

# Reenacting offers opportunity to connect with past in new ways

I spent last weekend at a workshop in Admire on "preserving our past through performance."

This crash-course workshop was held in preparation for the free, weeklong "Night at the Museum" camp we will be hosting at the museum in July to help adults and kids above fourth grade learn how to bring historic figures to life.



## Ann Miner

- Around the Museum

is well researched and presented in a form meaningful and accessible to everyone, not just academics.

As we all watched one another's final performances on Sunday afternoon, I thought about how much these depictions of the Dust Bowl-era housewife, the 1910s oilfield worker and the World War II fighter pilot represent not only a history for the public, but also by the public whose daily lives were shaped by the historic times in which they lived.

Whether the person depicted is a well-known figure like Ann Birney's Amelia Earhart or an ordinary 1930s housewife, we connect to the human experience of real people and gain a deeper understanding of life during those times.

We also begin to realize that our own seemingly humdrum lives are just as much a reflection of the times in which we live and may someday be of interest to those who want to know about life in the latter 20th and early 21st centuries.

It was a fun, informative and challenging experience, and I urge anyone with even half an interest in history or performance to consider enrolling in our half-day camp sessions during the week of July 9 to 13.

Our hope is that some of you will enjoy the

experience so much that you will want to portray your person on other occasions at the museum or elsewhere, but many of the skills you learn will be useful in any setting in which local history, knowledge, research, public speaking, and/or performance skills are required.

While you are waiting eagerly for the camp to begin, be sure to join us at the museum in January and February for the following events:

Nebraska photographer Bill Coe's High Plains portraits are on exhibit through Friday, Feb. 10.

Our "Food for Thought" program at noon Thursday will feature author Larry Dilts talking about area railroads in our continuing exploration of the settlement era. The public is invited to join us for a light lunch and informative program.

From Wednesday, Feb. 15, through Tuesday, March 13, we will be showing an exhibit on the Brown v. Board of Education decision ending racial segregation in schools.

This will complement February's "Food for Thought" talk on Zelma Hurst Henderson, a Brown v. Board plaintiff whose integrated experience in northwest Kansas schools was a key element of the trial. Angela Bates will give this talk on Thursday, Feb. 16.

The exhibit is appropriate for grades 6 and up, and school classes are invited to reserve a time and date on which they can view it.

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Colby was one of three communities selected under the auspices of a Kansas Humanities Council grant to hold such a camp – the other two locations are Belleville and Alma.

There were 12 of us learning the ropes under the able guidance of Joyce Thier and Ann Birney of the performance troupe "Ride Into History," including Linda-Davis Stephens of Colby Community College and representatives of the Belleville and Alma museums.

The purpose of the workshop was to help us become more able assistants during the summer camps by leading us through the same process of research and performance development as the campers will experience. I can't say enough about what an excellent idea this was.

Personally, I much prefer to hang out behind the scenes. Historical research? Fine. Developing a narration for a historic figure? Sure, I can do that. Getting up in front of a bunch of people and delivering the narration as that historic figure? Not so much.

But since that is exactly what our summer campers will be doing, that is exactly what we did over the course of two very full days.

In her book, "Telling History," Dr. Thier talks about "public history" as something that

## Flirt arrested

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – San Francisco police say a man wanted on suspicion of rape was arrested after approaching a uniformed woman officer on patrol and flirting with her.

The unidentified 26-year-old man was taken into custody on a no-bail warrant for rape.

Capt. Paul Chignell told the *San Francisco Chronicle* (<http://bit.ly/yZBWN4>) the arrest came after the man tried to strike up a conversation with the officer.

The officer was inside a parked police cruiser.

Chignell said the suspect asked the officer if she was married. The officer said she wasn't available, but asked for the man's name.

A subsequent record check turned up the warrant, and the suspect was arrested.

## Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Tyler Scott Lowe, 22, Colby, Nov. 4, aggravated indecent liberties with a child under 14 (four counts), criminal sodomy (two counts), Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Dec. 30 on \$25,000 appearance bond.
- Evan Drew Mainus, 22, Colby, Dec. 15, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff, released Jan. 4 on probation.
- Paul Martin Richard Tech, 24, Levant, Dec. 31, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services of Thomas County, released Jan. 4 on probation.
- Brandon W. Leth, 18, Colby, Jan. 3, violation of protective or-

der, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Matthew Leon Helms, 24, Bellevue, Jan. 4, driving under the influence, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Jan. 5 on notice to appear.
- Paul Lee Luna Jr., 23, Rexford, Jan. 7, disorderly conduct, Thomas County Sheriff, released Jan. 8 on recognizance.
- Steven James Collins, 26, Jan. 8, housing for transportation, Thomas County Sheriff/Walker, Colo., jail, released Jan. 9 to other agency.
- Brian Paul Suter, 24, Colby, Jan. 8, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff,

released same day to responsible party.

- Caleb Andrew Fox, 20, Colwich, Jan. 9, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released Jan. 12 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- David Garcia-Perez, 19, Colby, Jan. 9, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released Jan. 12 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Joshua Neal Reed, 23, Independence, Jan. 11, holding for transportation, Gallatin County, Mont., released same day to Transcor.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

#### Friday

- 1:52 a.m. – Caller advised of lost shipment in Colby. Three officers helped locate.
- 4:37 a.m. – Caller requested transient be removed. Removed.
- 6:12 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.
- 7:40 a.m. – Assisted motorist to side of road.
- 7:35 a.m. – Four officers assisted sheriff's office units.
- 9:17 a.m. – Located owner inside Walmart for vehicle that needed to be moved in the parking lot.
- 10:01 a.m. – Assisted Colby Community College.
- 10:29 a.m. – Assisted Thomas County and Norton County sheriff's units.
- 11:19 a.m. – Checked hitchhiker at Range and Summit.
- 12:47 p.m. – Caller reported lost tag in Colby. Entered in the National Crime Information Center database.
- 3 p.m. – Helped stranded motorists at Range and Davis; gave ride to vehicle at 700 W. Horton.
- 4:16 p.m. – Welfare check. Not found; vehicle not there and doors locked.
- 4:37 p.m. – Injury accident at Fifth and Court.

#### Saturday

- 12:02 a.m. – Walk-through at Twisters.
- 1:38 p.m. – Dog at large, found in the 1100 block of S. Court. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 2:18 p.m. – Dog at large, found at Arrowhead and Flint. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 5:05 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.
- 6:18 p.m. – Vehicle hit awning at 2320 S. Range. Report filed.
- 8:46 p.m. – Caller earlier saw male subject with alcohol and had a juvenile with him at Fike Park. Not found, spoke to reporting party.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

#### Friday

- 7:35 a.m. – Report filed on traffic stop at Wagoner's.
- 7:41 a.m. – Booked Gary K. Candelauro.
- 7:50 a.m. – Released Candelauro.

10:32 a.m. – Reckless driving; second report filed on traffic stop at Wagoner's.

- 2:10 p.m. – Child in need of care report filed on incident at Rexford School.
- 4:11 p.m. – Released Ernest Eugene Baker.
- 4:17 p.m. – Released Eric John Dykeman.
- 4:18 p.m. – Released Charles James Alderton.
- 4:37 p.m. – Deputies assisted Colby police, emergency medical services and fire department with motor vehicle collision at Fifth and Court.
- 4:47 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Eric John Dykeman.
- 4:47 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Charles James Alderton.
- 4:55 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Noe Vargas Castanon.
- 4:55 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Oscar Alcazar Montes.
- 5:46 p.m. – Took two inmates to Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office.
- 5:52 p.m. – Stalled vehicle at eastbound I-70 mile 50 1/2. Everything OK; had help coming from flat tire.
- 6:17 p.m. – Traffic stop at eastbound I-70 mile 46.

#### Saturday

- 10:53 a.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center, advised of theft from Rexford residence. Provided information; civil matter.
- 5:05 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.
- 6:02 p.m. – Subjects came to Law Enforcement Center on civil matter pertaining to sex offender registration. Provided information.

#### Sunday

- 12:18 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on I-70 at mile 49 eastbound with K-9 deployment
- 12:41 p.m. – Caller reported theft at residence in Rexford. Report filed.
- 2:04 p.m. – Booked Eric James Kellar.
- 2:32 p.m. – Booked Christopher Michael Scullari.
- 3:01 p.m. – Released Scullari.
- 3:13 p.m. – Released Kellar.
- 3:32 p.m. – Booked Marek Andrzej Magda.
- 5:59 p.m. – Booked Garrett Austin Tacha.
- 6:20 p.m. – Released Magda.

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