

Family

Birthday open house to bring brothers home

Thurman Cox will have plenty of help to celebrate his 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Progress Center.

Cox's four younger brothers, ranging between ages 76 and 88, will be there to celebrate with him. The second-oldest brother, Richard, 88, lives in Colby while Leonard, 85, Robert, 83, and Ray, 76, live in Texas.

Thurman and two of his brothers served in World War II. Robert served in the National Guard and Ray in the regular army after the war was over.

Thurman and Richard ran Cox's Produce for 18 years in Colby.

The public is invited to join the five brothers and other relatives at the open house. The family requests no gifts.

Golden Plains scholars do well in Brewster

By Katrina Griggs
Golden Plains High School

Every year Brewster holds a scholars' bowl tournament.

This year, because of the weather, they had the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament and the Brewster Invitational on the same day. Ten teams participated in the league tourney on Jan. 24.

"It took us a while to get going with losses to Dighton and Sharon Springs in the first couple rounds," team captain Lucas Phillips said. "However, after the first two rounds we went undefeated and won over Greeley County, Triplains, Wheatland/Grinnell, Brewster, Cheylin, and Healy."

Lucas led the team with 140 points along with David Hunt with 110 points and Trey Schwarz with 100 points. Their best categories were math, social science and language arts. Golden Plains finished the tournament with a 7-2 record in second place as league runner up. Sharon Springs was named league champion with an 8-1 record.

After the league tournament Golden Plains competed in the Brewster Invitational. There were

different teams at the invitational than the league tourney.

Golden Plains went undefeated throughout the invitational and finished in first place. The closest game was a 40-30 win over Brewster. By the end of the tournament, David Hunt had 90 points, while Lucas Philips and Trey Schwarz were close behind with 80 points and 70 points. Their best subjects in this tournament were science, math and language arts. Other team members competing on varsity were Randi Cressler and Avery Spresser.

The junior varsity team also competed at the Brewster invitational. The team consists of three freshmen that gained a lot of experience participating against the five other teams. Although they didn't win any matches, the Cheylin and Brewster matches were very close.

Leea Juenemann scored 20 points, while Jacob Antholz and Chance Hoeting each scored 10. Their best categories were language arts, science, and social science. This was the last junior varsity scholars bowl meet of the season.

Ohio town ends Prohibition

NOVELTY, Ohio (AP) – People can buy alcohol in one Ohio town for the first time since Prohibition took effect in 1920.

Russell Township voters in northeast Ohio's Geauga County said no to going "wet" several times since Prohibition's repeal in 1933. The most recent rejection at the ballot box came in 2000.

But last fall voters approved a measuring allowing one convenience store to sell alcohol. The Circle K store began offering beer and wine last week.

Alcohol sales supporters tell *The Plain Dealer* newspaper of

Cleveland it didn't make sense for Russell Township to lose business to neighboring communities that already were selling alcohol. Opponents say they're concerned about underage drinking.

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Food mystery coming soon

The Murder Mystery Night is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Once again it is brought to you by the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library. Dinner is served with a murder mystery as the entertainment. Each table attempts to solve the murder.



Melany Wilks
•Library Links

This is our seventh year to bring you a murder mystery event at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Tickets are \$20. Get your ticket now, we always sell out quickly. You can purchase a whole table for the event as well. This year's title is "Murder of the Great Chef!" Cast is chosen and we are getting excited.

In honor of this occasion, let me tell you about some recent cookbooks we have added to our collection. The first is "Taste of Home: Grand Prize Winners," by Catherine Cassidy. If you attended the Chocolate And All That Jazz event this week, one of our staff made Cookie Dough Truffles (p. 170) for this event. Every morsel was eaten of these creations.

I'd sort of like to try the Taco Lasagna (p. 117) or Creamy Carrot Parsnip soup (p. 46). When I use a recipe book, I look for pictures that go with the recipe and easy-to-follow instructions. This has both. Do not look at this book if you are dieting.

Speaking of dieting, we have the "Better Homes and Gardens: Eat Well Lose Weight" cookbook. It has over 500 recipes for healthy foods. Each recipe give you the preparation time, calories, fat content, cholesterol, protein, carbohydrates, fiber, sodium and exchanges. This book is great for the person who works with health issues such as diabetes.

A cookbook on diabetes we just added is "The Everything Diabetes Cookbook: 300 Creative and Healthy Recipes That Put the

hydrates, and fats). It also discusses ways to manage diabetes.

It has salsas, appetizers, breakfasts and brunches, meats and fish, soups, pasta, pizza, salads, vegetables, desserts, snacks and beverages. It lists resource information on organizations in Appendix A (pp. 271-274). Appendix B provides food exchange lists (pp. 275-294).

Another cookbook you might enjoy is the "Taste of Home Fast Fixes With Mixes." This book has over 379 recipes that are not hard to make. Their Mandarin Pork and Wild Rice (p. 81) looks delicious! The picture of the Polka Dot Cake looks fun to create (p. 226).

A fifth cookbook is "The Vegetarian Option," by Simon Hopkinson. Though few in Northwest Kansas tend to be vegetarians, what I found in this book are new and creative ways to make vegetables. One such item was Crisp Celery and Apples in Curry Cream Dressing (p. 79). How about some savory corn pudding (p. 178)? Many recipes have a full page photo of the dish.

Another very popular cookbook is "Southern Living: Annual Recipes (2010)." It has over 750 recipes. It has black and white photos for most recipes. The center of the book has a number of color photographs (pp. 160-192). They give a healthier recipe for French fries cooked in the oven. The book has information about wine and serving with various foods.

Other cookbooks I do not have time or space to discuss are: "So Easy: Luscious, Healthy Recipes for Every Meal of the Week," by Elsie Krieger; "High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking," by J. M. Hirsch; "Cooking Light Annual Recipes 2010: Every Recipe...A Year's Worth of Cooking Light Magazine," by Editors of *Cooking Light Magazine*; "The Big Book of Slow Cooker Casseroles" by Betty Crocker; Taste of Home Slow Cooker," by *Taste of Home*; and "The I Hate To Cook Book: 50th Anniversary Edition," (updated and revised) by Peg Bracken and Johanna Bracken.

The library had a wonderful time with the many guests who came to celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with Chocolate and All That Jazz. The college jazz band was wonderful. Their music was so good it left guests wanting more. Guests really seemed to enjoy the chocolate fest, but it was supplied by library staff so I might be partial. Thanks for all who participated.

We have added a new web page for those looking for employment or a job. It has lots of resources both online and in the library, www.colbylibrary.com/EmploymentResource2011.htm. Everything from creating a resume, interviewing, types of letters, taking the job offer, career and personality resources, social networking and job resource sites. It also has budgeting information, unemployment information, and the very helpful Kansas Works website.

Remember we are your free Wi-Fi resource here in Colby. If you need to renew an item you have checked out or want to purchase a Murder Mystery ticket, call 460-4470.

See you in the library!

Grants to businesses help save energy

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for grants and loan guarantees in the Rural Energy for America Program for the fiscal year 2011 program. Do not wait to submit your project application; applying early may increase the opportunity for your project to be funded. The initial application deadline is March 31; later application deadlines may be announced as they are made available.

The program is designed for small business and agriculture producers that complete energy efficiency improvements or install renewable energy systems in their business. Grants are available for up to 25 percent of the total project costs, with a minimum grant for energy improvements of \$1,500 and \$2,500 for renewable systems. Loan guarantees can also be obtained.

Applications can be received continually and will be selected through a competition.

Energy efficiency improvements are projects that result in a

reduction of usage, such as lighting upgrades, insulation, irrigation, and grain dryers.

Renewable energy projects either create or replace energy from a renewable source. They can include wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and biogas.

The program does not allow improvements to houses or housing units even if they are used as part of a business or agriculture production.

About 40 projects were funded in Kansas last year.

For information, contact Brandon Prough the Rural Development Area Office Specialist in the Hays office, (785) 628-3081, brandon.prough@ks.usda.gov

For information on this and other Rural Development programs, call the Agency's state office at (785) 271-2740, or log onto the Agency's website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks.

Hoxie student on Dean's List

Kylie M. Lewis, an information resource studies major from Hoxie, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Emporia State University.

To be eligible, students must have a semester grade average in the top 10 percent of all undergraduates, and a cumulative average of at least 3.5.

Proposal arrives by bus

CANTON, Ohio (AP) – An Ohio woman has said yes to a marriage proposal that arrived by bus.

Laura Kalamets looked out a Canton restaurant window during a Valentine's Day lunch with her boyfriend and saw a public bus with an ad on its side that read: "Laura, Will You Marry Me?" It was signed "Mark" and included

in smaller letters the words "and make me the happiest man in the world."

Kalamets says she thought she'd have a heart attack.

Mark Rose paid the transit agency \$300 for the special ad and arranged for the bus to be parked in the right spot around noon on Monday.

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