



Colby schoolteachers looked at newspaper collections held at the Prairie Museum during the recent mini-workshop.

## Museum, school cooperate in teaching kids local history

We didn't bother to title the mini-workshop we held for Colby school teachers and principals just before school started, but if we had it could have been called, "The Three A's: Archives, Artifacts and All the Rest." The purpose of the workshop was to acquaint teachers with the variety of educational resources available here at the museum and to find out how we can best assist them with their teaching.

We held three sessions — one each for grade school, middle school and high school teachers — dividing participants in each session into three groups. Each group spent about fifteen minutes with Chris Griffin learning about primary resources in the first "A," the Archives, including photographs, diaries, letters and legal documents such as Thomas County Homestead papers.

Sue Taylor handled the second "A," Artifacts, providing the back story on gallery objects such as the World War II Norden Bombsight and wowing participants with a demonstration of the bright green glow given off by a vase of so-called Vaseline or Uranium Glass under black light.

The final "A," All the Rest, covered the outside buildings and their attendant historical themes, the prairie learning site, the mock archaeological excavation area, and the herb garden.

Already we have received one request for materials on the Civil War, another for a program on frontier life, and still another for local history topics that could be incorporated into an English class project. We look forward to the opportunity to work with these teachers and others in support of their educational goals.

I am continually amazed at the potential for learning here at the museum. The opportunities for ex-

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#### • Around the Museum

ploring history are fairly obvious, although many people are not aware of the array of really cool stuff in the vault, like those Homestead documents mentioned above.

But where my appreciation

has grown since I've been

working here is in the galleries. "Glorious Glass" isn't just a collection of pretty, mildly interesting objects any more. This is due to many wanderings through that gallery wondering things like, "What the heck is a pickle castor? Why don't they still make spill holders since people still seem to spill things? How is that weird greenish color produced?"

I had to start looking up the answers to those questions, and now what I see in that gallery are mini-studies in history, culture, symbolism — even chemistry. Like the "portkey" in the Harry Potter books — an object that could transport a person to another place — each of the objects in our galleries can also serve as keys to the various times and places they represent. A spill holder, for instance, takes us back to a time before friction matches when slivers of wood or paper twists — "spills" or "spiles" — would be used to transfer a flame from one fire source to set another.

Come on out to the museum and see where its "portkeys" can take you! And while you're at it, take a look at the sampling of art on display from the Colby Community College art department!

Upcoming events include Bonnie Stasser's mixed media exhibit in November and December. At noon on Thursday, Nov. 17, we will have Food for Thought, featuring Eunice Petramala on "The Settlement Period from a Native American Perspective."

From 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, will be the Second Annual Authors' Roundup and a reception for Bonnie Stasser, with a talk by Stasser at 2:30 p.m.

## Patience at the pumps teaches lesson about God

What will a guy do to save a little at the gas pumps? I know what this guy will do; he will endure the worst gas pump situation ever in his life to save 12 cents per gallon.

We were on our way home from a vacation and needed to fill up with gasoline. I noticed that most of the gas stations must have recently changed, except for one. The price difference was great enough that I needed to stop — 12 cents. I think most, looking at the situation on the surface, would have joined me in stopping. Take twelve cents and multiply that times fifteen gallons and it starts to make a decent difference.

As I pulled into the station it looked normal and appeared very reputable. The company was one I knew. The appearance was not shady. So I didn't suspect anything negative about it. The problem: the gas pump kept stopping every 10 to 15 cents. That is six to ten times for every dollar.

I would pull the handle, run, and then stop. I adjusted the angle the pump went into the car. I pulled the handle again; run and then stop. Readjust angle. Pull again — same result. Pull. Stop. Pull. Stop.

After approximately 30 stops, resulting in \$3, I thought it was the



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individual pump. I went in to pay and said I was moving to another. Different pump, exact same result. My emotions were starting to rise. My fuse getting shorter. My collar was a dome for the heat that was forming under it. The sighs were as regular as ticks on a clock. I hope the picture is painted well that I was not pleased with this situation.

I wish I knew how much time I spent at that gas station. It took a lot of patience for me and my family. We finally came to a point that I thought I had enough gasoline to make it home. When I paid I told the manager that I would probably never come back again, due to this enormous inconvenience. I wasn't mad at them, just at the pump.

As I stood there trying to come up with some sort of combination of trigger flow and pump angle, I couldn't help but laugh in the middle of my frustration.

I also think about how many

times God has tried to read-just you and I to allow us to have that right combination to make something work. He provides the opportunity, but we are just not at the right angle to make it work and walk through the door. Not because of something He did or didn't do, but because of our inadequacies. My situation wasn't any human's fault, but some sort of bad combination of my gas tank angle and the way that particular pump operated.

The situation taught me to be patient, with situations that are outside of my ability to control. Something I learned in the middle of being patient at the pumps.

May this prayer be something that helps you in times of impatience. "Father, there are virtues in life that I wish to have but do not want to go through the effort to improve the various virtues. Patience is a virtue I need often. May moments like these strengthen my virtue of patience. Stay with me and guide me in this education process."

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## Noisy neighbors evicted; really a fowl pair

NEW YORK (AP) — A couple of urban chickens have gone home to roost at an upstate animal farm.

Sleep-deprived neighbors had complained about early wake-up calls from Napoleon and Caesar.

The roosters have now been evicted from a Lower East Side community garden.

The *New York Post* (<http://nyp.st/nxC9jF>) says the roosters didn't seem to object to the move.

But volunteer gardener Elizabeth Hardwick says she'll miss the "loving and friendly" fowl.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.37
Corn (bushel)	\$6.27
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### Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Sept. 13 were Elaine Ptacek, first; Katie Melvin, second; Gail Vacca, third; and Lyle Worthy, fourth.

Winners for Tuesday were Gail Vacca, first; Sarah Jane Barrett,

second; Jean Snyder, third; Elaine Ptacek, fourth; and Joy Davis, fifth.

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### Fall Festival

Winona United Methodist Church  
501 Bellview Ave.

Sunday, October 2

Games, Cakewalk  
Home-made Ice Cream  
Farmer's Market  
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Begins at 4 p.m.  
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**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://www.colbyborean.com); Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website [colbypres.org](http://colbypres.org).

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**BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

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