

Family

Test yourself in solving mysteries

Next Thursday, I'll attend the "Great High School WhoDunit" mystery put on by students at the Colby High School. Before the event, the forensics team will serve a soup supper to provide participants with the strength to solve the mystery.

In honor of all the hard work of those in the high school and those who helped create a very successful Murder Mystery at the library, this week's Library Link focuses on new mysteries that can be found both in print and CD versions of audio books.

The first item is "Exit Music," by Ian Rankin. This 17th and last great mystery solved by detective Rebus will captivate the reader. It is set in Scotland and involves Russian businessmen, local politicians and of course the local gangster boss of the area.

The plot begins with a famed poet being killed and dumped on the sidewalk near the library and a parking garage. A single lady and elderly married couple come upon this gruesome scene.

Enter Detective Rebus and his new partner, Detective Sgt. Siobhan Clarke. By the end of the book, Sgt. Clarke is called Siobhan, and may become Rankin's next great character.

The second suspense thriller mystery is "Rough Weather" by Robert B. Parker. Parker displays his wry banter and creative dialogue starting with the second page of the book. Protagonist Spencer finds himself in his office when in walks the beautiful, wealthy and elegant Heidi Bradshaw. The banter immediately begins.

Bradshaw asks Spencer to be her substitute husband during the wedding of her daughter at Ms. Bradshaw's private island. Spencer finds himself sharing the island with an arch rival. A number of murders and other notorious events create bedlam.

A newly released audio book is "Lethal Legacy" by Linda Fairstein, read by Blair Brown. This story is set in the New York Public Library, where a homicide investigation leads into the area rare books and maps.

Another audio book now available is "Mounting Fears" by Stuart Woods, read by Carrington MacDuffie. This suspenseful story weaves news in a race for re-election and circumstances, but helps us hope that there are people who can get us out of a mess larger than life.

A third audio book is "Fire and Ice" by Julie Garwood, read by Rebecca Lowman. Sophie Rose, a newspaper reporter finds herself working in a small town covering local events. She, however, is dogged by her past and must make a trek to Alaska to complete a mystery that surrounds a crime. There she must deal with FBI agent Jack MacAlister, who wants to know how she fits into this mystery. Their relationship develops the story into a romantic thriller.

Other new audio books available are: "One Day at a Time,"



Melany Wilks

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by Danielle Steele, read by Dan John Miller. "Don't Look Twice" by Andrew Gross (No. 1 best-selling co-author of Judge and Jury), performed by Christian Hoff. "A Darker Place," by Jack Higgins, read by Michael Page. "The Associate," by John Grisham, read by Erik Singer. "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett, read by Jenna Lamia, Bahni Turpin, Octavia Spencer and Cassandra Campbell.

Reports say 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 lifelong 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 free. DVDs, VHS's, computer games, audio books, magazines and books can be checked out for free.

We also have cake pans, a roaster, toaster oven, bread maker, large coffee pot, projector, screens and much more that you can checkout instead of buying an item for a one-time event. Programs for your kids are also free, as well as many adult events.

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!

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Forever you are always in our hearts.

Love You,
Laurie, Cody and Sarah

Deaths

Kevin S. Reilley

Kevin S. Reilley, 54, Colby, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Maxine Ziegelmeier

Maxine Ziegelmeier, 89, a longtime Colby resident, died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Salina. She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Levant. Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel, Colby, (785) 462-2331.

Corrections

A story about city elections on Page 1 of the Wednesday, March 25, edition of the Colby Free Press incorrectly said that three positions are open in this year's election. As the story said elsewhere, there are four. The article also incorrectly stated that Tim Hutfles has four children and owns Hutfles Electric. He has five kids and he owns Hutfles Excavating. His son August, 10, was left out of the article. These were reporting errors.

A story in the same edition about a fatal accident on I-70 near Grainfield said that Konnor Griffin, 8, had been flown to a Denver hospital. He went by ground ambulance. This was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Three of Clubs

The Three of Clubs met at Pioneer Memorial Library March 13 with Sorosis Club as host. Green carnations decorated the tables in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Linda Davis Stephens, a teacher for 19 years at Colby Community College, presented an enthusiastic and informative program on "High Plains Digs." She gave a powerpoint presentation of a dig at Nicodemus and told how they dig and screen the findings. She also showed pictures of a mock

Wind is abundant resource on plains

MANHATTAN – Wind, which can be found in abundance in the Great Plains, is an important factor in aviation and other activities.

Airport runway layout is often determined by the prevailing wind direction, said Mary Knapp, state climatologist for Kansas.

"Wind direction is named according to the direction from which the wind is coming," said Knapp, who runs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University. "Thus, a wind described as 'southerly' or 'south' means that it is coming from the south and moving toward the north."

Likewise, said Knapp, an "on-shore" wind means that the wind is blowing from the ocean or lake towards land. A cross wind is a wind that blows perpendicular or across the runway or roadway. These create special hazards when planes are landing and for high-profile vehicles.

"In areas where these cross winds are frequent, or particularly strong, you might see a highway caution sign highlighting the danger," she said.

Information about Kansas weather is on the Weather Data Library Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/wdl.

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