

Family

Deaths

Wilbur F. Henry

Wilbur F. Henry, 70, a Colby rancher, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at his home.

He was born Feb. 23, 1939, in Colby.

He was a member of the Golden Buckle Square Dance Club.

Survivors include three sons, Ronnie Henry, Colby; Richard Henry, Atwood; and Rory Henry, Otis; a daughter, Paula Chapin, Gove; three brothers, Larry Henry, Bird City; Alan Henry, Purdin Mo.; and Loren Henry, Phoenix;

LeRoy Wessel

LeRoy Wessel, 80, Selden, died today, Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Services and pending

William E. McCreary

William E. McCreary, 17, Lakin, formerly of the Colby area, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, in rural Wichita County in a highway accident.

He was born July 13, 1992, in Everett, Wash., the son of Sean and Suzanne McCreary.

He is survived by his parents and a sister, Erin McCreary, all of Lakin.

Carol R. Shaw

Carol R. Shaw, a Selden homemaker, 91, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Unit in Hoxie.

She was born Nov. 27, 1918, in Phillips County, the daughter of Frank and Eunice (Pruitt) Ward. Raised in Glade, she went to Speed High School.

On May 14, 1937, she married Floyd Shaw in Logan. The lived on a farm northwest of Selden, moving to town in 1988.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, the St. Ann's Altar Society, the Selden Rose and Garden Club and the Selden Senior Center.

Mrs. Shaw was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Carl Ward and Harold Ward; and four grandchildren, Justin Shaw, Trisha Haas, Trevor Haas and Travis Haas.

Corrections

A story titled "Colby High graduate gets K-State scholarship" on Page 3 in the Feb. 10 edition of the *Colby Free Press* misidentified Wyatt Rundel's parents. His parents are Pam and the late Bob Rundel of Colby. This was an editing error.

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Valentines abound at library

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I can say this with glee this year because I am five days ahead of the curve! Don't despair; you too can do it.

As I am writing this article, the Pioneer Memorial Library is having its own Valentine card event. The *CBS Evening News With Katie Couric* came and interviewed, in the library, a gentleman and his wife. For over 15 years he has sent her special postmarked Valentines cards. It should air Friday evening.

I read in a recent *Guideposts* magazine about a woman who had lost her husband a few years back. Valentine's morning, her daughter wanted to win a prize on the radio by telling the name of the person who originated a specific saying. The mother went to the quotation book she loved and found the reference. Right beside that quote was another quotation circled and signed by her husband to her. That Valentine's Day she received a belated gift from her late husband! (Wilhite, Rebecca. February 2010, "One Last Valentine," *Guideposts*, pp.10-11.

Now that I've told you that inspirational story, let's go to some good Valentines reads. The first is "Kiss and Tell," by Loretta Brabant. This is a real love story with all the turmoil and emotions built into it.

Alexis is a single woman who suddenly finds she is the mother of her two nieces. This panics her because she needs money and a break in her career. She decides to crash a celebrity's birthday party and get some information on the famous jazz singer.



**Melany Wilks**

•Library Links

She becomes twined in a love affair that will keep you up at night reading. Once again, Avalon Romance novels come to our rescue with quick, fun, spicy and simple engagements of the heart. Two other Avalon novels are: "No Penalty for Love," by Shellie Foltz (a hockey romance), and "Echo of Love," by Mary Hagen (a romance for horse lovers).

A second book is "Ransom My Heart: A Novel," by Meg Cabot. This book brings us back to the Princess of Genovia, Mia Thermopolis (from the *Princess Diaries* series also written by Cabot). Set in England around 1291, the princess writes about Finnula Crais, the main character, who has decided she is going to help her sister Mellana. Mellana has found she is pregnant but does not have the dowry money needed to give for the man she loves.

Finnula decides she is going to fix the problem by kidnapping a rich young knight who just returned with loads of gold and treasure from the crusades. Finnula does not expect to be influenced by the knight. It's a true princess story, the best for the Valentine season. Two other delightful reads are: "A Date You Can't Refuse," by Harley Jane Kozak and "Breaking the Rules: A Novel," by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

A few nonfiction books you might enjoy are: "It's all About Him: Finding the Love of My Life," by Denise Jackson, and

"The Proper Care and Feeding of a Marriage," by Laura Schlessinger, or "Love is a Verb: How to Stop Analyzing Your Relationship and Start Marking It Great!," by Bill O'Hanlon.

Another fiction book is "Sweet Revenge" by Diane Mott Davidson. Goldy Schulz is a caterer. She is preparing for a breakfast affair at the local library. While working, she spots someone who looks familiar. She swears it is the person who murdered her ex-husband. I think that her concern for her ex-husband's murder really shows that love may never really die in our heart! Anyway — soon the district attorney is found murdered and laying in the corner of the library!

Ooh! That reminds me the Pioneer Memorial Library Murder Mystery is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Tickets are going fast at \$20 apiece. This dinner engagement is entitled, "Who Dun It? Darn It!" It is a fiction mystery based on the history of characters within Thomas County. Names have been changed, and elements created or embellished. You will really enjoy this tribute to many of our forefathers and mothers in the community as we celebrate 125 years of history.

We have also begun preparing for the Kansas-Nebraska Chautauqua: "Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties." To begin, we will show the film the "Grapes of Wrath" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, The discussion about this movie will be conducted by Kansas Humanities scholar, Jane M. Holwerda.

Those of you who like to read will enjoy participating with others reading the book "Mules and Men," by Zora Neale Hurston. We have 20 copies. Check the book out from the library and then come to the discussion at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Kansas Humanities scholar Ann Birney will lead the discussion.

Remember that Alvin Volk will once again give free tax help to low- and middle-income people with special attention to those 60 and older at the library each Thursday until April 15. He will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Visit our website for a list of what to bring or come and see the poster in the library.

See you in the library!

American Legion Auxiliary

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary met Monday, Jan. 11, at the post home. The meeting opened with the flag salute, and Tini Hansen was welcomed as a new member.

Thank-you notes were read from veterans who received care packages from the group, and 19 packages were sent. Letters were read from the state and district.

Phil Finley served dinner before meeting adjourned.

The group meets the second Monday of each month.

— Margaret Chick

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