

Deaths

Kathleen A. Steavenson

Kathleen A. Steavenson, 77, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Services are pending with the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Esther Leona Splattstoesser

Longtime Goodland resident Esther Leona Splattstoesser, 89, mother of Gary (Kay) Splattstoesser of Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at the St. Joseph's Care Center in Norfolk, Neb.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Franklin County, Neb., the daughter of Anna (Beck) and Ezra Reams. After graduating in 1942 from high school in Franklin County, she went to Normal School and then taught school for five years in the rural districts in Franklin County.

On Jan. 27, 1946, she married Walter Splattstoesser in Franklin. In 1950, they moved to Sherman County north of Goodland.

She was an active member in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Circle, as well as teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Happy Hour Extension Unit, Advisory Board, 4-H leader for the Beaver Valley Club and square dancing were activities she enjoyed.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; and two brothers, Theodore Reams and Ronald Reams.

Other survivors include a daughter, Nadine (Fred) Aufdembrink, Norfolk, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. (Central Time) Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central) Friday at the Koons Chapel in Goodland.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.koonsfuneralhome.com.

Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The Solomon Valley 4-H Club held a regular meeting Oct. 14 at the 4-H building.

The program was to install new officers elected at September's meeting.

This year's president is Cole Ziegelmeier. Vice president is MaKayla Hoffman, and the secretary is Julie Schroeder.

Other officers were also installed.

Club leader Lori Wilson demonstrated the importance of each of the newly elected club leaders by describing how each ingredi-

ent is important to making cookie dough, comparing ingredients to the officers and their importance to the club.

Club leader Lisa Stramel followed Wilson by welcoming two new members, Blair Niblock and Lexie Schroeder to the club with cookies.

Pizza sales will start soon to help raise money. Those interested in purchasing pizzas can contact any member of the club.

The club's next meeting was to be Nov. 4.

— Laura Schroeder

Stories, Storywalk happening at library



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

The library has a lot going on right now. At 7 p.m. Monday we have Jo Ho the Storyteller coming to regale us with wit and remembrances that all ages can enjoy.

The Pioneer Memorial Library is launching a new community project Friday in downtown Colby. The project – called StoryWalk – was developed in September 2007 in Vermont. StoryWalk is an innovative and delightful way for children – and adults – to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

The goal of StoryWalk is to help build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children. StoryWalk aligns perfectly with the No Child Left Inside philosophy that stresses the vital importance of reconnecting children with the natural world.

StoryWalks have been installed in 45 states and four countries, Germany, Canada, England and Bermuda. They are always received with appreciation. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt., and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

The walk begins at the Sunflower Bank where flyers will be available with a map and additional information. You are also asked to sign the "trail" book if you participate.

Following the map, you will find the direction you need to take to read the book, "If You Give a Moose a Muffin," by Laura Numeroff, as you stroll. Several downtown Colby businesses have agreed to have pages of the book posted in their windows. If you

cover the route three times, you will log in nearly half a mile.

You can return to the bank and write any comments you may have about the project in the "trail" book at the conclusion of your walk. Or contact Judy Kleinsorge, our children and young adult librarian.

The pages will be posted through the holidays for family and visitors to enjoy. All are welcome to visit StoryWalk and the experience is free.

A hot junior fiction item we are adding is "The Fault In our Stars," by John Green. Nonfiction items: "When Will the Heaven Begin?" by Ally Breedlove; "The Smart Woman's Guide to Planning for Retirement," by Mary Hunt; "The Death of Santini: A Story of a Father and His Son," by Pat Conroy; and "Si-Cology 101: Tales and Wisdom from Duck Dynasty's Favorite Uncle," by Si Robertson with Mark Schlabach. Fiction items we have added are "Hidden Heritage," by Charlotte Hinger; "Top Down," by Jim Lehrer; and "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion," by Fannie Flagg.

Our fall hours remain 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.

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Fall housecleaning



MADDY WALZ/Golden Plains High School
Rachael Ritter (left) and Ana Bermudez cleaned ditches Tuesday along the highway by Rexford. Members of the Golden Plains High School National Honor Society clean the ditches twice a year. Several younger students who hope to become members also participated.

Golden Plains first grade honors families' veterans

The first grade class at Golden Plains Elementary celebrated Veteran's Day Monday by watching a couple of videos about the day and making poppy flowers to honor the veterans. They also researched which of their family members have served in the military. They found they have a long history of family members who have served our country.

Londyn Schiltz and Josh Rath discovered that their Grandpa Pope and Grandpa Schiltz served in the Army during World War II. Londyn's Grandpa Bill was in the National Guard, and her Grandpa Keith was in the Navy. Josh's Uncle Bob was in the Army and his Grandpa Rath was also in the Army during World War II.

Abe Carter's Great-Grandpa Carter served in the Army. Garrett Emigh's dad was in the National Guard, his Grandpa Darrel was an Army captain, and his Uncle Ryan is currently a lieutenant in the Navy.

Hayden Wark's Grandpa Don was a Green Beret in the Special Forces during the Vietnam War. Her dad's cousin Vanessa is cur-

rently in the Army and is stationed in Alaska following her tours in Afghanistan.

Makenzie Shaw's mother's cousin, Trenton Rhea, served in the Army and was killed on duty last April. Maddix and Madi Green's Grandpa, John Stanley, served in the 11th Calvary during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969. Domic Stout's Uncle Nathan served in the Army.

Mariah Barnett has several relatives who have served, including Great-Grandpa Floyd M. Krebbs who was a Navy pilot. Her great-grandpa William D. Craig was in the Marines, great-grandpa Victor Barnett was in the Air Force, great-grandpa Louis Nowak was in the Marines, great-grandpa John Urban was a personal cook to a general, great-uncle Samuel Barnett was in the Army and great-uncle Lynn Barnett was in the Air Force.

"The student's enjoyed learning about Veteran's day, said Brandy Bussen, first grade teacher. "They all wanted to share about the family they had that was serving or did serve our country."

Photographer's work explores early days in Kansas

The Butterfield Trail Association and Historical Society of Logan County in Russell Springs will hold "A Photographer's Work and the Work of Western Kansas," a presentation and discussion by Jim Hoy at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in the undercroft of the St. Francis Chapel in Russell Springs (entrance on the east side).

The program will follow a potluck Christmas dinner at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Community members are invited to the free program. Contact any Trail Association board member for information: Jarett Haremza, Jay Ochs, Mike Baughn, Bernie Moellering, Scott Schertz, Mel Herschberger, Ward Taylor, Brett Ayers or Pat Haremza.

Photographer Francis Marion Steele arrived in Dodge City in 1890 to document cowboys at work on the open range. As the prairie began to fence up and cattle

ranching gave way to crop farming, Steele's photographs traced the cultural changes with dramatic images of sod-busting, railroad construction and town boosterism. Hoy will share Steele's images and discuss how he documented the dramatic ways work changed at the turn of the 20th century.

Hoy teaches folklore and literature and is the director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University. He

has lectured internationally on the folk life of ranching, published 12 books and over 100 articles, and is the co-author of "Plains Folk," a syndicated newspaper column.

"The photographs of F.M. Steele are important not only for their artistry, but because they document the transition from open-range ranching to crop agriculture in Kansas and the Southwestern Plains," said Hoy.

"A Photographer's Work and the Work of Western Kansas" is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's The Way We Worked speakers bureau, featuring presentations and discussions examining the theme of work and working in Kansas and how these stories help define us.

New store will sell everything old

The owner of a new antiques and clothing store in Colby said she operates her business without planning to turn a profit.

"I've always wanted to have an antique store," Stephanie Mizell said, "ever since I was little I've been in love with antiques."

Mizell, who lives in Hoxie, opened "Yesterday's Antiquities" at the end of September at 1923 S. Range, two doors north of Beringer Hardware. The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is planning a ribbon cutting for the store in December.

Aside from liking antiques, she said she wanted a way to give people needed items, and started the store with the belief that people are basically good. Books, videos, shoes, candles and fine china line the shelves around the edges of the store. Antique furniture, household decorations and clothing fill up the middle floor.

The store sells what Mizell calls "high-quality thrift" clothing, and

she was careful to note the difference between Yesterdays and other thrift stores in town.

At most stores, Mizell said, "they take it, they put it out on a hangar and they throw it out on the floor ... we don't do that."

The clothes for the store come from donations. She picks out donated clothes that are high enough quality to sell, then takes them home and de-louses them. The ones that don't make the cut, but are still of decent quality are given to the foster care system. She asked people to donate clothes rather than sell them, because she already pays \$25 for a gallon of de-lousing solution.

The store is technically for profit, Mizell said, because the government could tell a non-profit store whom to sell their merchandise to. And she wants to sell to people in northwest Kansas, not the rest of the state.

"We've got kids in foster care, we've got single moms who are

trying to work their way through school," Mizell said. "Everybody else can take care of themselves, up here we've got so many little towns that are forgotten."

But she said she does not plan to make a dime off the store. Most of the rest of her merchandise was bought at estate auctions, she said, and some of it comes from consignments. She said the antique furniture, which is hard to come by, is sometimes damaged and she has to fix it up.

Mizell, who lives in Hoxie, said she knows what it's like both have someone steal from her and to extend her a helping hand. Now 30, Mizell had her identity stolen at the age of 19. The thief, someone she had considered a good friend, put her \$40,000 in debt.

The theft forced her to move in with her aunt in Hoxie, where she worked at Trish's Steakhouse and Lounge. She met her husband Brett there and the couple married in 2004. Their daughter MaKenzie was born two and half years ago.

In January, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Hoxie Implement, where her husband works, was one of the many businesses that helped raise money to treat her cancer, which is now in remission.

"The entire community of Hoxie held our hand," she said.

Zoo pups have surrogate mom

WICHITA (AP) – A new litter of African painted dogs at the Sedgwick County Zoo is doing well, thanks to a friendly pit bull.

Eight of 11 of the painted dogs born on Oct. 31 survived but their mother couldn't produce milk.

The Wichita Eagle reports (bit.ly/HCeJfN) that after a plea from the zoo for lactating dogs that

were close to weaning their own puppies, Sparkles the pit bull became the pups' surrogate mother.

Zoo officials said in a news release that using a surrogate mother provides a maternal presence that zoo staff couldn't provide.

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