

Family

Make a Christmas memory for kids

Well, it is time to say “Merry Christmas” to you all. By now, I hope you have finished your shopping and taken time to check out a good book, audio book or video to enjoy during the holidays.

One of my most precious memories growing up was my mom reading Christmas stories to us. We always read the Advent story together, along with “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” by Clement Clark Moore. We also read books about families during Christmas.

When I became an adult, my mother began reading to school children. They called her Grandma Betty. She read such books as “The Polar Express,” by Chris Van Allsburg; “A Crippled Lamb,” by Max Lucado; “The Legend of the Poinsettia,” by Tomie dePaola; Christmas Around the World,” by Mary D. Lankford, Karen Dugan and Irene Norman; and “East o’ the Sun and West o’ the Moon,” by George Web Dasent.

A few years later, the churches where she lived began having a monthly community night where parishioners would share their gifts. She then began telling personal stories that gave an example of something the Gospels taught. I was present at one of these evenings, and I was surprised that even adults enjoyed the telling of such simple stories. She told about such



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simple things as “The Downed Sheep” or “The Lost Child,” and many many more.

My only regret is that she never wrote these down.

Growing up, another special remembrance that I have is when an uncle or my mom would tell personal stories about the family. These two were able to take special experiences and craft them into captivating stories for the kids and guests present during holiday times.

If you have time this Christmas, I’d like to invite you to think about a family history story of coming to Thomas County, Colby, Brewster or Rexford. Think about events and happenings in the area that communicate how you came to be where and who you are.

The library will be collecting essays from people, families, clubs, businesses and organizations soon. Over a cup of cider or coffee, consider how you would tell your story. What

is it that really makes this incident special? Who was involved and how did it affect each participant?

Write some notes on a 3-by-5-inch card, practice it with others around you, ask their input and remembrances of the event, and then write it down. It is this type of thing that builds memories. When people lose a home by disaster, it is the photos and histories they cannot replace that they miss.

Begin collecting these, share them with others. Make a folder with stories for your children and grandchildren. These don’t take a lot of money to make. It takes only an inexpensive notebook and a pen or pencil.

The real expense and value comes when you write your history and special memories down. These are priceless!

The Pioneer Memorial Library will adjust operating hours during the holiday period. We will be open only until 5 p.m. on Wednesday this week and on Thursday, Dec. 31, next week. We will be closed Thursday to Sunday, then reopen Monday.

See our website for a list of our hours (colbylibrary.com) or check on the outside doors of the library. And have a wonderful Christmas!

Deaths

Vivian N. Shuman

Vivian N. Shuman, 90, mother of Philip Shuman of Colby, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Village in Hutchinson.

She was born Nov. 21, 1919, in Wellington, the daughter of William and Blanche (Bush) Lynch.

She was a 1937 graduate of Kingman High School. On June 15, 1938, she married Gayle Shuman in Kingman. She had lived in Hutchinson since 1938.

She was the director for the Department of Aging for Reno County for nine years. She had also worked as a school secretary and a dental assistant.

She was a member of Crossroads Christian Church, the Order

of the Eastern Star and the Order of Amaranth.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 13, 1987, and a sister.

Survivors include another son, Frederic Shuman, Colorado Springs; a daughter, Diane Shuman, Hutchinson; three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Cremation. Memorial services will be scheduled later.

Memorial contributions may be made to the nursing home in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory, Hutchinson.

To leave a message for the family, go to www.PenwellGabel-Hutchinson.com.

Registration deadline Jan. 6 for Extension ranch seminar

MANHATTAN – The registration deadline for K-State’ Winter Ranch Management Seminar, to be held Monday, Jan. 11, is Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The seminar, to be offered simultaneously at four Kansas cities, will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided. In northwest Kansas, the seminar will be at the Huck Boyd Community Center, 860 Park St., in Phillipsburg.

The event is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, K-State’s Beef Cattle Institute and Pfizer Animal Health.

Featured speakers will include Harlan Hughes, professor emeritus from North Dakota State University, and Kent Anderson of Pfizer Genetics, talking over a Webinar format. Local speakers will round out the agenda at each location, with information on calving and bull management.

A fee of \$25 per person or \$40 per couple is due by the deadline. Registration and payment information is available www.asi.ksu.edu/rms. For questions, contact

Dr. Larry Hollis at (785) 532-1246 or lhollis@ksu.edu, or Charlotte Bruna at (785) 532-1280 or cbruna@ksu.edu.

Golden Plains scholars team takes first place at Winona

By Avery Spresser Golden Plains High School

On Dec. 14, the Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl team went on the road to Winona for a varsity-junior varsity tournament.

Brewster, Golden Plains, Greeley County, Triplains, Heartland,

Sharon Springs, Cheylin, Wichita County, Healy, Wheatland/Grinnell and Rawlins County high schools participated.

The Golden Plains varsity comprised Michael Roehl, Jonathan Broeckelman, Isaac Broeckelman, Shaun Gilbert and Lucas Phillips. They went 9-0 to take first place.

The junior varsity team was made up of Randi Cressler, Avery Spresser, Trey Schwarz, Brandy Gilbert and Viridiana Loya. They took third with a record of 7-2.

“It was a very exciting tournament. It was awesome that both the varsity and junior varsity placed,” said Cressler, a junior.

The kids get some time off to sharpen their skills before the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Wheatland/Grinnell will be the host this year. Everyone come and see what brilliant students we have!

Taco buyer gives a big tip

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — So much for the value menu.

A Taco Bell manager in Ohio says a man who appeared drunk walked into the restaurant earlier this week and handed him \$72 for just one taco.

The manager told police that the customer, who seemed to be in his early 20s, refused to take back the money and told workers, “Merry Christmas.”

Manager Aaron Ohm says he thought for sure the man would return for his money, but he so far

he hasn’t shown up.

Police are holding the money as evidence, but say if it’s not claimed in 60 days, the store manager will get a late Christmas gift.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.04
Corn (bushel)	\$3.40
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.44
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.91

You don't have to face your problems alone.

**COLBY KANSAS MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Alcoholics Anonymous:  
Colby 6th Street  
8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday and Saturday  
8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning meeting

Downtown:  
Basement of City Hall  
8:30 p.m. ~ Monday and Thursday

Sisters in Sobriety:  
Basement of City Hall  
5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday

Narcotics Anonymys:  
Basement of City Hall  
8:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

Alanon:  
Colby 6th Street  
8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

ACOA:  
Basement of City Hall  
7:00 p.m. ~ Monday

**NO RESERVE INTERNET AG EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

**Tues., Dec. 29 | Ends 10 A.M.**

**Tractors**

- '00 Kubota utility M4900 MFWD
- '98 NH TV 140 bi-directional
- '84 JD 8650 4WD
- '81 JD 4440 MFWD w/3D 740 scoup
- '80 JD 4640
- Versatile 276 bi-directional w/grapple
- Case IH 4490 4WD

**Hay & Forage**

- '06 JD 704 wheel rake
- '02 Hesston 8550S disc-bine swather
- '98 Case IH 8590 large 4x4 baler
- Vermeer 605 Super J baler

**Utility Equipment**

- Clark 125B Michigan wheel loader
- Bobcat skid steers (4)
- Liftall HT80 forklift

**Heavy Trucks & Trailers**

- '00 Doonan stepdeck trailer
- '94 Freightliner

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**NO RESERVE INTERNET PIPE & FENCING MATERIAL SURPLUS AUCTION**

**Tues., Jan. 12 | Ends 10 A.M.**

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*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

To all our customers and friends - Wishing you everything beautiful that can be wished...peace and promise, wonder and contentment, hope, happiness, and love...at this most beautiful of seasons.

**The Ortner Family:**  
Ryan, Kate, Jonathan, Tommy, Lauren, Miah and Jacob

Hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Our office will be closing Thursday, December 24th at Noon and we will be closed all day on Thursday and Friday to observe the holiday.

**THERE WILL BE NO PAPER ON DECEMBER 24TH OR 25TH!**

**Deadlines:** Country Advocate ads for 12/30/09 Wednesday, December 23rd at Noon. Colby Free Press: 12/23/09 paper deadline is Monday, December 21st by Noon. 12/28/09 paper deadline is Wednesday, December 23rd by Noon.

**We will be back to serve you on Monday, December 28th!**

**THANKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS THIS PAST YEAR!**

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