



Kelli Burrus



Kyle Davis

Colby College band members to play with state band

Colby Community College will have two representatives performing with the Kansas Intercollegiate Band Feb. 24, in Wichita.

Kelli Burrus of Concordia will be one of three baritone saxophone players. Kyle Davis of Salina will be playing the trombone for the performance at the Kansas Music Educator's Conference.

The students will be accompanied on the trip by CCC director of bands Dr. David Mruzek.

"I am proud of both of these students," said Mruzek. "This is a state-wide honor and it is particularly special because the guest conductor Colonel Lowell Graham has Colby connections."

Graham, a native of Greeley, Colo., was the director of bands at Colby Community College in the early 1970s. He is currently

serving as chairman of the music department at the University of Texas El Paso.

He has held numerous conducting positions including that of Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force's premier musical organization in Washington, D.C. While there, he became the senior ranking musician in the Department of Defense.

He is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado where he received a bachelor of arts degree in music education in 1970 and a master of arts degree in performance the following year.

In 1977 he became the first person to be awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in orchestral conducting from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Lack of snow makes winter fans struggle

DUNBARTON, N.H. (AP) — The Dunbarton Country store is on the map, literally, for snowmobilers. A popular trail runs right by the gas pumps, but this winter, not many snowmobilers have fueled up.

"It's been pretty quiet. Pretty quiet," said co-owner Sam Richard.

A record-setting storm dumped more than 2 feet of snow along parts of the East Coast during the weekend, but Dunbarton, population about 2,100, got only a few inches. Parts of northern New Hampshire and more than half of Vermont got one-tenth of an inch or less.

On a normal winter weekend, about a third of Richard's customers arrive by snowmobile — to

pick up food and drinks, use the bathroom, rest and buy trail maps. But this year, the trail network is closed because there hasn't been enough snow to groom, and the maps provided by snowmobile clubs go unsold.

"My mother's going to be 85 and she's never seen anything like this," said Martin Beattie, owner of Marty's 1st Stop grocery store and gas station in Danville, Vt., next to major snowmobile trails in the Northeast Kingdom.

It's the same story in Maine and Vermont for snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and others who depend on snow and ice. Sled dog races have been canceled and ice fishing derbies have been postponed.

Murder, mayhem at Pioneer Memorial Library

Pioneer Memorial Friends of the Library are sponsoring the second annual murder mystery on Saturday, March 11. The title of this year's mystery is "Murder, Maestro, Please."

Due to the response last year, tickets will only be available by RSVP. Tickets are now available and can be purchased through Pioneer Memorial Library. For further questions contact the library at 460-4470.

Mystery is certainly nothing new at the library. The shelves have always included the oft checked-out latest and greatest mystery titles. Included in our mystery section are books, audio books, and movies. The mystery book section is designated under the blue sign labeled mysteries next to the east wall of the library.

However, for those that find this to be a busy time of year an audio book may be the answer. Below are three mystery audio books that are among the libraries most recent acquisitions.

"Death Dance" by Linda



Jeff Friesen

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Fairstein. This book could be a page out of the author's own life. Linda Fairstein was a former Assistant District Attorney for the sex crimes unit in Manhattan; as is her main character Alexandra Cooper in this mystery.

In this book, a world famous ballerina disappears midway through a performance at the Metropolitan Opera House. Her murder leaves hundreds of questions and plenty of suspects. Apparently the glitzy image of the Opera House is filled behind the scenes with power struggles, corruption, and few, if any, limits. Cooper takes the reader into the Opera underworld, through the diabolical world of DFSA (Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault), and ul-

timately to the courtroom where progressive crime scene investigation is beginning to embrace the use of DNA as evidence. Plan on a crowded and complicated plot that comes to a satisfying conclusion.

"S is for Silence" by Sue Grafton. Sue is well into the alphabet with her latest mystery. Kinsey Millhone, the main character, has been through more in her fictional life than most of us will probably ever hope to see. In this book, Kinsey has been hired by a lady named Daisy to trace the mysterious disappearance of her (Daisy's) mother Violet in the days leading up to the July 4, 1953.

The clues come slowly at first and each of them is definitely well-

earned but Kinsey follows her instincts to finish off this mystery with a quick and decisive conclusion.

"Remains Silent" by Michael Baden. A pile of bones has recently been uncovered during the excavation of a new mall in New York City. Dr. Pete Harrigan traces the bones to a Korean War vet named James Albert Lyons who mysteriously disappeared in 1963. Suspicion is in the air and New York's deputy chief medical examiner, Dr. Jake Rosen, advises the daughter of the victim to consult a lawyer on the case. The ensuing consultation between Dr. Rosen and hired attorney Philomena Manfreda leads to a bit of romance and a lot of adventure. As the case unfolds, the evidence appears to be leading the prosecutors right to the United States Government.

Listen and find out how each of these mysteries plays out and then plan on solving the mystery at Pioneer Memorial Library on March 11. Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 W. Fourth.

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