

Family

Books explore family

Happy New Year! Can you believe that it is now a new year and a new decade? Time really does march on.

When I was but a youth, I heard adults say that time moves faster the older you get. Well, not that I'm ancient, but time is spiraling faster than it use to for me.

This reminds me of a recent event in my family's life. My sister was visiting with her three children and they asked how old my brother was. My brother-in-law said that he was older than dirt. So now my brother has a new term of endearment used by his nieces and nephews. "Uncle Dirt." My brother, of course, wears this new title with great joy! What are some of your family's terms of endearment? Will any of this increase a journey story about a family member, your family itself, a business, or an organization?

The library and the museum are working together to collect stories that are 600-word essays which tell unique experiences that would enrich our 125th Thomas County Celebration. We will be giving more information soon.

A book I read has the heroine, Kat Griffiths, taking on a new label. While it is unbelievable to her husband, boss and relatives, she has decided it is time to become a penny pincher. Thus, she joins "The Penny Pinchers Club." This book by Sarah Strohmeier has lots of fun and interesting twists. Kat is an interior designer who wants her own business one day. She knows only one pastime - shopping. This is how she was raised in her upscale New Jersey suburb, though she married a very conservative man who enjoys living the simple - less expensive - life. She finds she needs \$15,000 by June. This gives her six months to prepare for her only child's col-



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lege education and her husband divorcing her.

She decides to join this penny-pinching club and meets some real winners! Their differences, problems, opinions and lifestyles make them all strange acquaintances.

One has been arrested for embezzling, another is a real bonafide penny pincher, and one a secretive dropout multi-billionaire, along with a maid and a man who wants to pick up ladies. This group swoops down into Kat's house, assesses her value, goes through her finances and e-mails and then proceeds to tell her how she will accomplish her goals. All of this is, of course, kept from her loving devoted husband! This story seemed pitiful at times but right does win out and love does emerge. Also, you will learn both how to save and how not to operate as a penny pincher.

An extraordinary book, fictional but providing many important illustrations of the debilitating effects on those with early-onset Alzheimer's disease, is "Still Alice," by Lisa Genova. Genova herself has a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Harvard and works closely with professionals in the field. When her grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's it became up close and personal. This started her journey to writing a fictional book about the experience. Genova found those with early onset Alzheimer's were really underserved and misunderstood.

Dr. Alice Howland, the protag-

onist in the book, is the William James Professor of Psychology at Harvard University. She is a leader in teaching how language develops and is used. Her husband John is also a professor and leading scientist at Harvard. They have three grown children with very diverse interests.

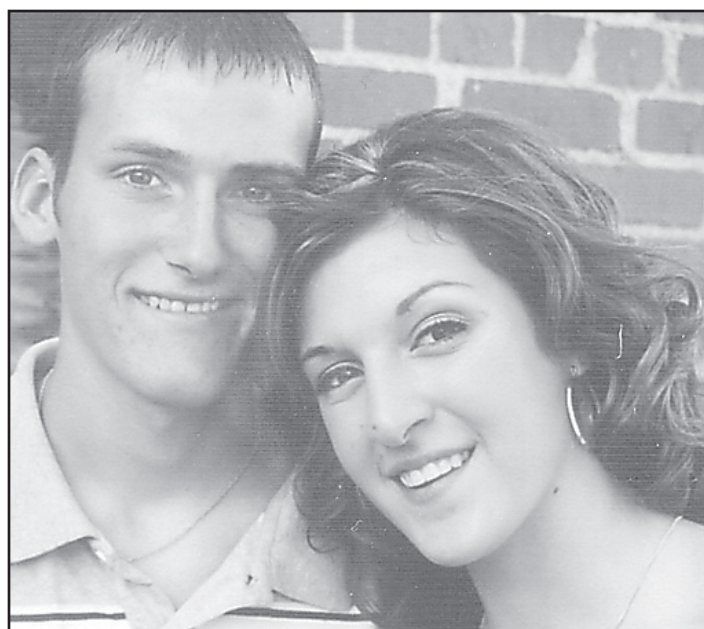
This book brings insights to the reader about how a person with Alzheimer's begins to experience life, and the struggles in trying to maintain work and home life.

It also shows how relatives on the fast track to learning about their loved ones' problems continually need to learn and grow with the patient.

One thing I learned about Alzheimer's through this book is that it is experienced and manifests itself differently in the timing of how each person's disease evolves; yet the problems become very similar when they talk to another with the disease.

Genova does a great job explaining to the reader that early onset of Alzheimer's is often found due to a person having 2 APOE e4 genes in their DNA makeup. However, not everyone with 2 or even 1 of these genes develops the disease. Some who develop the disease have none of the APOE e4 genes. This indicates there are other factors involved in the development of Alzheimer's.

Now, before I forget, let me give you the normal winter operating hours of the Pioneer Memorial Library: The Pioneer Memorial Library opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. weeknights, at 5 p.m. Friday, and at 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 10 to 4 p.m. We are still a Wi-Fi hot-spot (24/7) and have computers and Internet access for your personal needs. See you in the library!



Michael Collett and Baylee Westover

June wedding planned by Brewster graduates

Baylee Westover and Michael Collett plan to marry June 5 at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Her parents are Jon and Carrie Starns of Winona and his are Scott and Alice Collett of Levant.

The couple are both 2008

graduates of Brewster High School. The bride attends McPherson College in McPherson, and the groom attends Central Christian College there.

The couple plans to live in McPherson while finishing college.

Ladies plan a night out

Meadow Lake Golf Course and Lounge plans a Bunco game for Ladies' Night Out at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the club, 1085 E. Golf Club Dr. Cost is \$5 to play.

Prizes will be awarded and

snacks will be provided by the Ladies' Association.

The club invites you to come out and de-stress from the holidays.

Statue stolen

LINDON, Utah (AP) — Police say thieves must've used heavy equipment to make off with a 4-ton statue mounted outside a Utah motorcycle shop.

Lindon Police Chief Cody Cullimore says a back-hoe or a crane likely was required to move the \$100,000 sculpture depicting an old-time speed racer. Employees discovered it was missing from the Timpanogos Harley-Davidson store in Lindon, where it had been erected two years ago.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Dec. 29, were first, Joy Davis; second, Sarah Jane Barrett; third, Ken Ptacek; fourth, Janet Harper; fifth, Margaret Denneker.

Winners for Tuesday were first, Ken Ptacek; second, Gail Vacca; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Thelma Shalz; fifth, Larry Barrett; sixth, Jean Snyder; seventh, Mary Molstad.

Abilene Hustlers Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club met Monday, Jan. 4, with 20 members present. President Sarah Lamm called the meeting to order.

Tatum Rundel led the club in the flag salute and Kailey Shields led "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

After the secretary read the minutes and called roll, the reporter and treasurer gave their reports.

Community Leader Donna Lamm announced County Club Day will be March 26, Regional Club Day April 9, and pizzas would be made Feb. 13.

Rachel Lamm gave a talk about her leadership project. Alexi Regier gave a demonstration on how to make her favorite family snack.

Josh Koon led the club in a game where everyone helped create a story. The club recited the 4-H flag salute.

President Lamm announced next month's meeting, Monday, Feb. 1, will be the parents meeting where parents do the project talks, demonstrations and fill in the offices of their children in the club.

— Brook Ziegelmeier

Corrections

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.52
Corn (bushel)	\$3.66
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.00
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.41

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Fairview Estates with 28 members and guests. Guests included Eric Griggs, Amanda Zimmerman, Millie Horlacher, Donna Henry and Gray Henry.

Members dined and visited with the residents of Fairview Estates. Gary Stewart, director of the facility, shared a few remarks about the facility and the recent addition of assisted-living apartments.

Gray Henry was recognized as the January Student of the Month.

The club will resume weekly meetings at Colby Community College on Tuesday.

— Relda Galli



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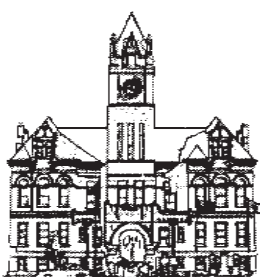
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