

Family

Events, mysteries keep library busy

The New Year has taken off with a bang! It seems as if our calendar is already filling up here at the library.

By the time you read this, the library will have had our first *Booked for Lunch* event, *Storytime for Toddlers* and *Preschoolers* already in their second week, *Business After 5* for the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce will have been held in the basement, and numerous meetings will have been held for planning the Library Murder Mystery on Saturday, March 6; Chautauqua in June; and celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Thomas County.

The first book I want to share with you today is "The Silent Spirit," by Margaret Coel. Kiki Wallowingbull has just been let out of prison, and decides that he has a new mission in life. He will find out how his great-grandfather died and who did it. The thing is, it happened back in the 1920s.

Father John O'Malley picks up Kiki from the road hitch-hiking. Father John knows Kiki's background and ancestors. He knows that Kiki is not supposed to break parole and what he plans would never be sanctioned. He also knows that Charlie Wallowingbull never returned after going to Hollywood for an acting career.

The best he can do is to offer to buy Kiki some breakfast, and drop him off at the train tracks to hitch a ride in an empty car.

Vicky Holden, a lawyer, receives an anonymous phone call that an Arapahoe has killed a brother Arapahoe but does not know what to do. Vicky and Father John find themselves embroiled in this mystery. This is the 14th book in the *Wind River Mystery* series. If you liked others, you will enjoy this one.

The second book is "Sworn to Silence: A Thriller," by Linda Castillo. Kate Burkholder, the chief of police for Painters Mill, Ohio, has a murder on her hands. She is not a novice. Though she grew up Amish, her town had experienced a number of murders which were never solved. These events caused her to leave the Amish way of life and become a police officer. This book brings Kate's background into this newest murder. Castillo knows how to write this type of gruesome thriller and mystery. Let me tell you, this book is not for the faint of heart.

The third book is "The Apostle: A thriller," by Brad Thor. Stephanie Gallo has just won the most important battle of her life. She negotiated with the press to help give her boss, who was running for the presidency, the upper-hand in the political campaigns. After this great victory, she learns that her daughter, a leading physician serving in Afghanistan, has been kidnapped. Al Qaida is demanding ransom, the release of a notorious



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prisoner being held in Kabul.

Gallo shares this with the new president. The only person the president knows to turn to is the now-unemployed Scot Harvath, who used to work counter-terrorism operations. He must carry out this whole operation without U.S. sanction. Harvath finds himself coming face to face with his past measures against terrorists, and whether he is willing to set this one terrorist free to save the life of an American citizen. This is a fun and intriguing book.

The fourth book is the "The Siege," by Stephen White. The siege is at Yale University. The hostage takers are in a building where a widely known secret society meets. The problem is that the police and hostage negotiators do not know how many are being held captive. In fact, as time goes by, they find they are incapable of negotiating with this group.

The situation becomes so desperate that a suspended police officer, a rebel FBI agent and a terror expert with the CIA begin working the crisis outside of normal channels. White begins the book with some really good suspense and continues it throughout.

The Pioneer Memorial Library opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

We have books, books in large-print format, audiobooks, DVDs and video tapes, computer games, cake pans and much more. We are one of the few free Wi-Fi hotspots that you can use with your personal computer in the area. If you need a computer, we have computers and Internet access for your personal needs.

See you in the library!



Mae and Gerald Van Eaton

Couple celebrating 69 years of marriage

Gerald and Mae Van Eaton of Oakley will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010.

Helping them celebrate will be their children and grandchildren, Geraldine Van Eaton of San Diego, Joyce and Charlie Homm and family of Oakley, Marge and Darryl Dohm of Grinnell, and Steve and Pam

Van Eaton and family of Monument.

The couple married on Jan. 18, 1941, in Larned. They lived in the Monument and Mingo area for many years before moving to Oakley.

The couple would enjoy hearing from friends. Their address is 615 Smokyhill Ave., Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Brewster grad on dean's list

Audrey Hoyt of Brewster has been named to the Sterling College fall semester Dean's List.

Hoyt, a junior, is the daughter of Keith and Chris Hoyt of Brewster. She was among 186 students completing at least 12 hours of classwork with a cumulative and semester grade average of 3.5 or better.

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Words cannot express the depth of our appreciation for the loving support we have received from the Colby community in the loss of our precious Mia Rhian Dickson. The cards and memorial gifts have been an expression of your desire to comfort our broken hearts while your thoughts and prayers continue to carry us through these days of sadness. Your sympathy and kindness will always be remembered.

*Josh, Kayla, and Kaitie Dickson
Tim and Leisa Hansen
Jim and Trudi Vanderploeg*

Bridge Club

Tuesday winners at the Meadow Lake bridge games were first, Lyle Worthy; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Margaret Denneler; fourth, Thelma Shalz; fifth, Sarah Jane Barrett; sixth, Mary Molstad.

Markets

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Wheat (bushel)	\$4.28
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Babies

Claire Avery Ashlock

Claire Avery Ashlock, daughter of Clint and Amy Ashlock of Lenexa, was born Monday, Oct. 5, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Carl and Pat Ziegelmeier of Gem, Ernie Ashlock of Kansas City and Georgeanne Mayfield of Blackwell, Okla.



Claire A.

Blaidynn Marie Carman



Blaidynn C.

Blaidynn Marie Carman, daughter of Curtis and Shana Carman of Colby, was born Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 18.5 inches.

Sisters Oaklynn, 6, and Coryl, 22 months, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Carol and Gary Friesen of Scott City, Larry and Tonja Westerman of Kensington, and Steve and Helen Carman of Selden. Great-grandmother is Betty McElderry Tuxhorn of Kensington.

Joseph Peter Schroeder

Joseph Peter Schroeder, son of Mike and Kathryn Schroeder of Colby, was born Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Brothers Dominic, Gabriel, Benjamin and Jonathan welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Mike and Diane Sis of Atwood and Dan and Janet Schroeder of Colby. Great-grandparents are John and Virgie Burk of Atwood.



Joseph S.



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