Family

Deaths

Dorothy M. Crabb

Dorothy M. Crabb, 94, a Colby Ariz.; three grandchildren, seven homemaker, died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born April 13, 1916, in Colby, the daughter of James and Pearl (Kimmel) Phillips, and was an area resident all her life.

On June 5, 1938, she married Glenn W. Crabb in Colby.

She was a member of PEO, Pi Gamma and the United Methodist Church. Preceding her in death were her

parents, her husband in 1997, and her son, Jay Crabb, in 1965.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean (Harold) Herbel, Colby; and Janice (John) Hanna, Prescott,

son Chapel in Colby, with Pastor James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home,

Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at Harri-

great-grandchildren, and two

Services will be at 10:30 a.m.

great-great-grandchildren.

with the family present from 7 to The family suggests memori-

als to the Colby United Methodist Church or Prairie Senior Living Complex, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 632, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 29 members and guests Bill Biel, Richard Barrett, Kent Dible, Susan McMahan and Jordan Sharp in attendance. Melinda Olson extended an in-

vitation to attend the annual meeting of the Thomas County Community Foundation at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Meadow Lake.

Carolyn Armstrong had the program which featured Colby Police officers Richard Barrett and Kent Dible. The officers gave an overview of the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Awareness

training they attended in New Mexico, sponsored and funded by the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of the training was to have first-response personnel be able to recognize certain aspects associated with the construction of bombs. Both officers felt the training was very good and will be useful in their work.

Colby Rotary meets each Tuesday at Colby Community Col-

This week's Roto-Lotto winner was Melany Wilks.

Reserve program interest high The U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture will accept 4.3 million acres offered by landowners under the Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up this year.

Secretary Tom Vilsack said selections preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive land, while providing payments to farm and ranch property owners.

"Interest in this open enrollment period was high," the secretary said, "and I'm pleased that producers and landowners across the nation continue to realize the environmental benefits of enrolling land in the CRP."

For this 39th general sign-up, more than 50,000 offers were received on more than 4.8 million acres nationwide. Enrollment of the 4.3 million acres will bring total enrollment to 31.2 million acres, close to the 32-million-acre

statutory cap. That leaves room to continue other initiatives through the end of the fiscal year next summer, the department says.

Under the program, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in fields and along streams to reduce erosion and provide habitat for wildlife. The program has restored more than 2 million acres of wetlands and buffers and reduced soil erosion by an estimated 400 million tons per year.

The department said it selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index of five environmental factors: wildlife, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality, plus cost. The minimal acceptable level for this signup was 200 points. The average rental rate was about \$46 per acre.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Tuesday

stray dog to the Law Enforcement Center. Dog taken to Colby Ani- Love's. mal Clinic.

8:13 a.m. - Theft of services

from 1150 S. Franklin.

5:17 p.m. – Report filed on incident at 375 W. Seventh.

7:57 p.m. – Dog at large at 210

S. Chick turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

tion with rental questions. Spoke 4:57 a.m. – Subject brought in a with subject, advised civil matter. 10:13 p.m. - Theft from

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Wheat (bushel) \$5.77 \$4.46 \$7.50

Soybeans (bushel) Urgent news for people who had

Books help with military research

Today the Pioneer Memorial Library will be having an evening with Susan McMahan to discuss the book "The Unhealthy Truth: How Our Food Is Making Us Sick And What We Can Do About It." The is to complement Colby

Community College's Max Pickerell Lectureship. We want community members to have a better idea what the book is about and feel they are prepared when author Robyn O'Brien speaks.

This week I have chosen new books that have to do with military actions or information. The first and newest is "Finding Your Father's War: A Practical Guide to Researching and Understanding Service in the World War II U.S. Army," by Jonathan Gawne. It gives answers to family members about such things as personal records, awards, ribbons, patches and many other subjects. Discussing the military as an

organization, it includes organizational charts for different areas of the war, along with abbreviations, code information, and branch numbers in publications. It helps to decipher pay records, officer and discharge records. It even explains censor stamps and APO information for mail. My favorite part is the many patches photographed so that the sleuth can identify those they are unfamiliar



Melany Wilks

Library Links

with. The photographs of soldiers scattered through out the book are clear and crisp.

A second item is "The Korean War: A History," by Bruce Cummings. The author brings up the fact that the elements that caused the Korean War began prior to the 1950's. He believes that the Japanese invasion that began in 1910 and continued until 1945 escalated the problem.

The other problem, of course, was the insurgence of Chinese Communists into northern Korea. He shows atrocities done by both the Communist and the U.S.led Korean fighters of the south. While you may not agree with his whole supposition and historical background, it is grist for the mill. It refreshes the reader in the history of North and South Korea to better understand today's issues there and in Asia at large.

Another interesting book is "It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street: A Jerusalem Memoir," by Emma Williams.

This looks to be a powerfully written book. Williams, her husband and three children lived in Jerusalem, arriving just weeks before the Second Intifada.

Williams, a doctor, worked on the Mount of Olives near Ramallah with a largely Palestinian population. Her husband was a U.N. official, daily in Gaza and the West Bank. Both went out of Israel and into Palestinian territory each day and then back to the safe confines where their children were in Jerusalem. They saw both sides and have friends both in Israel and Palestine. This has driven Emma to write a very clear book on the way the different sides see the argument.

She shows the high cost and pain each side has endured. It is hoped by Brian Urquhart, who wrote the foreword, that William's insights will help each side grow in compassion, achieving peace through understanding rather than arguments. I have not read this yet, but it is on my list.

A fourth book is "Life We Were Given: Operation Babylift, International Adoption, and the Children of War in Vietnam," by Dana Sachs. The author began researching the history of the babylift and the non-governmental adoption call 460-4470. We have free Wi-Fi agencies that were rescuing thousands of children, then had to scale library!

down her work.

The book discusses the lives of the children in the U.S. and other destination countries, some of the children returning to Vietnam to gain some insight into their heritage and background. Some Vietnamese adopted children successfully were reunited with family in Vietnam, while others just discovered a culture and people that they needed to understand better. The book also outlines some of the history of the times, the political rivalry between those adopting the children and Vietnamese officials and soldiers.

When one plane crashed with babies and children on board, this created a scandal and uproar in Vietnam and abroad. However, Dana outlines how many children's lives were changed and dramatically saved. This well written book has endnotes and an index for the reader. Remember Book For Lunch is

Wednesday. Come and share lunch and learn from the speakers. Now operating on our winter schedule, we open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Find information at colbylibrary.com, or 24/7 at the library. See you at the

Babies

Traeten Adam Richard Janousek

Traeten Adam Richard Janousek, son of Alisha Talsma and Adam Janousek of Colby, was born Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 1/2

Sister Taydon welcomed the baby home Grandparents are Jo and Travis Williby and Phyllis

and Richard Janousek of Colby. Pat and the late Virgil Williby of Colby and Marlene and the late Richard Beeson of Wagner, S.D., are great-grandparents.



Valeria Rebekah Kramer

Elda Kramer of Brewster was born Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. The baby was greeted by sister Katia Rachel.

Valeria Rebekah Kramer, daughter of Dennis and

Grandparents are Joe and Charlene Kramer of Brewster and Cirildo Vazques and Valentina Romero of Paso de Piedras, Veracruz, Mexico.

Valeria K.

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