

Busy library still adds books, so check out a biography today

The Pioneer Memorial Library is a busy place these days. We have so many wonderful events and programs we are holding or preparing that I sometimes wonder what I need to do next.

Of course this comment makes it seem that I do all of the work, but let me tell you, all of our staff gets involved in making so many events happen here. And in between all of these special projects, Nancy and our part-time staff actually get new books and other new materials on the shelf for you.

We are adding some really good biographies this week. The first few may interest the sports persons.

Many will be interested in reading about the Steve Holcomb's journey of competing at the highest level of competition in the four-man bobsled while not telling others he was going blind in this book, "But Now I See: My Journey from Blindness to Olympic Gold." He tells revealing insights to his life and decision to compete and yet not tell others of this condition.

The day he decided it was time to tell his coach, became a transitional point for him and opportunity for scientific breakthrough in the fight against the cornea disease keratoconus. This degenerative disease affects one in 1,000 and causes blindness in one of four sufferers without treatment.

The next book is "Grace, Gold



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and Glory: My Leap of Faith," by Gabrielle Douglas. It outlines her struggle to decide to compete for a slot on the Olympic team as well as the completion. I watched the girls competing for a slot and she had to work hard to be a part of the Olympic team. This book will talk about her feelings and effort that was involved.

A third book is entitled, "Swinging for the Fences: Nine Who Did It with Grit and Class," by Gene A. Budig and Len Coleman. This biography has Gene Budig discuss many people in the world of baseball that he knows well. It gives information on famous individuals such as Cal Ripkin Jr., Bill Madden and Frank Robinson. He brings to the table conversations about umpires, sports commentators and writers, the men behind the business of baseball and, of course, the athletes. Budig knows many of these individuals well since he was the president of the American League from 1994 to 2000.

A fourth book is "Geronimo," by Robert M. Utley, part of the *Lamar Series in Western History*.

Utley brings new sources from a lifetime of historical research. He reveals why Geronimo was feared, how he trained his Apache fighters and why he finally surrendered.

A fifth book takes us to "The Life of Hon. William F. Cody: Known As Buffalo Bill," by William F. Cody, edited and with an introduction by Frank Christianson. Based on the original 1879 edition, this book includes a new introduction, some historical background, and images from the time of Buffalo Bill.

The sixth book is "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks," by Jeanne Theoharis. The author reveals a different side of Rosa Parks as a life-long activist in the civil rights movement. She has detailed Parks life's work in this book with copious notes and a helpful index. A true scholarly piece. Theoharis earned a bachelor's in Afro-American studies from Harvard and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. She teaches political science at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

Other biographies we are adding are "Citizen Soldier: A Life of Harry S. Truman," by Aida D. Donald; "Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman," by Robert K. Massie; "Dearie: The Remarkable Life of Julia Child," by Bob Spitz; "Hello, Gorgeous: Becoming Barbra Streisand," by William J. Mann; and "The Art of Men (I Prefer Mine al Dente)," by Kristie

Alley.

The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library have begun their special fund raiser, "Art Friendsy: Chair-ish Your Library." Go view the specially decorated chairs that are part of our silent auction in the business windows of Personal Touch, Stramel Law Firm, Plum Creek and Inlow Interiors.

Also, remember that "Chocolate And All That Jazz" is next Thursday, Valentine's Day. We will have the Colby Community College Jazz Band and Sunflower Singers perform while we all snack on desserts and such. It is free and no tickets are necessary. We will be holding the Annual Friends Meeting upstairs at 6:30 p.m. the same evening. This is a time when we report all that the Friends organization has done for the library and the citizens of our community.

For those of you interested in family history or genealogy research, we are going to have a workshop between 2:30 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17. We hope to be able to show how to do research using online and other regular sources. We will also be having our Book Lovers Book Sale Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 21 to 23.

Our normal winter hours are now 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Babies

Westin Michael Schwanke

Westin Michael Schwanke, son of Justin and Mary Beth Schwanke of Bel Aire, was born Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Westin was welcomed home by his 2-year-old brother Grayson.

He is the grandson of Charles Link of Wichita; Audrey Liskey of Harrisonburg, Va., and Charles and Debbie Schwanke of Colby.

He is the great-grandson of Louise Schwanke of Colby.



Westin S.

Farmer's votes help Hoxie schools

Schools in Hoxie won a grant for \$10,000 from seed company Monsanto last fall to boost the strength of their math and science programs.

"This grant will be a tremendous boost to our educational programs," said Scott Hoyt, superintendent for the Hoxie school district and elementary school principal, "and will link technology and education and prepare and provide future opportunities for lifelong success."

The Hoxie school district was one of 10 in Kansas which received a total of \$130,000 through the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program, sponsored by the Monsanto fund. The program, in its second year, provided grants to 39 states.

Hoyt said the elementary school in Hoxie is currently leasing 30 iPads for elementary school kids, and plans a science fair on Wednesday, May 1.

"We really worked hard on this

grant and we just did something to get a lot of nominations from the agricultural community," he said.

The fund says it hands out the grants to school districts based on need, merit and community support for the project, taking nominations from farmers who want their district to win the grant.

About 125 area farmers nominated the district for the grant, Hoyt said. The district promoted its efforts to win at area events through local businesses and learned that it got the grant on Aug. 27.

Other districts which won the grant last year were: Bucklin, Girard, Royal Valley, Scott County, Sedgwick, Sterling, Wamego, Washington County and Wellsville.

Farmers have from now until Monday, April 15, to nominate their school district for the grant for next year. For information, go to www.prweb.com/releases/2013/1/prweb10308518.htm.

Scholarship winners to be honored Monday

The annual Fort Hays State University Student Recognition Program in Colby will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Colby High School.

Fort Hays State alumni will provide a pizza buffet to students from Thomas County along with those from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman and Wallace counties in Kansas; Cheyenne and Kit Carson counties in Colorado; and Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock counties in Nebraska.

The highlight of the evening is the recognition of scholarship winners.

High school juniors and seniors and transfer students have been invited to the program, where students and their parents will have

the opportunity to mingle with faculty, staff and administrators of the university and with area alumni before and after the scholarship presentations. Alumni and interested community members are encouraged to attend.

Scholarships to be awarded include the \$1,200 Miller Black and Gold Academic Award and the \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award, the \$2,000 Presidential Scholarship, the \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award and the \$500 Copper Academic Award and the \$1,000 Transfer Student Scholarship.

Students can also receive \$500 or \$900 Academic Opportunity Awards, given to scholars by individual academic departments.

School News

Barton Community College

Leanna Larmer and Chaz Winger of Colby have been named to the Dean's List at Barton (County) Community College in Great Bend for the fall semester.

To qualify, students must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintained a grade average of 3.5 to 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Cloud County Community College

Brett Carroll, of Atwood was named to the Cloud County Community College 2012 Academic Honor Roll. To be named to the honor roll, students must be en-

rolled full time and achieve a minimum 3.6 grade average.

The college has campuses in Concordia and Junction City.

Emporia State University

Scholarships are helping almost 1,200 Emporia State University students attending classes this year.

Thomas County students and the scholarships they received include:

- Haley Kistler of Monument, Kenneth Lee Tefft University Scholarship, E.T. and Cora F. Anderson Scholarship and Valeta J. and Warren E. Ives Scholarship.

- Jessica Leiker of Colby, College of Emporia Memorial Scholarship.

For information about financial aid and scholarships at Emporia State University, go to www.emporia.edu/finaid.

Colby student's project nets food for mission

Laura Juenemann of Colby, a 2011 graduate of Colby High School and Residence Hall Association sustainability chair at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, will feel some personal satisfaction at a celebration Monday, when the university's Dining Services donate 714 pounds of food to Crossroads Mission in Kearney.

The event in the Nebraskan Student Union comes due to the efforts of Project Clean Plate to reduce food waste in the Market @ 27th, the campus dining service. Juenemann organized the project, a joint effort by the residence halls and the dining service, including initial tracking, education week and the final tracking.

Students tracked the amount of waste accumulated during lunch and supper for two days. After the initial numbers, an education week informed students how to waste less food. After education week, the stu-

dents measured the amount of waste collected to see if the food waste was reduced.

"We are so proud of the students for all their hard work on Project Clean Plate," said Jen Kacere, association advisor. "We have seen a huge difference with the amount of food and drink that students are taking on a daily basis. Our final number also showed us that our education week was a success as we reduced waste."

Crossroads Mission in Kearney is a faith-based shelter that provides food and a safe place for those who need help. Through a four-phase program, they help their guests restart their lives through life-skills classes, employment, finance and leadership.

Laura is the daughter of Donna and Kevin Juenemann of Colby.

Twenty-six other students were involved in the project.

Colby students earn degrees

Kelly Gerstner and Jeffrey Saddler of Colby are among the 1,300-plus students who completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in the fall semester.

Degrees earned include more than 1,050 bachelors', nearly 260

masters', more than 55 doctorates and several associate degrees.

Gerstner earned a Bachelor of Science in food science and industry. Saddler earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Camel OK after escape

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) - Officials believe a camel that escaped its enclosure twice Tuesday before being clipped by a minivan probably just wanted to be around some other animals.

The *Contra Costa Times* reports (bit.ly/TMEFcl) the single-humped camel was hit by the van as it walked along a road in Concord around 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

It was the second time Tuesday the 10-year-old camel named "Phil" escaped its enclosure. Earlier in the day citizens helped California Highway Patrol officers shepherd the camel off the roadway.

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)	\$7.49
Corn (bushel)	\$7.28
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.36
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.97

THANK YOU

to everyone who sent cards and participated in Betty Brenn's birthday party, on January 26th at Fairview. We had a wonderful day!

Betty, Larry and Sheryl Brenn

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Helen Thacker will celebrate her 80th birthday on February 9th. A card shower is planned to help her celebrate.

Birthday wishes will reach her at 608 N. Kennedy, Apt. 3, Sharon Springs, KS 67758

She would enjoy hearing from family and friends.

Rick L. Shea

Rick L. Shea, son of John & Connie (Erwin) Shea, was born August 19, 1963 at St. Thomas Hospital in Colby, Kansas and passed away January 31, 2013 at his home near Levant, Kansas at the age of 49.

As a young boy he lived in Colby and Levant until 1967 when he and his family moved to Phillipsburg, Kansas. He spent his summers at his Grandparents' farm in Levant.

Rick attended school in Colby from Kindergarten through 5th grade and entered 6th grade at Phillipsburg after his family moved. He graduated from Phillipsburg High School with the Class of 1982 and attended Salina Vo-Tech from 1982-1984, earning a degree in Auto Mechanics.

Rick then moved back to Levant where he helped on the farm and also drove a semi-truck hauling loads all across the United States. He enjoyed traveling and seeing many different places but always looked forward to returning home to the farm. For the past two years Rick has lived and worked on the farm near Levant.

Ever since he was a small boy Rick enjoyed being outside. Hunting, fishing, and working on vehicles and farm machinery were some of the ways he spent his time. He also enjoyed working on many different projects around the farm.

He is survived by his parents, John and Connie Shea of Phillipsburg, KS; brother Randie & wife, Julie and their children, Gabriel, Gareth, Gavyn, Rheanna, and Aryssa; sister Bonnie Ewing & husband, Brian and their children, Zachary and Hunter, all of Phillipsburg, KS; and sister Tonia Driggs & husband, Buck and their children, Tayber and Tucker of Manhattan, KS.

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