

Museum shares art and history with and for the next generation

We strive for authenticity, and we're aided in our efforts by the recent dust storm that laid a nice coating inside the 1930s Eller House and took a few more shingles off the church roof. The buffalo grass is crispy, the soil cracked. It's one of those years, the kind that used to send would-be homesteaders packing. It's sending us to the vacuum cleaner.

Art teachers from Colby Grade, Middle and High schools as well as Sacred Heart School were here the first week in June arranging their students' artwork in the Garvey Room. We look forward to this exhibit each year and the current exhibit doesn't disappoint except in one respect: regrettably, we are missing artwork from Brewster, Golden Plains and Heartland Christian schools because the invitation to exhibit went out too late. The exhibit will be up through July. There is no charge to view it.

One opportunity to see the exhibit will be next Thursday evening, when we will be holding "Young at Art" to welcome a Birger Sandzen painting provided by the school district, along with helping the Thomas County Community Foundation promote a new fund dedicated to art in Colby schools. A casual reception with hors d'oeuvres and spirits begins at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation of the painting at 6 along with a few words about Sandzen and the importance of art in the schools.

New additions on our website are two photograph collections. One is the 1937 set of photographs documenting Colby business men and women taken by Verney Kear as part of Farmers and Merchants Bank's 50th anniversary celebration. These photos are accessible on our home page at www.prairiemuseum.org. The other is a selection of military photographs and can be found on our "exhibits" page at



Ann Miner

• Around the Museum

"Over Here, Over There." We hope you'll take a look at these and the many other resources that can be found on the website. You can also join us on Facebook, where photographs and updates are regularly posted.

Campers are signing up for our free "Night at the Museum" camp to be held from Monday through Friday, July 9 to 13, open to kids above fourth grade as well as adults. The camp will be held from 1 to 5 each afternoon that week, and participants will learn about museum artifacts and the people and stories that go with them.

Each camper will choose one of these artifacts and associated historical figures to portray, and develop a two- or three-minute performance based on what they've learned. Space is limited but we still have openings, so call us at 460-4590 to register.

On Friday evening, July 13, the museum doors will be open to the public for our own version of "Night at the Museum." Historical figures will be scattered throughout the museum galleries and grounds to surprise, entertain and educate you about the museum objects and the people and tales associated with them.

Anything can happen - except, probably, Robin Williams on a horse. The format will be a little different from what we have done in the past, in that people will have to register ahead of time for one of five or six time slots



PRAIRIE MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY This photo, taken in 1937 by Verney Kear, shows W.E. and Homer Bjork at a blacksmith shop that stood in the 200 block of East Fourth St. in Colby.

to keep the tour groups small and ensure that everyone will be better able to hear and see each performer.

More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime keep the evening of July 13 open. You won't want to miss the fun.

Ann Miner is the education director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Beef quality training online for youth

Beef industry youths can become certified in beef quality assurance online at no cost. The Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University has launched a Youth Animal Care Training program.

The program teaches participants about implementing best management practices for herd profitability and high quality beef, letting youth and producers demonstrate their commitment to food safety and quality.

The program features free online training modules for youth through high school age. They can improve their knowledge of animal handling, animal welfare,

antimicrobial residue avoidance and food safety. After a training package is completed, a certificate is available for printing.

"Animal handling, welfare and disease prevention and control are very important management concepts to anyone who raises beef cattle," said Dan Thomson, assistant dean of outreach for K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine. "As we move forward, it's essential to teach our industry youth these practices early on so they become more routine and instinctive."

Youth can work through the training modules at any time. Once all the modules within a

package are completed and the quizzes passed, a certificate is available. There is no time limit or deadline to complete the modules and quizzes.

The program is designed to provide training in various areas of animal care. Each package is a different length; each module ranges from five to 20 minutes long.

Youth need to re-certify every three years to keep their certificate up to date. The system will send an e-mail a month before the certification is up as a reminder to re-certify.

"As an educational program, BQA helps producers, including young cattle producers, identify

management practices that can be improved," said Ryan Ruppert, senior director of beef quality assurance at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"... BQA is all about continuous improvement, and these modules get the future farmers and ranchers off on the right foot for a life time of improvement in beef production."

"Youth are not tomorrow's leaders; they're today's leaders. We must provide them with the tools to help them learn and move the industry forward," Thomson said.

For information go to www.animalcaretraining.org.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Saturday

12:01 a.m. - Report filed for protection from abuse order violation in reference to incident on W. Seventh.

2:35 a.m. - Accident at 290 S. Franklin.

3:57 a.m. - Caller reported possible vehicle break in. No report, nothing stolen.

10:09 a.m. - Caller reported man possibly striking woman in a vehicle. Not found.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported dog left in vehicle for over an hour. Spoke with owner; air conditioner left on for dog.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported criminal damage to their vehicle. Report filed.

9:11 p.m. - Provided requested welfare check. Report filed.

11:32 p.m. - Subjects came to the Law Enforcement Center in reference to problems with juvenile. Information provided.

Sunday

1:05 a.m. - Caller reported boyfriend hitting her. Report filed.

2:08 a.m. - Fight: subject called 911. Everything OK.

2:51 a.m. - Caller reported subjects being loud. Spoke to owner.

9:11 a.m. - Caller reported illegally parked vehicle. Not found.

10:34 a.m. - Tree limb blocking roadway on S. Franklin. Street crew contacted; roadway cleared. Helped with traffic control.

4:23 p.m. - Subject reported losing a ring. Report filed.

9:49 p.m. - Returned dogs to owner.

10:36 p.m. - Caller reported male subject had been harassing her, left on bicycle. Spoke with all parties involved, no report.

Monday

4:23 a.m. - Caller reported being hit by a subject. Report filed.

10:19 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to owner.

11:03 a.m. - Received numerous 911/disconnects from cell phone. Not found.

11:14 a.m. - Caller reported sign fell on her vehicle. Spoke to reporting party; no report, caused by wind.

9:33 p.m. - Report filed for theft of bicycle.

10:27 p.m. - Caller needed help with juvenile. Spoke with parties involved.

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported damage to swing at Buffalo Park. Report filed.

9:49 a.m. - Caller reported stolen vehicle. Report filed, entered into Nation Crime Information Center.

7:56 p.m. - Burglary: caller reported house broken into. Reporting party did not want report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Saturday

1:30 a.m. - Booked James Hickert.

2:08 a.m. - 911 caller reported juvenile missing. Report filed for rape.

4:13 a.m. - Booked juvenile. 7:40 a.m. - Took juvenile from Law Enforcement Center to Southwest Kansas Juvenile Detention Center, Garden City.

7:46 a.m. - Caller reported speeding vehicle westbound on U.S. 24 from County Rd. 27. Unable to locate.

8:37 a.m. - Caller reported large chunks of semi tire tread in roadway at eastbound I-70 mile 67. Removed from roadway.

8:56 a.m. - Large piece of wood in roadway at eastbound I-70 mile 59 removed.

10:14 a.m. - Caller reported theft of irrigation motor battery from field just north of U.S. 24 mile 71.

12:41 p.m. - Caller reported incident Friday evening in the 400 block of County Rd. 15. Spoke to reporting party.

Sunday

1:01 a.m. - Caller reported hitting a deer 500 in the block of County Rd. E. Spoke with subject; it was in Sheridan County.

11:02 a.m. - Caller reported rollover accident occurring sometime this morning two miles south of Levant.

8:43 p.m. - Released Hickert.

10:36 p.m. - Helped Colby Police on harassment call in vicinity of Fike Park.

Monday

8:50 a.m. - Brought inmate from New Century in Johnson County to Law Enforcement Center.

9:11 p.m. - Booked David Herdman.

Tuesday

12:31 a.m. - Steve Torres arrested on warrant by Hays Police Department.

8:44 a.m. - Sheridan County called to advise of subject who ran off the road on southbound U.S. 83 in Decatur County. Stopped the vehicle at Colby, turned over to Kansas Highway Patrol.

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