

Bell choir, Food for Fines program ring in holiday season at the library

Another Christmas season is upon us. Next week at the Pioneer Memorial Library we will be having a special *Booked For Lunch*. On Wednesday we will be ringing in the Christmas season by hosting the Jubellation Bell Choir for our lunch time event. We plan to serve hot soup to warm us while a group of 11 plays numerous musical pieces. During this special event we also take time to honor those who volunteer on a regular monthly basis.

We have been adding many new items to our library. In our biography section we have added "If You Ask Me: (And of Course You Won't)," by Betty White. She confesses in the foreword that writing is her "favorite thing." She also tells us that she does it on the couch with her pooch beside her. I think this pretty much sums up her book. Enjoyable, friendly and fun.

Basketball fans, here is the newest item just out in November: "Shaq Uncut: My Story," by Shaquille O'Neal and Jackie MacMullan. Since we still have a strike in the NBA, take some time to get to know this giant of a man. In fact, Shaquille wants us to hear from him about his life, not get it from the publicity hounds. His story will make you laugh, cry and at times just understand how hard it is to fill those large shoes of his.



Melany Wilks

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We have added other biographies: "In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir," by Dick Cheney and Liz Cheney; "Not Afraid of Life: My Journey So Far," by Nancy French and Bristol Palin; and "Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography," by Rob Lowe.

Another book about times gone by is "The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation About America; Who We Are, Where We've Been, and Where We Need to Go Now, to Recapture the American Dream," by Tom Brokaw. This book is written in conversational style. Brokaw discusses observations of the past he has personally experienced and then where he thinks issues and values need to lead us.

A more fun and enjoyable book is "Cinderella Ate My Daughter: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the New Girlie-Girl Culture," by Peggy Orenstein. The author is a well-known journalist that has written about issues for girls over a number of years. When she

married and became mother of a daughter she began facing the princess culture that children are bombarded with every day. She began struggling with how to allow her daughter to make choices about femininity while also embracing natural abilities that encourage her to grow, achieve and become who she wishes to become.

In this book, Orenstein discusses the issues facing girls and women. She has included experiences both positive and negative. She has walked the rows of toy stores, talked to experts and written this book to consider the issue. It is well documented with endnotes, a bibliography, and index.

A few other nonfiction books we have added are: "The Ultimate Dictionary of Dream Language," by Briceida Ryan; "The 7: Seven Wonders That Will Change Your Life," by Glenn Beck and Keith Ablow; "Living Beyond Your Feelings: Controlling Emotions So They Don't Control You," by Joyce Meyer; "The Power of a Praying Wife," by Stormie Omartian; "Blue Nights" by Joan Didion, and "Morning Song: Poems for New Parents," by Susan Todd and Carol Purington.

The library would like to begin a new book club for men and women who can meet together on a weekday morning. We'd like to read an eclectic genre of books

that would appeal to everyone in the group. Come sign up at the library front desk if you are interested, or e-mail us at contactus@colbylibrary.com.

Food for Fines will begin Monday and continue until Friday, Dec. 23. What is Food for Fines, you ask? A library patron who has overdue fines may bring in canned foods to redeem the fines on his or her account. We ask that the canned food have current dates; have labels intact; and be in good condition.

Beginning Monday you can redeem your library fines by filling out a small form available at the front desk and giving the items and your slip to the library staff so they can remove any fines you have on your record.

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

The Pioneer Memorial Library opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. weeknights, at 5 p.m. Friday, and at 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

See you at the library!

Deaths

Barbara Bishop Stoller

Barbara Bishop Stoller, 85, Winona, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at the ManorCare Nursing Home in Wichita.

She was born July 20, 1926, in Goodland to William T. and Hazel (Jordan) Bishop. In 1944 she graduated from the Winona Schools, going on to Colorado Women's College in Denver. In 1949, she graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in education. She was a life member of the Nebraska Alumni Association.

Following the death of her parents she owned and operated the family farm in Logan County. In addition to farming, she taught school and was a secretary and managed a liaison office for Bob Dole during his tenure in Congress. She was active in the Re-

publican National Committee Women's Activities and many political circles. Over the years she attended numerous Republican conventions.

She was preceded in death by her parents W.T. and Hazel Bishop, husband Hilbert "Herb" Stoller in 1972, and sister Catherine (Bishop) Smith Leonhard.

Survivors include a brother-in-law, Duane Leonhard of Arcadia, Calif.; and a nephew, Randall (Deborah) Smith, of Tyler, Texas.

There will be no services. Burial is in the Winona Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Randall Bishop Smith Memorial Fund in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

High Plains Lions Club

The Colby High Plains Lions held their last regular meeting of 2011 on Monday. The Dec. 12 meeting will be their Christmas party, and the Dec. 26 meeting will not be held due to the holidays.

Past President Justin Burns chaired the meeting due to the absence of President Melinda Morton, First Vice President Mary Hurtt and Second Vice President Caroleta Herl. The meeting began with the flag salute, words of wisdom and a prayer. Visitor to the club was Donna Lawver. There was only one birthday, Melinda Morton, who was absent due to illness.

Norman Whittaker brought some of his famous homemade peanut brittle to share. The club members had some fear that Whittaker was not going to be able to make his Christmas tradition, due to the lack of peanuts. All is well and the club members munched on the candy all evening and some filled their pockets so they could continue satisfying their sweet tooth. Secretary Roger Hale read the minutes. They were accepted with no corrections. Treasurer Larry Brenn was absent due to illness.

Hale reported that the Atwood Club had invited the Colby Club to join them for the Christmas Party Dec. 12 at the Atwood Country Club. There will be entertainment

and drawings for gifts. Cost is \$11; let Hale know if you plan to attend. Virgil Jones suggested some car pooling could be arranged.

In old business, Jones reported on the upcoming pancake feed. He had a work sign-up sheet and window posters to hand out. Hale said he had talked to several scouts and they never knew they were to help serve. Jones requested several club members to contact the scout leaders. It was suggested that maybe the banks could put the December pancake feed on their scrolls. Early workers need to be there by 6 a.m. and the feed starts at 7 a.m. and continues to 2 p.m.

Larry Koon had talked to Orscheln's manager, Roger Voss about the Ham and Bean Feed in March. The club would like to have the event on March 10. Voss will check with his supervisor on the date.

Norm Whittaker reported three hours of community service. Jones reported two hours, and Melinda Moore reported 36 hours.

Announcements included the pancake feed Saturday at the Community Building, the Colby Light Parade Sunday and the Atwood-Gem-Colby Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 in Atwood.

Francis Britton won the drawing.

Brewster schools release first quarter honor roll list

The Brewster School District has released the honor roll for the first nine-week grading period. Students on the Superintendent's Honor Roll have earned a 4.0 grade average. Those on the Principal's Honor Roll have averages of 3.5 to 3.99. Those on the Honor Roll have 3.0 to 3.49 averages.

High School
Principal's Honor Roll
Seniors: Luiz DeArruda.
Juniors: William Allen, Michael Schmidt.

Freshmen: Dara Roulier.
Honor Roll
Seniors: Corinna Hanisch, Kasey Hoyt, Aaron Luckert.
Juniors: Benjamin Baird, Daniel Brown.

Sophomores: Ashley Barrie.
Freshmen: Alicia Barrie, Layton Werth.

Junior High
Superintendent's Honor Roll
Seniors: Rachel Friess.
Seventh Grade: Tad Holm, Jaden Schmidt.

Principal's Honor Roll
Eighth Grade: T-Aera Abbott, Justin Schmidt.
Seventh Grade: Dalton Arntt, J.B. Felzien.
Sixth Grade: Nickole Snethen.

Honor Roll
Eighth Grade: Takoda Turner
Sixth Grade: Katelynn Barnes, Jacob Benham, Adrian Mercado, Levi Rall.

Missing parrot loves opera

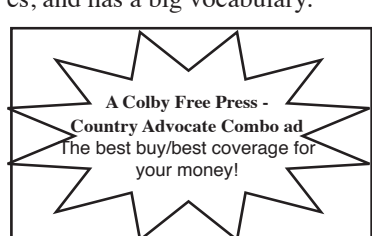
NEW YORK (AP) — A heartbroken New York City man is desperately searching for his opera-singing parrot.

Captain, a 25-year-old green and yellow Amazon parrot, flew off Allen Kirson's shoulder as they went biking in Brooklyn on the day after Thanksgiving.

The *New York Post* (<http://nyp.st/8DUOT>) says the talented bird who "loves to sing opera" has per-

formed at senior citizen homes and children's hospitals.

Kirson says Captain also dances, and has a big vocabulary.



Happy Birthday Bruce & Brad

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Days: Monday - Friday
Phone: 785-460-2901 (8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
785-443-9208 (12:30 - 4 p.m.)

If possible call for Reservations by 11 am the previous business day. Provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a Portion of Oakley as needed.

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Winter Arts & Crafts Fair
Sunday, December 4, 2011
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hoxie 4-H Building

New and Favorite Vendors

Food Stand - "Home Cooking-Like Grandma's", Homemade Chicken & Noodle Soup, Sandwich, Cinnamon Rolls, pie & other goodies.

Questions call Reba 785-675-3620

High Plains Lions Club Pancake Feed
Saturday, December 3, 2011

\$4.50 Donation ~ 7am - 2 pm
Colby Community Building

Bring your glasses & hearing aids to be recycled. \$ goes toward community projects!

Lifeguard class scheduled

Colby Community College will be holding lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 2 to 4.

Enrollment must be completed by Friday, Dec. 16. The college will be closed from Monday, Dec. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 1.

To enroll, contact the admissions office, (785) 460-4690 or go to www.colbycc.edu or sign up in person at 1255 South Range in Colby.

Corrections	Markets
<i>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.</i>	Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op
	Wheat (bushel) \$5.96
	Corn (bushel) \$5.94
	Milo (hundredweight) \$10.02
	Soybeans (bushel) \$10.01

Letters To Santa

Calling all kids!!

Bring your Santa Letter by the office or mail to:

Colby Free Press
155 W. 5th St.
Colby, KS 67701

Deadline for letters is Friday, Dec. 9th

Your letter will appear in the paper so Santa can read it!

Dear Santa...

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

MERRY CHRISTMAS