

Exhibits on homesteads, work start busy season at Prairie Museum

The beginning of a new year is usually a busy time at the museum, and 2013 is no exception. Our new public relations and marketing manager, Christina Beringer, has had to jump right in with both feet to promote the month's events: the opening of "Free Land Was the Cry!" on Jan. 2, "The Way We Worked" on Jan. 15 and *Food for Thought* on Jan. 17.

In 2012, we received a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to develop a companion to the Smithsonian "Way We Worked" traveling exhibit which is showing in communities around the state. We decided to prepare a display of the 1937 photos of Colby business people taken by Verney Kear and twin it with the set of 2012 photos of Thomas County businesses taken last fall to show how work in our county has both changed and remained the same over time. It makes for an interesting display on a few different levels.

For instance, in 1937 there were half a dozen cafes and restaurants in downtown Colby, whereas today our eateries are mostly fast-food places clustered around the south end of town. The three blacksmith shops that once served Colby gradually became obsolete as mass production made replacement parts cheaper and more widely available. The Works Progress Administration Sewing Room and Relief Office photos are iconic of the Depression years when government programs sought to provide beneficial employment, loans, and other means of easing the hard times. With Prohibition in effect in Kansas until 1948, places like the B-Hive and liquor stores were nowhere in sight in the 1930s as they are today. Nor are the fitness shops or computer stores of 2012 anywhere to be seen in the earlier photos.

Only three businesses represented in 1937 – the *Colby Free Press*, Horlacher Jewelers and Farmers and Merchants Bank –



Director Sue Taylor worked on the 2012 photo exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.



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have survived the ups and downs of the intervening years to appear in the 2012 photo collection. Today's Palace Drugstore, which started with that name in the late 19th century, was called Hampton Drug in 1937, though the location is the same.

We invite you all to view this very interesting exhibit – and while you're here, maybe you can

help us with some of the names on the 2012 photos. We also want to point out that there are many, many present-day businesses that are not represented in the photos, and it's not too late to join in. If your business did not get in on the fall round of photographs and you would like to be included, we encourage you to submit a photograph of your business and employees to us. All of these images will become part of the permanent record of 2012 businesses, and will be used for future research and exhibits just as the 1937 photos have continued

to be a valuable resource. The perfect opportunity to see this exhibit presented itself on Thursday, when Rex Buchanan was here for *Food for Thought* to give a presentation on "Water in Kansas History." No element is so key to the history of agriculture and settlement in this state as water, and Buchanan explored its role in the past and future development of the state. Plan to drop in to see "The Way We Work" along with the traveling homestead exhibit, "Free Land Was the Cry!" Call 460-4590 for information. *Ann Miner is the education director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.*

National Beef Cook-Off seeks healthy recipes

The Kansas Cattlewomen are calling on home cooks to start grilling, broiling, roasting, stir-frying and stewing on their healthy beef menu ideas for the 2013 National Beef Cook-Off recipe competition.

From Jan. 15 to Monday, April 15, Kansas home cooks can submit their best beef recipes online at www.beefcookoff.org for a chance to win \$25,000 and a trip to the Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show in Washington, D.C.

This year's contest theme is "Making the Most of MyPlate," which will encourage delicious, healthy recipes from a variety of food groups. Entrants are asked to develop original and tasty beef-focused recipes that include broadly appealing ingredients from the fruit and vegetable, grain products and dairy products groups. (The MyPlate initiative by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion is designed to help consumers make better food choices.)

"This annual recipe contest is focused on creating fresh, simple-to-prepare recipes with a healthy focus," said Kyra O'Brien, president, Kansas Cattlewomen, Hepler. "We're encouraging home cooks across the state of Kansas to choose ingredients from a variety of food groups, including lean beef, to create their mouthwatering recipes."

New Categories

The cook-off features four contest categories that demonstrate beef's versatility and encourage creativity with a variety of ingredients, cuts and preparation methods.

This year's contest also includes two new sponsorships. The sponsorship with the Cali-

fornia Avocado Commission features a pairing of lean beef and fresh California avocados in easy recipes. The sponsorship with the United States Potato Board pairs lean beef and fresh potatoes in easy and healthy recipes.

The four recipe categories include:

- **Belt-tightening beef recipes.** Home cooks will create healthy and affordable beef recipes that are great values to prepare. Recipes should include a maximum of nine ingredients, including beef, and flavorful, low-cost ingredients from the fruits or vegetables, grain products and dairy products food groups.

- **Semi-homemade beef recipes.** Home cooks will demonstrate how easy it is to cook with beef when they combine any fresh beef cut and fresh ingredients with prepackaged food products. Recipes should include a maximum of six ingredients, including the beef, and fruits or vegetables, grain products and dairy products food groups, and be prepared and cooked in 30 minutes or less.

- **Real worldly, real simple beef and potato recipes.** Home cooks will create original, easy-to-make lean beef and fresh potato centered recipes that feature international flavors and maintain a healthy profile. Recipes should include no more than 10 commonly available and affordable ingredients including the beef and potatoes, along with at least one other ingredient from the fruits or vegetables, grain products or dairy products food groups. Recipes should be prepared in no more than 15 minutes and cooked in 30 minutes.

- **Craveable fresh beef and California avocado recipes.** Home cooks will produce easy recipes using all fresh ingredients, featuring

one of the lean beef cuts and at least one fresh California avocado. Recipes should include no more than eight ingredients, including the beef and avocado, along with at least one other ingredient from the fruits or vegetables, grain products or dairy products food groups, and be prepared and cooked in 30 minutes or less.

To enter the contest, participants must go to www.beefcookoff.org and use the online entry form. Contest participants may submit multiple recipes in all of the various contest categories as long as they meet the contest rules and criteria, which are provided on the web site.

Regional, grand prizes for top recipes

All original recipes entered will be reviewed and judged based on taste, appearance, convenient preparation and cooking, and healthfulness and nutritional balance.

A group of food marketing and culinary professionals will select 20 finalists in June. Consumers will have the opportunity to select the 21st finalist recipe via online voting. From the 21 finalists, seven \$1,500 regional winners will be announced in July.

One different \$25,000 grand prize winner will be announced from the remaining 14 finalists in November at the Metropolitan Cooking and Entertaining Show in Washington, D.C. The grand prize winner will be selected based on the highest overall scoring recipe.

For complete contest rules and winning recipes from past contests, go to www.beefcookoff.org. The contest is open to legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older and live in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.

Deaths

Max Melvin

Max Melvin, 89, Colby, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at his home. Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Beta Women's Club seeks better Brewster

Beta Women's Club is a group of women in Brewster that spend their time making Brewster a better place to live. These women spend many hours working on various community projects. The summer reading program and the Fine Arts Night in the spring are just a couple of their projects. The next meeting will be next Monday. For information, contact Leesa Juenemann, 694-2575.

The Brewster Churches, Beta Women's Club, Lions' Club and caring community members are sponsoring a soup lunch for April Albritton from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brewster United Methodist Church. Donations will go toward cancer treatment expenses for Albritton, who is new to Brewster and undergoing treatment in Hays. For questions or to donate, contact Juenemann.

The Brewster spelling bee will be at 9 a.m. Friday in the school library. Students from third through eighth grade will be competing for the opportunity to represent Brewster at the Thomas County Spelling Bee. Brewster can take three contestants and one alternate to



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the county bee. Everyone else is welcome to come and watch.

The Thomas County Spelling Bee will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Colby Middle School. Home school students are welcome to participate in the county bee also. Contact Rae Stewart at (785) 694-3464 for information on both local and county spelling bees.

Brewster Junior High was to hold a scholars bowl at 1 p.m. today, with the high school competing at 4 p.m.

The Western Kansas Liberty League Junior High Scholars Bowl League Tournament will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Rexford. Supporters are welcome to attend. For information, contact Stewart at the school.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail angiem@st-tel.net, call 694-3008 or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.

Nominate teachers for Kansas hall of fame

The Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for 2013. Teachers or administrators from kindergarten through high school can be nominated, but nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 15.

The Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame is the first teachers' hall of fame in the U.S. and is located at 603 Fifth Ave. in Dodge City. It is dedicated to preserving the history and pedagogy of early and current education in Kansas and to honor the great educational staffs throughout the state. Since 1977, it has inducted 376 outstanding Kansas educators.

The 2012 inductee were: Carol Bunning, Horton; Wayne Goates, Goddard; Robert Hankins Jr., Hiawatha; Dr. Rodney Heffler, Atchison; Robert Eugene Hottman, Harper; Vicki O'Neal, Baxter Springs; Kathy Schuette, Dodge City; Brilla Scott, Lawrence; and Janice Slagle, Topeka.

The inductee must meet the highest standards and criteria which include:

- Taught in Kansas for 25 years.
- Shows evidence of outstanding teaching or administration.
- Shows evidence of positive interactions with students and parents.
- Possesses qualities that set him or her apart from other professionals.

- Demonstrates continued pursuit of educational opportunities throughout his or her career.
- Shares ideas by conducting workshops and classes for parents, teachers, and or administrators.
- Exhibits educational recognition and awards.

The letters submitted with the nomination form should describe the candidate's most outstanding characteristics and how the candidate meets these criteria. Go to www.teachershallfame-dodgecityks.org to nominate a teacher, look to the right side of the web page, in red, click on "KTHF Nomination Form," and print a nomination form. Directions are on that form.

Direct questions to (620) 225-1861, or e-mail drsdnns@yahoo.com. Nominations may not be made by a family member. Winners are selected at the March board meeting of the organization in June in Dodge City with a banquet and day-long activities.

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.

Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Jan. 8 were: first, Gladys Fischer; second, Lyle Worthy; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Margaret Denneler; fifth, Larry Barrett; and sixth, Thelma Shalz.

Winners for Tuesday were: first, Margaret Denneler, second, Ken Ptacek; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Gail Vacca; fifth, Thelma Shalz; and sixth, Larry Barrett.

Fathers wrong on batch of Pennsylvania birth certificates

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) – About 500 new Pennsylvanians will get the wrong answer to the question "Who's your Daddy?" if

they rely on their misprinted birth certificates.

The *Tribune-Democrat* of Johnstown (bit.ly/VdQMmh) reports Tuesday that a computer glitch caused the problem when the state Division of Vital Records recently transitioned to new records software.

Spokeswoman Holli Senior says the problem affected about 500 birth certificates. The software was supposed to pull the

fathers' names from state records, but wound up pulling information from other areas of the birth records so the fathers' names were incorrectly printed on the birth certificates.

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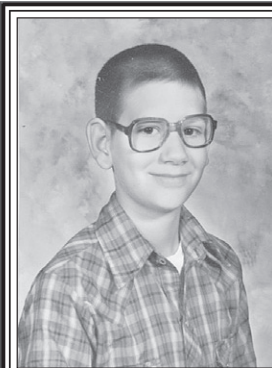
erized birth records are correct, however. Those with bollixed birth certificates have received a letter explaining the mix-up and instructions on how to get a corrected copy.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.83
Corn (bushel)	\$7.33
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.45
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.39



Lordy, Lordy Look who's **FORTY**

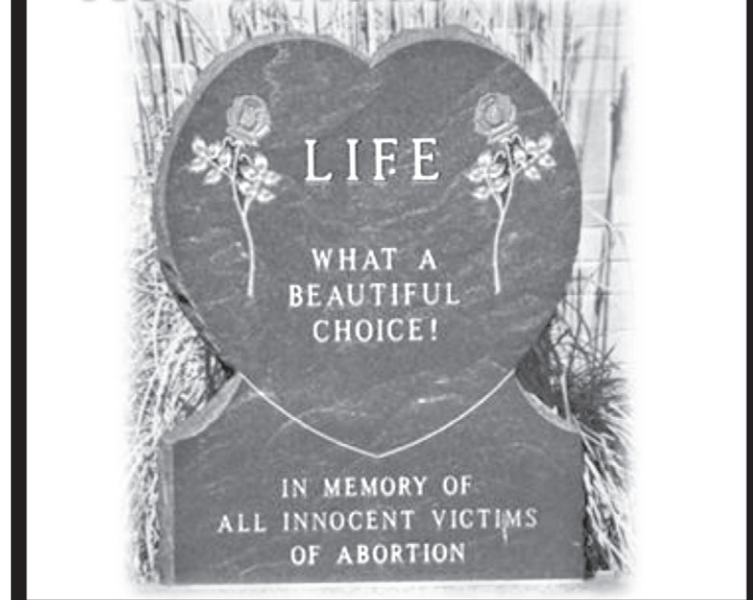


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40th Anniversary of Roe V Wade Jan. 22nd, 1973



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