30 p.m.

Fort Hays' Theatre will present "Italian American Reconciliation" from Thursday, Sept. 29, to Saturday, Oct. 1, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, in the Felten-Start Theatre in Malloy Hall. Surrounded by round tables littered with empty bottles, half-drunk glasses of red wine, used napkins and leftover balloons, the five characters in "Italian American Reconciliation" wrestle with interpersonal doubts

in John Patrick Shanley's romantic comedy.

The Hays Symphony Orchestra, featuring guest cellist Dr. David Littrell, professor of music at Kansas State University, is Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall.

Dr. Pasha Sabouri from Concordia College Music Academy in Austin, Texas, will play violin on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Palmer Recital Hall in Malloy Hall. Sabouri has been a soloist for the opening of the Edinburg Festival in Scotland.

St. Louis Brass will play on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Beach/Schmidt. Founded in 1964, the

quintet is one of America's longest standing brass quintets.

Fort Hays' Music Theatre will present the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" from Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 17 to 19, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, in Felten-Start.

Tubist Eric Fritz will perform in Palmer Hall Tuesday, Jan. 31. A Hutchinson native, Fritz received an undergraduate degree in tuba performance from the University of Southern California and a master's from the Juilliard School of dance, drama and music in New York City.

Farmers encouraged to get a conservation plan

The state conservationist is encouraging farmers to get a conservation plan for their land before applying for financial assistance.

"Get a conservation plan," says Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas.

"It is a beneficial step for you, and it also helps NRCS," he said.

Banks said a conservation plan developed prior to applying through farm bill programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and others would add points to their application.

"The Fiscal Year 2012 application evaluation cutoff date for EQIP and WHIP funds has been set as Nov. 15," Banks said.

"A conservation plan has so many benefits," said Banks.

- Identifies issues that may result in a resource concern and diminished production.
- Adapts to your changing farm

or ranch operational goals.

- Establishes a schedule for applying conservation practices.

"And, of course with the producer's input, NRCS will develop the plan for him or her for free," said Banks. "This is not something new. Conservation planning is what the agency has done for over 75 years.

"However, newer producers and others may not be aware of this valuable free service available to them. They just need to do it. Call or go into their local county USDA Service Center to take advantage of this opportunity."

The service defines a conservation plan as "a written record of your management decisions and

the conservation practices and systems you plan to use and maintain on your farm." More specifically, a conservation plan is the culmination of a nine-step process used by the district conservationist in consultation with the farmer or rancher. The plan may address a single resource concern or any combination.

The conservation plan may be looked at as a historical record of what has taken place on your farm or ranch as well as a guide. The timeline and practices to implement as well as methods are spelled out. A plan addresses the installation of new practices and maintenance of existing practices. One of the benefits of having a

plan prepared is that it can be used to apply for financial assistance to adopt new conservation practices. When a plan has been developed, it improves the likelihood of the application being approved.

Technical assistance is provided free of charge.

For information or to schedule a planning appointment, contact your local conservation district staff about your conservation plan. Information is available at www.kns.nrcs.usda.gov.

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