

# Family

## Green gardens benefit from good, practical books

St. Patrick's Day has just come and gone. I hope you all enjoyed a day of wearing greens of all hues. I personally enjoy any excuse to be able to wear this lively color. Green of course symbolizes new life in nature and is one of the most relaxing colors to use in a home.

One website explains that "green is favored by well balanced people," which explains why I love green (Emily Gems: [www.crystal-cure.com/green.html](http://www.crystal-cure.com/green.html)). As I walked several neighborhoods in Colby Sunday afternoon, I saw a number of lawns and shrubs being watered. This leads me to believe that we in Colby are very well balanced because we put great value on green grass in our yards.

The subject of nature and the color green brings me to the subject of this week's column: gardening. The library has over 130 items on gardening ideas and "how to books" of some sort. We subscribe to three magazines that are about gardening: "Garden Gate," "Organic Gardening," and the well known "Better Homes and Gardens." If you enjoy gardening and want to share it with your children or grandchildren, there are over 25 stories that have gardening themes within their covers. If a youth enjoys gardening they may find some fun fiction reading in their section of the library. Three authors have written mysteries involving garden themes: Janis Harrison, Lynne J. Hinton and the prolific writer, Ann Ripley who wrote a series of garden mysteries.

Inspired yet? The library has five new books that might bring you some inspiration, ideas and help. The Sunset publication, "Big Book of Garden Designs" has 110 landscaping designs that you can incorporate in a garden. Each plan provides the name and type of plants and the number needed in each area. This book is for serious architecturally inclined people. Another book is "Small by De-



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sign: Gardens for Any Space," by Paul Urquhart and Lorna Rose. The best part of the book (for my needs), is to read through the principles of design while planning the space for each garden area. Urquhart and Rose discuss unity, repetition, transitions, focal points, rhythm and movement, mystery and surprise, balance, color and tone, line, scale, texture, time, and illusions. Some of this blends the eastern gardening techniques of the Japanese, Balinese, and French provincial styles of gardening. The pictures within the book illustrate ways to have a lush garden in your patio area.

The other book I will be reading soon is "Learn to Garden: A Practical Introduction to Gardening," by Fiona Wild. It has information on tools, and techniques, planning your year-round garden, and learning to doctor your garden. It also covers flowerbeds, borders, perennials, annuals, biennials, bulbs, shrubs, climbers, roses, grasses, trees, hedges, containers, and lawns. From these authors, I will be learning all about improving our lawn. I did not grow up in an area where lawns were valued, so my understanding is minimal. While I always longed for a great lawn, we were blessed just to have a little green with a mixture of dandelions (Dandelions had purpose: you could pick them and throw them into a salad or cook them as veggies).

For those more experienced gardeners, we have Tracy Disabato-Aust's book titled "50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants: Tough-But-Beautiful Plants that Anyone Can Grow." This book is

arranged alphabetically by the scientific name, while also providing its more popularly know name. Gorgeous photographs are provided, as well as the sun exposure the plant prefers, the zone it likes, its physical description, resistant tendencies to insects, deer and disease.

The fifth book, "Water Garden Idea Book", by Lee Anne White, provides breath-taking photos of ponds and pools, fountains, waterfalls, water displays in containers, urns and such. It describes how to create stream-beds and moat-type water scenes. The imagery can inspire the devotee to gardening beyond the ordinary.

The last book that I want to share with you is "The \$64 Tomato," by William Alexander. This philosophically inclined gardener and small-scale farmer of 25 years shares his experiences of fighting vermin, weeds, and disease while attempting to live a healthy, green, and pleasure-filled life. You will enjoy his journey and epiphany when he comes face to face with facts about gardening.

It has been reported that library use around the nation is up. When the going gets tough, the tough go to the library. The library is a valuable source that provides materials for entertainment, relaxation or life-long learning.

The Pioneer Memorial Library is one of the only places in Colby that has free Wi-Fi access. Computers, databases, and Internet access are also completely free. DVDs, VHS's, computer games, audio books, magazines and books can also be checked out for free. Stretch your dollar not your expenses; come and join others who have found that the Library has great resources at a price that is unbeatable

## Soaking up some rays



CYNTHIA HAYNES/Colby Free Press  
Brylen Hubbell, 1, and her mother, Kristie Hubbell, had their summer shades on and were out for a walk around the neighborhood Tuesday, strolling and visiting with neighbors.

## Artist to give painting class at museum

Barbara Schaffner, Winner of the "Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year award in 2002, will be returning to the Dane G. Hansen Museum at 110 Main in Logan to instruct a four-day oil painting workshop. The classes will be held on April 1— 4 and will run from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. The workshop cost is \$140 with discounts available for Hansen Museum members. Intermediate and advanced artists may call 785-689-4846 for more information or to register by phone.

Schaffner is from Wheatland, Wyo. and was an honors art student at West Texas University. This will be her seventh workshop in Logan. She specializes in western scenes and wildlife paintings and much of her work is hung in galleries in six western states and Canada. She has received numerous top awards. She won the purchase award in December 2005 at the 2-Shot Goose Hunt Art Show in Torrington, Wyo. Shaffer recently completed a historic painting of "The First Steamship to Arrive at Fort Union—1832." Her studio, "Wyoming Trails Gallery," is located in Wheatland.

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## Daughters of Isabella Club

Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle of the Daughters of Isabella met March 5 at the home of Rhonda Rogers in Oakley.

After Ceanne Rinehart called the meeting to order, prayers were said for the deceased members.

The group sang the opening ode and said the pledge to the flag. Ceanne read a spiritual reflection

## 4-H Club

The February meeting of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club was called to order by President Kayla Sloan at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Senior Living Center. The flag salute and the 4-H pledge were led by Quinnlyn Woolfer. The question for roll call, "name a quality of a good friend," was answered by 20 members and one leader.

Tami Goossen reminded us that the large-animal weigh-in would be Saturday, Feb. 14, at Colby Livestock. She also told us that we could start signing up for County Club Days.

Project talks were given by Shawn Gilbert on wood working, Lindsey Wilson on snowboarding, and Dylan Dummmler, who showed us how to make strawberry cloud cake.

Treasurer Sally Wilson reported on the money made from the pizza sales.

It was moved that we do a model meeting at County Club Days and the motion passed.

After adjournment, valentines were passed out to residents. The hosts were the Kersenbrock and Gilbert families.

— Brianna Thumtmel, reporter

about the season of Lent.

It was reported Edna Poole had paid her dues and sent money to be used for masses for the deceased members. Loretta Zerr volunteered to take care of the request.

Several members signed up for the Lenten study group, which will be using a workbook and CD by Matthew Kelly.

Loretta, Rhonda, Rosemary Bange, Theresa Baker and Ceanne are all planning to attend the convention in Garden City on April 17-19. The theme is "Fan the Flame of Sisterhood."

Ceanne thanked the members for helping with the soup supper on Feb. 27. She reported 90 people were served, and after the meal played a trivia game made up by Father Dana.

Queen Isabella Day is Thursday, April 22, and there will be a Mass on Wednesday, April 1, for the intention of the Daughters.

Hostesses Charlene Barnett and Darline Hutfles served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 2, with a gourmet supper with Loretta, Laura Krejci and Susan Veeh as hostesses.

## Corrections

The article on Page 1 of the Wednesday, March 18, edition *Colby Free Press* summarizing the Colby Community College Board of Trustees meeting incorrectly spelled the last name of Alan Waites, chief financial officer of the college.

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.21
Corn (bushel)	\$3.59
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.10

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for March 10, were first, Mary Kersenbrock; second, Joy Davis; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Joanne Vaughn, sixth, Janet Harper.

**Good Luck Brayclen and Kensey at Girls State Wrestling!**

*'Take em' to the mat!*

**Love, Holly & Jerry Lynn and Grady & Lindsey Garret**

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