

# Reader's vacation in capitol city carries unique sightseeing options

Earlier this summer I traveled to Maryland to visit my son. He is the head groundskeeper for the Hagerstown Suns baseball team, a minor league affiliate of the Washington Nationals. Hagerstown is about 60 miles from Washington, D.C., so I was able to spend a couple of days playing tourist.

I've been to Washington several times but had never been to the Library of Congress. Being a librarian, I naturally felt it was someplace I should go. It was even more fun and interesting than I had hoped.

Unfortunately, the reading room is only open to researchers and those with actual credentials. I told the docent that I could come up with a research topic to qualify for a library card, but she seemed to think it was a little more formal than that.

There were other highlights, though. Thomas Jefferson is considered the Father of the Library of Congress. He donated his book collection to establish the library. One of the special exhibits while I was there was his original book collection. Books 200-plus years



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ago were all pretty much the same size and color. There were no pretty spines and bright colors, but it was still awesome to actually see Thomas Jefferson's books.

Another interesting exhibit was the Gutenberg Bible. It was the first printed Bible and is one of only three in the world. In addition, there was a hand lettered Bible. It was printed on pages about 2 by 3 feet – it boggles my mind to think how long it must have taken to hand letter even one page! Of course I can't read German, but it didn't look like there were any mistakes or blots on the pages I saw.

If you are a Nora Roberts fan, you may have read the first two books in her *Inn BoonsBoro* trilogy, "The Next Always" and "The Last Boyfriend." They are about

three brothers renovating an inn in Boonsboro, Md.

Roberts actually owns the Inn BoonsBoro which is about 12 miles from where my son lives. In the books they talk about running into Hagerstown for supplies – Boonsboro has about 2800 people and doesn't have much in the way of stores.

In addition to the inn, Roberts also own the Turn the Page Bookstore (which is mentioned in the book) and an arts and crafts store. While visiting the bookstore, I signed up for the book club e-mail list.

In July, the club (and I) read "The Art of Racing In the Rain" by Garth Stein. It is the story of Enzo, a lab terrier mix who rides shotgun with race car driver Denny Swift as he pursues a career in racing. Enzo, frustrated by his inability to speak and his lack of opposable thumbs, watches Denny's old racing videos and hopes for the day when his life as a dog will be over and he can be reborn a man.

It was an easy read, both funny and sad in places. We don't have

this book in the library, but it is available on interlibrary loan. The August selection is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," by Rebecca Skloot. Even though I obviously can't attend the meetings, it will be fun to read what they choose and chances are, I will probably end up reading outside of my comfort zone.

Although it isn't a book club, and there is no required reading list, this summer for the first time Pioneer Memorial Library is holding a summer reading program for adults. We didn't have any idea how well it would be received, so we started out pretty low key and hope to add to the program next year. Over 30 people signed up and so far have read over 120 books. The program runs until Tuesday, July 31, so if you come in and register, you still have time to read a book or two. Every book you read qualifies you for prizes to be given out at the end of July.

The library summer schedule is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## Deaths

### Norma Eicher

Norma Eicher, 85, Colby, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at her home.

Services are pending at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

### Gerard 'Gerry' Dickman

Gerard Dickman, 61, a Colby construction worker, certified mechanic and field agent for Knights of Columbus, died Monday, July 16, 2012, at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

He was born Oct. 18, 1950, to Edmund and Theresa (Morin) Dickman in Hays. In 1968, he graduated from Grinnell High School.

On Nov. 26, 1970, he married Rebecca Margheim at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Michelle Snethen.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Lisa Ortiz (Reyes) of Los Baños, Calif.; two sons, Jason Dickman (and girl-

friend Heather Bolton), Wichita, and Adam Dickman (and girlfriend April Chapman) of Fort Campbell, Ky.; and a brother, Bernard (Karen) Dickman of Grinnell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the church in Angelus, with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Baalmann Mortuary, 190 S. Franklin Ave. in Colby, and from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church in Angelus, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Sixth Street AA or Sacred Heart Catholic School in Colby, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Mary Ruth Cech

Memorial services for Mary Ruth Cech, 60, Colby, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic

Church in Colby, with inurnment in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

For full information, see Page 1 of today's *Colby Free Press*.

## Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 29 members and guests Ward Cassidy, Larry Gabel and Jeff Wallingford.

Program coordinator Marla Crumrine, introduced Jeff Wallingford for the program. The new principal at Colby High School, he spoke about his education and teaching background.

Wallingford and his family

have moved to Colby from Norton where he spent four years as the middle school principal and activities director. He said both he and his family are very happy to be in Colby and he is looking forward to being a part of the Colby Public School.

Carolyn Armstrong won Roto-Lotto.

Rotary meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the college Student Union.

## Kansas 4-H takes third

Jory Koon of Colby and Gaige Jacobus, Oakley, were among the 35 Kansas youth traveled to Grand Island, Neb., June 17 to 22 to participate in the 13th Annual National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Match.

According to Rod Deeken, a Jefferson County 4-H volunteer serving as Kansas coordinator for the match, youth participated in three separate and different matches in their chosen discipline.

The choices included air rifle, air pistol, compound archery, recurve archery, muzzle loading, shotgun, small bore pistol, small bore rifle and hunting skills.

Kansas earned third place overall, behind first place Texas and second place Missouri. There were 536 participants representing 33 states.

The sweepstakes combines all of the disciplines for an overall team score, said Deeken, who noted that 2012 is the first time Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports participants earned the third place award.

"Our success reflects the hard

work of each of our 35 participants, and the leadership and training provided by their coaches," said Deeken, who also credited Kansas youth for working to overcome challenging match conditions, including 100 degree heat and 30 to 40 mph winds.

Koon and Jacobus were members of the air pistol Team, which also included Olivia Taylor-Puckett, McLouth, Kevin Lansing, Leavenworth, and Ken Stewart, McLouth, coach.

Full results for the Kansas team are posted at: [www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/4H\\_results071812.aspx](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/4H_results071812.aspx).

For complete results go to [4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational/results](http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational/results). In 2013, the 4-H National Invitational will again be at Grand Island, with tentative dates of June 23 to 28.

More information on 4-H shooting sports and other educational projects and opportunities in 4-H is available at [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org) or at K-State Research and Extension offices.

# Teen wins first Ag Department contest

The winners have been announced in the first Kansas Department of Agriculture photo contest.

The agency received almost 900 photos from 126 youth, adult, employee and professional photographers in the contest, which concluded Wednesday. People were invited to submit photos that displayed all aspects of Kansas agriculture.

The agency allowed the public to vote for their favorite photos by holding the contest on its Facebook page. A first-place winner was selected in each category by the amount of "likes" a photo received. The four category winners advanced to a finals round.

Kate Hagans, a 17 year-old student from Utica, won the top prize with her photo titled "Kansas the Beautiful." It received 573 votes in the finals round to take the top prize.

The winners in each category will receive \$100 gift cards and the runner-up participants will receive \$50 gift cards. The winning photograph will be featured on the department's Facebook page.

The winner and runner-up in each category were as follows:

Youth: Kate Hagans of Utica, winner, and Dawson Miller of Fulton, runner up.

Adult: Kay Smith of Wetmore, winner, and Lindsay Bowman of Greens Fork, Ind., runner up.

Department employee: Saman-



KATE HAGANS

This photo, titled "Kansas the Beautiful," won the top prize in the Kansas Department of Agriculture competition for 17-year-old Kate Hagans of Utica.

tha Ramskill of Overbrook, winner, and Annie Patterson of Holton, runner up.

Professional: Vance Frick of Durham, winner and runner up.

"A picture is worth a thousand words when it comes time to tell the story of Kansas agriculture," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "I thank all of

the individuals who participated in the contest and shared a piece of agriculture with us."

Although the contest is over, Rodman said the photographs will continue to be used to promote Kansas agriculture. The photographs will be used on international trips to show agricultural partners about the various aspects

of agriculture in the state. The photos will also be used on the website, in department publications and on social media sites and will be shared with other Kansas agricultural organizations.

All entries are posted on the department's Facebook page under photo albums at [www.facebook.com/KansasDeptofAg](http://www.facebook.com/KansasDeptofAg).

## Writing contest offers opportunity to tell your story

Have you ever wanted to follow in the footsteps of writer Ernest Hemingway? Or F. Scott Fitzgerald? Or perhaps you just want to tell the story of a special family member. Everybody has a story in them.

Here's your chance to tell your story.

The Ellsworth Area Arts Council is sponsoring its second annual writing contest, "Writers of the Prairie." Cash prizes will be awarded.

Age divisions will be: adult – 18 and older and youth – 17 and younger. Youth must submit their ages. Categories will be short stories

and poetry with no requirement on subject matter.

Authors may enter as many times as they wish by paying a \$3-per-entry fee.

Entries should be mailed to the EAAC Writing Contest, 223 N. Douglas Ave., Ellsworth, Kan., 67439. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Sept. 15.

Further rules, entry forms and other information are available at [eaac.writingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:eaac.writingcontest@gmail.com) or by calling (785) 472-5658 between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday. Or call (785) 472-5682 and leave a message.

Co-sponsors of the contest are the *Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter* and the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation.

## 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.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.39
Corn (bushel)	\$8.10
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.84
Soybeans (bushel)	\$15.78

## Public Notice

### Abandoned Vehicle Sale

A 1988 Ford Super Duty, Vin # 2F2DLF4764JC B28706 will be sold August 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 1870 S. Range, Colby, Kansas, for services and storage due.

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## Thomas County Fair Demo Derby Saturday, July 28, 2012

Sponsored by Cornerstone Ag

### Thomas County Fairgrounds, Colby, KS

Track is located 2 miles north of I-70 at exit 53 Colby, KS This is a NO-WELD derby.

#### Fullsize Cars

Entry Fee for car and driver -- \$40 • Pit Passes --\$20

#### Compact Cars

Entry Fee for car and driver -- \$25 • Pit Passes --\$20

Figure 8 race included for both classes.

#### Event Schedule

Pit Gate will open at 4:00pm CT Demo will start at 8:00pm CT Heats will be determined by Pill Draw

For more information please contact:

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