

Family

Gift books better in boxes

Thanks to all of you who came to the library's book sale, the film showing of "The Grapes of Wrath" and our March *Booked for Lunch* done by Sue Evans, "Babies By Design," by Ron Green.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

I would like to ask that if you have books to donate for the book sale, please bring them inside the library. We have had several instances where patrons leave loads of books in our book drop. This means it takes us a number of trips to get them inside, and then they are mixed with the books for checkout. This causes us a bit of extra handling and sorting. Not only that, we know there are lots of guys in the Colby area that can show off their muscles bringing them to us inside the library!

If you have quite a few boxes, call us at 460-4470 and we can meet you at the drive-through and bring them through the back door.

Our first book to discuss is "Act Like a Lady: Think Like a Man," by Steve Harvey. This author sets out to help women face the realities of how men think and live. It is for all women to read whether they are trying to figure out their father, brother, boyfriend, fiancé, husband, business associate, uncle, or neighbor.

Harvey began this venture by hosting a radio show called "Ask Steve." He discovered that women's desires came with a set of expectations that men would not or could not fulfill because of the way men function, think and come to decisions. The first chapter, "What Drives Men," sets the stage, while the last chapter, "Quick Answers to the Questions You've Always Wanted to Ask," highlights things not already covered.

In between you will find some fun and interesting thoughts on relationships and men. One thing I liked about this book was how he homes in on understanding

whether a man is serious about a long-term relationship, and how a woman needs to know that at the man's core is the desire to "protect, provide and profess."

A second book is "Showing Up for Life: Thoughts on the Gifts of a Lifetime," by Bill Gates Sr. with Mary Ann Mackin. Gates grew up during the Great Depression, which impacted the way he raised his children.

At 83 years old he tells us he never imagined having the opportunities that have come to him through helping his son and daughter-in-law with their foundation.

One chapter talks about showing up for life. He tells how he began by showing up for meetings, becoming a board member or helper in an organization. Why? Because he cared about the cause, the person who asked him or because it irritated him when others did not show up (pp. 5-6).

He shares what I see happening in the community of Colby. We have busy, involved and committed persons serving with such passion. It truly enhances our lives, relationships and the community we live in. Thanks for all of you who show up and work with gusto in an organization, board or group.

A third book is "How Philosophy Can Save Your Life: 10 Ideas That Matter Most," by Marietta McCarty. This is a power-packed book that uses the wisdom and thoughts of philosophers to consider issues in your life. Such top-

ics as simplicity, communication, perspective, flexibility, empathy, individuality, belonging, serenity, possibility, and joy are included.

These topics are discussed by such philosophers as Epicurus, Socrates, Plato, Lao Tzu, Epicurus, and others such as Jean-Paul Sartre, Shunryu Suzuki, Jane Addams, Bertrand Russell, Alan Watts, Martin Luther King Jr., the Dalai Lama, Elisabeth Spelman, Charlotte Joke Beck, Alber Camus, and Karl Jasper.

An interesting book you might want to breeze through is "Body Language 101: The Ultimate Guide to Knowing When People Are Lying, How They Are Feeling, What They Are Thinking, and More," by David Lambert.

One caution I have is that some signals may be correct for a culturally similar group of people, but if a person has been raised in another culture a gesture or behavior may not necessarily mean the same thing.

For instance, living in Asia for 13 years, I learned that not looking someone in the eyes does not mean you are lying. Looking someone in the eyes there may not be the cultural correct thing to do.

This book may provide us with some hidden and subtle actions that we can learn from and help us better understand a relational transaction. It can also help us learn to communicate more positively or open if we struggle with those issues in our lives.

Tax help is still available through Alvin Volk each Thursday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Free help is for those who are low-and middle-income with special attention to those age 60 and older. Also, the Census Bureau will begin helping residents answer any questions with their 10-question survey at 4:30 p.m. Monday. See you in the library!

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- James Roland Ortiz, 25, Colby, Feb. 24, driving under the influence, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Richard Michael Schmitt, 48, Cave Junction, Ore., Feb. 24, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogens, unlawful use of communication facility, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Friday on bond.

- Savannah Marie Clapper, 24, Colby, last Thursday, driving with license suspended or revoked, released same day on notice to appear.

- Matthew Trevor Jones, 31, Colby, last Thursday, driving under the influence, open container, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on bond.

- Jimmy Thomas Stevenson, 26, Colby, last Thursday, failure to appear, released same day on recognition.

- Newton Dewayne Brown, 37, Colby, Saturday, aggravated inde-

cent liberties with a child under 14, Oakley Police Department, released Monday to other agency.

- Cassandra Lucile Jennings, 20, Colby, Monday, hosting minors, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Marvin W. Matchett, 24, LeVant, Monday, driving with license suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Cherie A. McCracken, 53, Tempe, Ariz., Monday, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Matthew Tyler Rikoff, 24, Colby, Monday, hosting minors, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Jason Xavier Stegeman, 36, Colby, Tuesday, criminal damage to property, battery, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

Deaths

David Ferguson

David Ferguson, 88, formerly of Colby, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at his home in Denver. He was born March 14, 1921, in Colby.

Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-2331.

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) | \$4.14 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.29 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$5.44 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$8.44 |

Visit carnival at Sternberg

HAYS — In a first for the children's Discovery Room of Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History, a Family Carnival will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28.

"It's for kids of all ages," said Thea Haugen, Discovery Room manager. "If the adults want to play, they can, too."

Games and events will have a natural history theme, she said. In conjunction with the upcoming exhibit "SuperCroc," children can join the Crocodile Egg Hunt and enjoy activity booths or take part in a cakewalk.

For information, contact Haugen at (785) 628-5517 or thaugen@fhsu.edu.

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