

Family

Presidency, games on tap at library

Inauguration week made me reflect on how wonderful it is to live in a nation with free and peaceful elections.

When I lived in the Philippines, my husband and I experienced five of the seven coup attempts against the Corazon administration. We often traveled on highways and byways infested with the Communist insurgents, the New Peoples Army. We experienced local officials gunning each other down over political infighting.

This is, once again, a historic week when the world watches in wonder as we in the United States put our partisan ideology away and stand behind principles of forming that perfect republic made up of men and women of all races and creeds.

If you have not gotten enough information on the topic of presidents, come and check out the book written last year, "White House Ghosts: Presidents and Their Speech writers," by Robert Schlesinger. Another interesting book is "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America," by Michael R. Beschloss (2007).

A book filled with facts and maybe just a few opinions is "The Presidential Book of Lists: From Most to Least, Elected to Rejected, Worst to Cursed: Fascinating Facts About our Chief Executives," by Ian Randal Strock (2008).

Sometimes we are given items for either the library collection or the book sale, at the library's discretion. We recently have received five such books published by Barbour. Each book has three romance novels set in a specific state of the union.

I began the book "North Carolina Weddings," by Yvonne Lehman and found it captivating from the very beginning.

The other titles are: "Maine Brides," Susan Page Davis; "New York Brides," Pamela Griffin; "Ohio Weddings," Beth Loughner; and "Oklahoma Brides," Vickie McDonough.

A similar book put out by Barbour is "Washington," by Wanda E. Brunstetter and Lauraine Snelling. It has four novels that ex-



Melany Wilks

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plore the lives of women who live in the rural Northwest. Each faces difficult circumstances and issues that ultimately make them into the women they were meant to be.

These novels bring the reader to hope and belief that good overcomes evil, and hard work and perseverance triumph. To me, this is just the kind of book to curl up with on a cold, blustery day!

The Pioneer Memorial Library will hold "Ad-Lib At Da Library" for middle-school students at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. As a new activity for kids, we plan to have the new Wii game system ready to use!

The Wii was purchased last year through a donation by the Kansas State Kiwanis Foundation and from the Kiwanis Club of Colby. The system will be used as part of the library's program offerings, especially those geared toward upper elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Youngsters enjoy having a place where they can meet with friends to play Wii games. The games will be available for those attending the Ad-Lib sessions this spring.

The Kiwanis grant also was used for a guitar controller, Rock Band games, extra controllers, nunchuks, and some popular Mario games. The system and games will be a great enhancement to the offerings of the library for kids. We hope to see the middle school students at the session.

Remember, printed copies of the federal and state tax forms are here in the library or can be found on our Website (colbylibrary.com) at the far right side of the screen. Find the icons of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in blue and white, or the Kansas Department of Revenue logo for individual income taxes.

Business owners can find a quick link in our "Business section" and then click on the Kansas Revenue logo. We are still one of the few free places in Colby you can come and use computers, check e-mail, use the Internet and have Wi-Fi for free.

Deaths

Agnes Marie Buller

Agnes Marie Buller, 96, Inman, died Jan. 12, 2009, at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Inman.

She was born Oct. 2, 1912, to Henry and Lena Regier in Plains, the second of eight children. She attended Oklahoma Bible Academy in Meno, Okla., where she met and later married Virgil Buller. He died in 1989.

Agnes was known for her baking, sewing, her generosity and her love for children. She worked with the Child Evangelism Fellowship for 34 years, and was regional director for two years. She was a Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, LaVonda Claassen; two sisters, Anna Koehn and Esther Epp, and two brothers, Dave Regier and

Henry Regier.

She is survived by three daughters, Gloria (Ralph) Goossen of Friend, Neb.; Sharon (Alan) DeBoer of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Anita (Gary) Pryor of San Diego; a son-in-law, Milton Claassen, Newton; a sister, Tillie Schmidt, and two brothers, Arnold Regier and Eugene Regier; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the Newton Bible Church.

The family suggests contributions to Back to the Bible, Box 82808, Lincoln, Neb., 68501-2808, or to the Kansas chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, 6893 NE 75th St., El Dorado, Kan. 67042.



Agnes Buller

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club of Colby will offer an Oil Painting Portrait Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, in the basement of the Colby Community Building.

Instructor for the workshop will be professional artist John Scott of Hoxie. Scott owns his own business, Sun Graphics, and has been doing art work for 40 years. He says he is mostly self-taught but has studied with Ted Barnes of Hoxie and Kenneth Mitchell at Colby Community College.

Scott prefers to paint in oil, however, he has used most other media, including watercolor, sculpture and computer drafting and sign painting. He describes his style as modern yet realistic.

Registration for the two days is

\$40 and the deadline is Monday, Feb. 16. This workshop is being provided with a grant from the James and Betty Secrest Fund of the Thomas County Community Foundation. High Plains Art Club is a nonprofit organization, said Bev Kern, art club treasurer, and any profits from the workshop will be used to bring more artists to Colby to provide workshops for area artists.

Registrations should be sent with your name, address and phone number to the club in care of Bev Kern, treasurer, 2300 N. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701, or call her at (785) 460-2300. Those who register will receive a list of supplies needed for the workshop.

Arbor Day trees are available

For anyone who wants to become a member of the Arbor Day Foundation for \$10, 10 free flowering trees will be included with the membership fee.

Those who join the foundation in January will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington

hawthorns, two American redbuds and two golden rain trees.

Trees will be shipped with instructions at the time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31.

Send contributions of \$10 or more to the foundation at 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410.

Area artist to teach portrait workshop

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Booking Log

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Joseph Kyle Jones, 29, Hoxie, Dec. 28, driving under the influence, transporting open container, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.
- Lamar Steven Adams, 19, Jan. 1, minor in possession, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.
- Venessa Joy Antholz, 19, McDonald, Jan. 1, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol/cereal malt beverage, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.
- Patrick Michael Backus, 26, Colby, Jan. 4, bond violation, Colby Police Department, released Jan. 8 on supervised bond.
- Jeanie Glovine Sies, 32, Colby, Jan. 8, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day for court costs and restitution.
- Sarah Lynn Snell, 40, Leoti, Jan. 8, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day for court costs and restitution.
- David Leroy Mayer, 48, Brewster, Jan. 9, domestic battery, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Jan. 13 on bond.
- Kathleen Jean Arendt, 29,

Colby, Jan. 10, giving a worthless check, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

• Gabriel Deleon-Melendez, 23, Colby, Jan. 10, driving under the influence, speeding, open container, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

• Levi Jacob Jones, 23, Colby, Jan. 11, failure to appear/driving while suspended, Colby Police Department, released same day on bond.

• Bruce Kent Hickerson, 21, Colorado Springs, Saturday, fleeing or attempt to elude, failure to wear seat belt, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

• Boone James Huff, 18, Brewster, Saturday, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police Department, released same day to responsible person.

• Brandy Nichole Schutte, 21, Colby, Saturday, minor in possession, Colby Police Department, released same day to responsible person.

• Otto Stephen Schutte, 19, Colby, Saturday, minor in possession, Colby Police Department, released same day to responsible person.

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