

Books tell unrecognized stories of making the United States great

Today's column covers items we have that talk about freedom, our history and service in the military by others and our nation.

The items may not be new. We have new items on America and freedom, but they are not all about the Revolutionary War, Independence and the making of America.

The items I think that are deserving of mention are "Betsy Ross and the Making of America," by Marla R. Miller; "Washington's Crossing," by David Hackett Fischer; "1776," by David McCullough; "Gentleman Revolutionary: Gouverneur Morris, the Rake Who Wrote the Constitution," by Richard Brookhiser; "Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence," by Carol Berkin; "The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers," by Thomas Fleming; "The Flag, the Poet and the Song: The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner," by Irvin Molotsky; "A Battlefield Atlas of the American Revolution," by Craig L. Symonds; "The Battle of Bunker Hill," by Richard Ketchum; and an old but good 144-page book entitled "Patriots in Petticoats," by Patricia Edwards Clyne.

We also have lots of audio CDs: "Flags of Our Fathers," by James



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Brady; "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation," by Cokie Roberts; and "First Family: Abigail and John Adams," by Joseph J. Ellis and Kimberly Farr.

A new item in 2011 discusses the Civil War and how it has affected America. David Goldfield has written the 633 page book "America Aflame: How the Civil War Created a Nation." Just reading Goldfield's introduction brings me to understand that this might be an insightful yet challenging book; in it he says "The Civil War was both the completion of the American Revolution and the beginning of the modern nation." He continues, "War proved America's resilience. If nothing else, holding a presidential election in the midst of the Civil War, as the Union did in 1864, was a testament to that strength."

The controversial opinions he holds of evangelicals and the politicizing of moral outrage about slavery and other issues may bring

strong criticism and disagreement to others who have studied the era and view things in a less dogmatic manner. It may show readers that the controversies and passions of today are not really any different than of our historical forefathers.

Human nature and the political process may not have changed all that much, just the way it is expressed and communicated in our 24-hour news cycles.

"Giant in the Shadows: The Life of Robert T. Lincoln," by Jason Emerson, is an interesting book we just added. According to the jacket, Robert T. Lincoln was "Abraham and Mary Lincoln's oldest and surviving son. This 600 page book is well documented and indexed. It discusses how Robert Lincoln served as a Union soldier, a minister to Great Britain, a U.S. Secretary of War, President of the Pullman Car Company. It talks of the influences of his life from his parentage, the growth and development of America and confidant he was to his father and U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln."

Other items we have added are "Secret Heroes: Everyday Americans Who Shaped Our World" by Paul Martin; The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World" by Chris Stewart and Ted Stewart; "Eisenhower in

War and Peace," by Jean Edward Smith; "The Idea of America: Reflections on the Birth of the United States," by Gordon S. Wood; "Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View," by Stephen G. Breyer; "The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity," by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy; and junior fiction item, "Americapedia: Taking the Dumb Out of Freedom," by Andisheh Nourae, Daniel Ehrenhaft and Jodi Lynn Anderson.

The day after Independence Day, the library will be having a summer program on the east lawn of the library. At 8 p.m. next Thursday individuals and families are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and sun glasses so they can enjoy the live entertainment of Richard Holgren. His Flying Debris Show will include juggling, magic and many other zany stunts. I am told it will also include audience participation.

We will be closed Wednesday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day. Other days we will be open as scheduled: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 Sunday.

Don't suffer in the heat, come read, view and enjoy at yourself at the library!

Winona couple celebrating 65 years

Verlin and Norma Lee "Noni" (Pinkston) Plummer of Winona celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 1 at their family home in Winona. The weekend celebration also honored Noni's birthday.

They were married June 1, 1949, in Colby, in a double wedding with Marvin and Bonnie Plummer. The Rev. O. Gunkel officiated.

The couple has four children,

Sheila Plummer and fiancé Roy Acheson of Plainville/Palco, Joani (P.D.) Williams of Oakley, Kevin (Andrea) Plummer of Oakley and V. Shawn (Shelley) Plummer of Winona.

They have 13 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 19 step-great-grandchildren.

They have lived in this general area their whole lives, farming and raising cattle.

Ugly dog wins title

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — A Chinese crested's short snout, beady eyes and white whiskers earned it the title of World's Ugliest Dog at the annual contest in northern California on Friday.

Competing for fame, \$1,000 and a year's worth of dog cookies, Mugly won the honor by beating out 28 other ugly dogs from around the world.

The 8-year-old rescue dog from the United Kingdom will also be invited for a photo shoot and will receive a VIP stay at the local Sheraton.

"I couldn't speak when they announced Mugly's name," said Bev Nicholson, the dog's owner. "I didn't know which way to look. I was shaking as much as the dog."

It's not the first time Mugly has been recognized for his unattractiveness. Nicholson said he was named Britain's ugliest dog in 2005.

The contest at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds gets worldwide attention, with reporters and camera crews from around the world traveling to Petaluma, about 40 miles north of San Francisco.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR CITY OF MENLO, MENLO TOWNSHIP, AND FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Menlo City Building, 124 F Avenue, Menlo, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 12th day of July, 2012, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. to consider whether the City of Menlo, Menlo Township, Fairview Cemetery, Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF MENLO
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ATTEST:
Sharon Munk, Clerk City of Menlo

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ATTEST:
Leona Steiger, Secretary/Treasurer

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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.

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 1508

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, ARTICLE 3, FIREWORKS, OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLBY, COUNTY OF THOMAS, STATE OF KANSAS:

SECTION 1: The following section is hereby repealed:

7-310 PENALTY. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Article shall be fined an amount of not less than \$50.00.

SECTION 2: Article 3, Chapter VII of the ordinance of the City of Colby, Kansas is hereby amended by adding the following sections.

7-310 HIGH-FIRE DANGER. At such time as the Mayor, City Manager or Fire Chief determines that a high fire danger exists, the Mayor, City Manager or Fire Chief, shall declare the existence of a high-fire danger. The City Clerk shall distribute the Declaration of high fire-danger to all City employees and shall cause the Declaration to be posted at City Hall and published on local access channels.

7-311 HIGH-FIRE DANGER, BAN ON DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS. Discharging fireworks, supervising the discharge of fireworks or participating in the discharge of fireworks during a declared period of high-fire danger is prohibited.

7-312 DUTY TO INQUIRE. It shall be the duty of each person, prior to discharging, supervising or participating in the discharge of fireworks, to determine whether a period of high-fire danger has been declared.

7-313 PENALTY. Any violation of this Article shall be, upon conviction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or confinement in the County Jail for a definite term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Any law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in the City limits may seize fireworks prohibited by this Ordinance.

7-314 COSTS. In addition to any other penalty imposed pursuant to this Article, the Court may assess against any person convicted of violating this Article restitution for damages incurred by any victim and all costs incurred by the Municipality for responding to a report of fire and/or extinguishing fire.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, this 28th day of June, 2012.

Gary Adrian, Mayor

ATTEST:
Joni Ketchum, City Clerk

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Travel tools can help ensure safe holiday journeys

The Fourth of July holiday creates one of the busiest travel times on roads and highways. Unfortunately, an increase in traffic increases the likelihood of traffic crashes, injuries and deaths.

Kansas Department of Transportation travel information resources can help with planning travels and can keep you informed. Summer is the height of road construction and by planning ahead and using the free services available anytime, travelers can find out if their routes are impacted by road work and make other plans as needed. With weather updates provided every 15 minutes, Kansas 511 can also be a resource to help travelers learn about changing weather conditions.

KanDrive, www.kandrive.org, the department's traveler information gateway, provides essential information you need to plan your trip. KanDrive features include

camera images, motion camera views, an interactive 511 map of Kansas roads, road conditions and work zones and links to transportation resources, Kansas Byways, weather information and metro traffic information. Much of the same information can be accessed by calling 511 from anywhere in Kansas.

• Camera snapshots of the roadway are updated every few minutes from closed-circuit cameras installed along I-70 and other highways. A camera tour is provided so travelers can select and see all camera images on a specified highway.

• Motion camera links are also provided for many cameras along I-70 between Goodland and Auburn Road west of Topeka. These can be accessed by clicking on the camera icon and then clicking on the "motion camera" link beneath the lower right corner of the cam-

era view. Still shots will be updated every two seconds.

• Electronic sign message views show current construction, accident and safety messages.

• Metro Traffic Management Center websites use up-to-the minute information to provide travel speeds and camera views on select routes, posted messages on electronic signs and other information for drivers.

• RSS feeds and GeoRSS feeds have recently been added to the 511 map page (511.ksdot.org).

The department also encourages travelers to use other free traveler information services:

• The 511 Mobile site at 511mm.ksdot.org provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, work zone and event information and links to weather. The site is accessible from iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices, Version 6.0

and higher. Any devices not compatible with the new application will be able to access text information only.

• From any phone anytime, travelers may call 511 from anywhere in Kansas or (866) 511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. to get route-specific road conditions, work zone information, including detours and closed roads, and travel-related weather information.

For everyone's safety, drivers should buckle up, safely secure children in safety seats and avoid distractions such as talking or texting on their cell phone.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.91
Corn (bushel)	\$6.59
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.23
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.41

Menlo alumni hold class reunion

Menlo School alumni, family and friends met May 26 at Montana Mike's for dinner, with 56 members in attendance.

President David Moos conducted the business meeting.

Honoree-year members present were Florence (Schiltz) Pritchard, class of 1942, Denver; Dennis Beckman, class of 1952, Colorado Springs; and Donald Murphy, Leavenworth, Joyce (Manebach) Rohn and Marvena (Cousins) Chance, Colby, class of 1962. Members who died in the past

year were remembered, including Raymond Washburn, 1950; Arvin Liester, 1940; Margaret (Schiltz) Moorhouse, 1940; and Glen Klaurens, 1946.

Donald Murphy addressed the group about sports activities at Menlo and whether to discontinue reunions. After discussion, it was decided to have a celebration reunion in 2013, since it will be 90 years since the school started and 50 years since it closed in 1963.

A committee of six was formed to plan the 2013 reunion. It in-

cludes David Moss, Donal Murphy, Leona Feldt, Vera Sloan, Rex Klaurens and Bob Beckman.

Prizes were given: The member coming the farthest to attend, Nina (Duffey) Brandt from Indiana.

Members attending the last five consecutive years, Bob and Dennis Beckman.

Oldest member present, Geneva (Bixenman) Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned and time spent visiting.

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Barton College names awards

Braden Sager of Colby and Caitlin Lunsway of Oakley have been awarded achievement scholarships at Barton County Community College in Great Bend for

next year. To qualify for an Achievement Award, a student must have a grade average of 2.5 to 2.99 and be enrolled full time.

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Happy 35th Anniversary
Calvin & Glenda Sharpe
We will be celebrating this Anniversary with a dance
Saturday, June 30 • 7 - 11 p.m.
American Legion, Colby
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