

Gifts provide new door

Although it's been needed for years, an automatic door opener on the Pierre Henry Allied Health Building was just not in the annual budget at Colby Community College.

The building houses the physical therapist assistant, practical nursing, associate degree nursing and dental hygiene programs. This year, four groups representing those students decided to work together on one large project to add door openers to the north entrance. Two couples provided support to come up with the \$5,500 cost of the opener.

"Sheila and Richard Krannawitter and Shelly and Rod Rodenbeck contributed to the project," said physical therapist assistant program director Pat Erickson. "Sheila comes to the building to work with our students and the automatic doors will be very helpful."

Each year, the physical therapist assistant class organization,



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Representatives of the student groups, their instructors and Sheila (seated) and Richard Krannawitter and Rod and Shelly Rodenbeck stood in the doorway with the newly installed automatic opener.

the dental hygiene students, the Council of Associate Degree Nursing Students and the Council of Practical Nursing Students raise

money and volunteer for community events. The director of the nursing program is Ruth Wolfram. Bobette Maier is the director of

the dental hygiene program.

A plaque has been placed at the north entrance to recognize everyone who helped with this project.

Library's back; open house to be Sunday

The time is here. Friday morning at 9 a.m., the Pioneer Memorial Library will reopen.

We are having an official open house between 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Come and see our new look!

We will not have the total new look all added to the library; some items will be put in place as they are delivered to us. But our new carpet and tile will be in, and a splash of paint has been added.

Some of you may wonder how we paid for this refurbishing project. In 2009, Maxine Neville gave the library a large endowment. The large majority of the money had been put into savings for the library. Originally, we had hoped that interest income for a couple of years, would more than pay for the project, however this has not been the case for two years now. Since some of these funds are not earning very good interest rates, the Trustee Board was willing to use some of the money not in long-term savings to pay for the project.

Why do I tell you about the funding for such projects? It is because citizens need to know the tax levied from property owners goes towards ongoing expenses such as purchases of materials, normal upkeep, staffing and programming. It does not cover large expenditures and projects such as this. It is through the generosity of gifts and memorials from individuals and families that we are able



Melany Wilks

Library Links

to enhance the library's environment, program and offerings.

We have a wonderful one page synopsis on the history of the Pioneer Memorial Library (www.colbylibrary.com/webpages/AbouttheLibrary.htm). "The Colby Public Library had its auspicious beginning in 1911 when a group calling themselves the Civic League of Women rented a small room in the front of Dr. Beaver's residence" (AbouttheLibrary). Organized as a city library on March 14, 1926, the Colby City Council made this library an officially funded library for the citizens of the area. That means we are now 86 years old.

We have an awesome library in Colby, but it has not happened by chance. It has developed and continued through citizens making sure the library was opened, built, enlarged and provided for consistently.

Now, let me tell you about some really great books we are adding to the library this week. The first is a nonfiction book entitled, "Like Any Normal Day: A Story of Devotion," by Mark Kram Jr. This book is about two brothers. One

brother, Buddy is a quadriplegic. The other, Jimmy, helps his parents with the needs of his brother. The mother believes Jimmy is taking Buddy to an eye exam; however the two get on flight to visit Dr. Jack Kevorkian. I have not read the book, nor am I going to try and moralize its contents for you. This is a book the reader must examine and wrestle with personally. How would you answer the questions posed within?

The second book is "Guest of Honor: Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and the White House Dinner That Shocked a Nation," by Deborah Davis. This book examines the post-Civil War era. It shows how such events were not done or widely accepted. The book demonstrates that no political party has the corner on racial equity in our nation. Roosevelt went against the grain, and this book reveals how he and others almost paid the price to stand for their values and decisions.

A third book is "The Other Side of Suffering: The Father of Job-Benet Ramsey Tells the Story of His Journey from Grief to Grace," by John Ramsey and Marie Chapien. This is a book about walking through suffering and finding faith. Ramsey describes how he made it through the death of two daughters and his wife, who died of ovarian cancer.

Other books we are adding are: "The Woman Who Wasn't There: The True Story of an Incredible

Deception," by Robin Gaby Fisher and Angelo J. Guglielmo, Jr; "Two Americans: Truman, Eisenhower, and a Dangerous World," by William Lee Miller; "Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948," by Madeleine Korbel Albright; "Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News," by Dan Rather and Digby Diehl (normal and large print); "Her Majesty: The Court of Queen Elizabeth II," by Robert Hardman; "Computing for Senior: QuickSteps," by Marty Matthews, Carole Matthews, Gary David Bouton and Bobbi Sandberg (in large print only); "The Tea Party: A Brief History," by Ronald P. Formisano; "Uncommon Manhood: Secrets to What It Means to Be a Man," by Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker; "The Skinny Rules: The Simple, Nonnegotiable Principles for Getting to Thin," by Bob Harper and Greg Critser; and "What's Wrong With My Vegetable Garden?: 100% Organic Solutions for All Your Vegetables, from Artichokes to Zucchini," by David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth.

Remember, we are asking patrons to have their items returned by Friday, May 25. We are excited about re-opening we have really missed all those we serve in the community. Come and join us for our open house.
See you in the library!

Deaths

Larry Mayer

Larry Mayer, 71, Brewster, a retired computer field service manager, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in Parker, Colo.

He was born Oct. 25, 1940, to William and Lucille (Erwin) Mayer in Goodland. On May 23, 1959, he married Judith Diggins. Preceding him in death were his wife, his parents and a brother, Robert Mayer.

Survivors include two sons, David Mayer, Brewster, and Todd Mayer, Wichita; a daughter, Jill Coss, Mission Viejo, Calif.; two

brothers, Lawrence Mayer and Rex Mayer of Brewster; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012, at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby, with inurnment in Beulah Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the mortuary, 190 S. Franklin Ave.

The family suggests memorials to the Larry Mayer Fund in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

High Plains Art Club Club

High Plains Art Club met May 8 at the Colby United Methodist Church, chaired by co-president Ruth Hughes.

Members present were Hughes, Margaret Denele, Fritz Ostermeyer, Alice Wolf, Shirley Baker, Barb Highland, Bev Kern, David Ketchum, Tom and Kathie Peyton, Marj Brown, Marilyn Surmeier and Poppy Dean, with guest Don Denning of Monument.

Members were told to pick up paintings on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2.

Kern ordered ribbons from Custom Trophy and Engraving in Oberlin for the club's juried amateur art show, which will be Friday to Sunday, June 8 to 10, at the Heartland Christian School in Colby.

For the art show's publicity, Hughes said she reserved space on the museum's marquee and on the community bulletin board on the corner of Franklin Ave. and Fourth. Tom Peyton suggested the Farmers and Merchants Bank's marquee; Highland said to make posters to hang in businesses. Jarrod Spencer has agreed to paint a

sign. Brown asked everyone to check their work assignments for the show. Pyramid easels will be borrowed from the Oakley Public School to display items; Hughes, Kern and Highland will pick them up.

Highland said members will set up food platters Friday night at the school. Lemonade, coffee and tea will be served.

It was decided to conceal the names of the artists until after Saturday morning judging. Brown suggested giving name tags to club members and artists rather than giving them tickets.

After the club's business meeting, several members went to the art show at the Colby High School. There was no program.

Club members will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, at the Heartland School to make final plans for the show.

There will be no regular meeting in June. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, at the church. Margaret Denele will have the program and refreshments.

—Maxine Nelson

Red Hat Ladies

The Red Hat Ladies of Colby and Oakley went to a demonstration on ancient Czech bobbin lace given by Sonia Domsch on April 24 in Atwood, a day when the temperature reached 95 degrees.

Domsch has traveled given lace-making demonstrations in Washington, D.C. The ladies felt the demonstration was excellent and education. Completed lace she displayed to them they found "spellbinding."

Following the demonstration, they had some time to look around Atwood before going to River bottoms for lunch. After lunch,

they stopped by Tim and Dianna Treon's home to look at her collection of tea pots, along with her toy collection and antique train collection.

The day was organized by Fawna Haremza-McFee, who was unable to attend due to illness. Those attending were Carol Lowenstein, Carol Schwarz and Caroline Bird, all from Colby, and Gayla Berggren, Shirley May Hutton Peggy Eisman, Kathy Murray, Betty Inman and Pearl Samuelson, all from Oakley.

—Fawna J. Haremza-McFee

Colby man awarded doctorate

Travis Powell of Colby was awarded a doctor of pharmacy degree during Creighton University's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, at the CenturyLink Center Omaha.

University President Father Timothy R. Lannon presided over his first May commencement as Creighton president. Lannon, a

1973 graduate of the university, is the first alum to serve as president at Creighton. About 1,500 degrees were conferred.

CNN news anchor and former White House correspondent Suzanne Malveaux was the commencement speaker, and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

High school sees double

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — The 16 sets of twins in the Class of 2014 at one Connecticut high school have a lot of people seeing double, so much so that it could break the world record held by another school in the state.

Parents and officials at Staples High School in Westport tell *The Advocate* of Stamford (bit.ly/lcswVQ) that they plan to submit documentation to Guinness World Records seeking the record for most twins in the same academic year at the same school.

The Guinness website says the current record is held by the 13 sets of twins who graduated in 2010 from Pomperaug High School in Southbury.

The Staples twins gathered for a photo and hope to get official recognition by Guinness.

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.

When you're fishing for bargains... check the Free Press Classifieds!! 785-462-3963

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.14
Corn (bushel)	\$6.18
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.59
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.92

Eclipse event at Fort Larned

On Sunday, guests are invited to view a partial solar eclipse from Fort Larned National Historic Site.

Program time begins at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center. The eclipse occurs from 7:25 to sunset at 8:47. An interpretive program on Indian tales of the night sky will immediately follow the sunset. As darkness sets in visitors will be invited to stay for a stargazing program.

Two telescopes will be set up by the fort's park rangers. The program will conclude after stars are visible and all partici-

pants have enjoyed viewing the night sky.

Safety must be an important part of viewing a solar eclipse. Don't forget, never look directly at the sun; this event requires eye protection to observe. Park rangers will have fabricated projection devices.

Fort Larned National Historic Site is located six miles west of Larned on K-156. Information on visiting is on the internet at www.nps.gov/fols, or by calling (620) 285-6911, or e-mail to fols_superintendent@nps.gov.

Sweet dress made of wrappers

ISHPEMING, Mich. (AP) — A northern Michigan teen put together one sweet prom dress, thanks to the help of classmates who collected thousands of Starburst wrappers for her.

Diane McNease tells WLUC-TV (bit.ly/IUQMEU) that she came up with the idea of making

her prom dress out of candy wrappers when she saw a friend folding some. She estimates it took about 18,000 Starburst wrappers to make the corset of her dress, matching hair bands and a purse.

The Ishpeming High School student wore the dress to prom in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

D&R PUMP SERVICE, LLC
Domestic, Stock, Windmill, Solar, Submersible, Irrigation, Repair and Sales.
With over 30 years of experience!
Ron Shipley - (785) 675-1422 state licensed
Devan Castle (785) 657-7217 Kansas and Nebraska member of the Kansas Groundwater Association

MEAT MARKET MANAGER WANTED FOR SCOTT CITY'S HEARTLAND FOODS SUPERMARKET.

- Retail Management preferred but not a must.
- Wage based on experience plus benefits.

Mail Resume To
Heartland Foods, 401 Russell, WaKeeney, KS 67672, Attention: Greg (785)-743-2031

OPEN HOUSE !!!
AT THE
PIONEER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
COME SEE OUR NEW LOOK!

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012
TIME: 1:00—4:00 PM
COOKIES AND ICE TEA WILL BE SERVED