



CHRIS GRIFFEN/Prairie Museum of Art and History

Volunteer David Pabst talked with Colby High juniors about wagon travel when he brought his team and wagon to the museum.

Kansas State specialist speaks at lunch program

We have been looking forward to hearing Freddie Lamm talk about the history of the Kansas State University Northwest Experiment Station at our first moon "Food for Thought" program of the season today.

Since its establishment in 1914, the station's agricultural scientists, beginning with Joe Kuska, have been tasked with determining which crops and methods are best suited to the often challenging conditions to be found in western Kansas. As one of the present-day scientists specializing in irrigation technologies, Dr. Lamm will bring an interesting perspective to the history of the Colby station. Everyone is welcome to enjoy these programs at the museum over a light, but free, lunch.

Artist Shela Reilley arrived last week with her exhibit of about 60 paintings, and we oohed and aahed over each piece as it was unwrapped. Though she now lives in Colorado, Shela grew up here and most of her colorful pastels depict landscapes and structures from this region. The exhibit will be up through December, with a reception in the works for sometime next month.

School groups have continued to make use of museum resources and programs throughout October and into November. Colby High School teachers Camille Giersch and Shelly Myers brought the juniors over again this year to learn about the region's settlement. Having each don the identity of an historic Thomas County settler ahead of time, the students discussed the "Clash of Cultures" with Mike Baughn, ate some campfire cobbler with David Pabst, learned how to locate their claims on a map, and shared immigration stories.

It's no great surprise that David's session featuring food won the popularity contest hands down, but they were a great group of kids and engaged in the food-free discussions and activities just as readily.



Ann Miner

- Around the Museum

Thanks to Mike and David for their great help with the day.

Anthropology students from Colby Community College spent a class period at the museum learning about artifacts and having a go at throwing a spear with an atlatl. The atlatl was also a popular activity when Tim Thornton of the Educational Service Center visited with his students to hear about the stories artifacts can tell.

Last week, Alana Tubbs' eighth-grade students from Colby Middle School were here for three days in a row to research area history using books, newsletters, newspaper articles and other print resources. The students will be using their findings, along with contemporary and historic photographs, to create presentations on topics ranging from the Thomas County Courthouse to KXXX Radio. Possibly the fact that their first research day fell on Halloween accounted for the heavy interest in Beulah Cemetery as a topic.

Please note that we have switched to winter hours as of November, so will be closed on Mondays until April. Come on out any time during regular hours to view Shela Reilley's exhibit and see what else is new around the museum. Call 460-4590 for information.

Ann Miner is the Education Director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Fat cat now 37 pounds

DALLAS (AP)—An overweight stray cat found nearly two months ago in North Texas has slimmed down to 37 pounds but is still too fat to be adopted.

A Dallas veterinarian on Monday said Skinny seems healthy, is on special food and gets exercise. Dr. Brittny Barton says Skin-

ny, who topped out at about 41 pounds, probably needs to reach 30 pounds before being considered for adoption.

The orange tabby was discovered Sept. 13 in Richardson. The creature was dubbed Skinny by shelter officials, who at first said the cat was male, then female.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday, Nov. 6: first, Larry Barrett; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Dave Ulmer; fourth, Barb Ulmer; fifth, Jean Snyder.

Barb Ulmer; second, Dave Ulmer; third, Joy Davis; fourth, Margaret Denneler; fifth, Kevan Taylor; sixth, Snyder; seventh, Lyle Worthing.

Winners for Tuesday were: first,

Corrections

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Deaths

Rodney R. McFee

Rodney R. McFee, 80, Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born May 23, 1932, in Rawlins County to Ray and Grayce McFee. He graduated from Atwood Community High School in 1950 and attended Kansas State University for a year before joining the Army.

On Oct. 3, 1955, he married Margie Ann Holub in Atwood. He farmed in southwest Rawlins County until moving to Atwood in 1983. He also worked at the C.W. Beamgard Co. for many years.

He was widowed in 1998. On Aug. 11, 1999, he married Fawna Haremza and moved to Colby.

He enjoyed fishing, football games and wrestling matches and visiting with friends and family. He was a member of the Sam Hubbard American Legion Post. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous and recently celebrated 41 years of sobriety.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; two brothers, Jim and Malcolm McFee; a sister,

Gracie Maxine; and a step-daughter, Sally Owens.

He is survived by his second wife, of the home; four sons, Rob (Loretta) McFee, Oberlin; Dan (Kay) McFee, Holcomb; Sam (Susan) McFee, Perkins, Okla.; and Tim (Hope) McFee, Atwood; two daughters, Becky McFee, Wathena, and Karla McFee, El-lis; three step-children, Bennie (Vickie) Haremza, Arizona; and Cyndi Hurst and Susan Heremza, both of Lawrence; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at the Atwood United Methodist Church with Pastor Connie Woodridge officiating and inurnment in the Atwood Cemetery.

Memorials will be directed to the American Legion post or the Colby or Atwood chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan., 67735, was in charge of arrangements.

Bookings

- Booked into the Thomas County jail:
- Nathan Anthony Hanks, 24, Penoke, Wednesday, driving under the influence, Colby Police Department, released same day with notice to appear.
 - Holly Michelle Bentley, 24, St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, released same day with charges pending.
 - Amber Danielle Brown, 25, St. Louis, Mo.,

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• Matthew Shane Moravec, 21, Wheat Ridge, Saturday, criminal threat, released same day on \$5,000 appearance bond.

• Nolan James Hull, 25, Colby, Saturday, diving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police Department, released Monday with notice to appear.

Group holds awards luncheon

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas held its annual awards luncheon in Hays on Sept. 24 to honor staff, clients and community members.

The first awards went to employees for their years of service, including:

Atwood: Edith Arden, Terri Burget, Virginia Carver, Christine Dean, Mary Krus, Marlene Vrbas.

Oakley: Wallace Severson. The agency gave special recognition to three

staff members who made successful efforts to help clients in need or provide emergency assistance: Ashli Buckner and Jenna Jacobs of Hays and Melissa Meyer of Russell.

Darryl Clark of Hill City and Connie Holloway, David Musgrove and Lance VanKooten of Hays received Employee of the Year Awards.

Several awards were given to clients for achievement through employment and independence, including Cheri Hutchison in Atwood.

Governor proclaims Rural Health Day

Gov. Sam Brownback signed a proclamation declaring today, Nov. 15, as Rural Health Day in the state of Kansas.

National Rural Health Day was created as a way to showcase rural America and increase awareness of rural health-related issues. More than 820,000 people call rural Kansas home. These small towns, farming communities and frontier areas are fueled by the creative energy of ordinary citizens who historically have been willing to step forward and take risks in order to provide a wealth of products and resources for the rest of the country.

They continue to be places where everyone knows each other, listens to/respects each other

and works together for the greater good.

Kansas Health and Environment Secretary Robert Moser, M.D., said he's impressed with the way rural health care providers can turn geographical and resource-related challenges into opportunities for advancement in the health care industry.

Before coming to the department, Moser practiced family medicine in his native Tribune for more than 20 years.

"Rural Kansas can be a powerful force for addressing the health needs in all regions of the state," said Moser. "We applaud and appreciate the great work of our rural health care providers and their staff ... every day."

Moser also announced today that the department's Office of Rural Health has awarded 11 rural communities in Kansas each a grant to support their local community health assessment and improvement planning efforts. Grantees will bring together com-

munity members, their health care providers and the local hospital to assess and prioritize the health needs of the community and identify ways to address those needs.

The counties receiving these community health assessment and engagement grants are Brown, Dickinson, Jackson, Marion, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rice, Russell, Wilson and Washington. Each county will receive up to \$4,000 to be used for activities like holding town hall meetings or conducting community surveys.

In addition, the department has awarded a regional community engagement grant to Lower Eight Public Health Region serving Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson counties. Since January, the Office of Rural Health has awarded \$119,000 in grants to 32 counties plus one regional group.

For information on the State Office of Rural Health, go to www.kdheks.gov/olrh/rural.html.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.29
Corn (bushel)	\$7.30
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.50
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.29

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for making my 90th birthday such a happy, fun time.

Your cards, wishes and attendance made it very special.

A special thanks to my family and friends who planned such a wonderful party.

Also thanks to Tom and Jeff for such good music.

My Blessings to All!
Joy I. Davis

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