

# Family

## Library draws on history

This week is National Library Week! Each day we have a special speaker come during lunch time to talk about a book or other subject.

Today, Jim Whitely was to speak. He specializes on historical venues such as the Smoky Hill Trail. Today he enlightened us about the highways and byways around the Colby area and beyond. He is known for enjoyable presentations.

Friday, Judge Rick Ress, a library board member, will talk on the book "Master of War: The Life of General George H. Thomas," by Benson Bobrick. I am told the book is good, and know that this will be an excellent presentation. Come join us for lunch.

Today I am talking with you about a few fiction books. The first is "Roses," by Leila Meacham. This *New York Times* best seller (2010) is now at number 23 on the list. Meacham writes about the town of Howbutker, located in the greater east Texas area. The author knows this area well, since she grew up there.

Protagonist Mary Toliver was born into a family of extreme wealth and privilege, paid for through cotton. Percy Warwick, a young man born into a timber magnate's family, becomes part of this family saga spanning more than 80 years, circa 1914-1985.

These two have a stormy relationship that brings intrigue, hurt, and redemption to their lives and other lives. This, of course, is not without meddling or help by others. The strongest draw to this book is the choices readers see Mary make in choosing a partner, covering up secrets and preserving the family estate.

The second *New York Times* best seller is "The White Queen," by



**Melany Wilks**

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Philippa Gregory. This historical fiction book is set between 1450 and 1500, during the wars of the Plantagenets. Gregory has done a wonderful job of immersing herself in the history of that period.

The book begins by introducing the protagonist, a powerful woman named Elizabeth Woodville. She is a widow, descendant of a nobleman and land owner. Her mother is said to be related to the French water goddess, Melusina. Within the first few pages, the reader is captivated by the intense and descriptive writing. Elizabeth meets the newly crowned king and the story evolves.

Gregory has written an excellent book that I think is fitting to be best seller. "White Queen" is the first volume of the series *The Cousins' War*. Though fiction, the book even has a bibliography to guide reader-historians to books used to piece the work together. I highly recommend this book.

A third book is "Treasure Hunt," by John Lescroart. Mickey Dade is working for the Hunt's Club Detective Service in San Francisco. The economic down-turn, a job gone bad and a few other situations has left the detective service short of cash and workers. Mickey is devoted to Wyatt Hunt, the owner of the business, and is in for the long haul.

Things begin to change when a famous activist for non-profit causes is found floating in a la-

goon. Hunt and Dade become interested and soon find themselves embroiled in a murder mystery. They, like others, are surprised at what they find, but then relationships in the big city often can be a bit murky.

The author shows by his writing that he is familiar with the San Francisco Bay Area. A reader who is familiar with this area will enjoy his descriptions and conversations through the book.

At 7 p.m. next Thursday the library will be showing the film, "Stories of the Dust Bowl," produced by Smoky Hills Public Television.

The Kansas Humanities Council is working with the library to prepare members of the community to more fully enjoy Chautauqua June 2 through 6. I had the pleasure of speaking with Warren Hixon, the previous mayor of Colby. If you did not know it, he is now the chairman of the Kansas Humanities Council. If you missed greeting him, he will be here during Chautauqua.

Mark your calendar for one of the last Chautauquas ever, Wednesday through Sunday, June 2-6. The theme is "Bright, Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties."

During Chautauqua there will be programming for the young as well as adults. The library will be hosting 11 different programs during the mornings and afternoons. Evening sessions will involve special speakers portraying historical characters of the time.

Do you have questions for a census worker? Please come to the library Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m., and Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m. See you in the library!

## 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club met Monday, April 5, with 25 members and guest Kelly Sloan, a friend of Hannah Strange.

President Sarah Lamm called the meeting to order. Cassie Wells led the club in the Flag Salute, and Piper Koerperich and Kailey Shields led the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Secretary Jory Koon called roll asking members their favorite type of breakfast cereal, then read the minutes of the last meeting.

Kortney Bredemeier gave the parliamentary tip.

Council said the club still needs to get its 4-H sign up. They are also looking for ideas for Family Fun Night, which takes place after fair cleanup. Small animal weigh-in will be Thursday, May 6.

Donna Lamm said the 4-H day camp will be Thursday, May 27, for ages 7 to 10.

The club decided to give \$100 to the 4-H Foundation.

Shields gave a project talk on her photography project. She got a Grand Champion on one of her pictures at last year's fair.

Kinley Ziegelmeier led the club in an Easter egg relay, and Strange led the 4-H flag salute.

Next month's meeting on Monday, May 3, will be the junior officer's meeting.

- Brook Ziegelmeier

## Scholarships given for Fort Hays State

Eight Colby High School students were among those who accepted Fort Hays State University scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year at a student recognition program in Colby.

Allie Barton, daughter of Brian and Johnnie Barton, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award from the College of Business and Leadership and an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award. She plans to major in accounting.

Seth Bredemeier, son of Mark and Carrie Bredemeier, accepted a \$500 Copper Academic Award. He plans to major in animal science.

Krisstal Kriss, daughter of Kimberly Kriss, accepted a \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in art. She plans to major in graphic design.

Preston Krzycki, son of Jeff and Shelli Krzycki, accepted a \$500 Academic Opportunity Award from the College of Business and Leadership.

Brandon Rasmussen, son of Terry and Cindy Rasmussen, accepted \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in business and a \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

Nathan Reed, son of Jason and Melissa Reed, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in business and an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

Samantha Schmidt, daughter of Stan and Terina Schmidt, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in art and a \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award. She plans to major in graphic design.

Jordan Voss, son of Dave Voss, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in chemistry and an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

From **Brewster High**, Ryan Allen, son of Don and Colleen Allen, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in agriculture and an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

From **Hoxie High**, Coby Baal-

man, son Brian and Sheri Baalman of Menlo, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in agriculture and a \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

Mackenzie Carman, daughter of Karl and Jodee Stillman, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in allied health and an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

Carman Hill, daughter of Mark and Suanne Hill, accepted a \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in teacher education. She plans to major in elementary education.

From **Golden Plains High**, Michelle Becker, daughter of Clarence and Dagmar Becker of Colby, accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in nursing and a \$500 Copper Academic Award.

Six students from **Colby Community College** accepted \$1,000 transfer student awards:

Melissa Baird, daughter of Kathy Baird of Brewster, plans to major in elementary education.

Laura Dougherty, daughter of James and Rosanne Dougherty of Colby, plans to major in business communications.

Heather Hempler, daughter of Dennis and Kathy Hempler of Hays, plans to major in interior design.

Katherine Jones, daughter of Dan and Karen Jones of St. Francis, plans to major in English.

Boone Moser, son of Dan and Kristy Moser of Winona, plans to major in elementary education.

Abby Staley, daughter of Susan Wilson-Staley of Goodland, plans to major in political science.

## Florida chef discovers nine-legged octopus

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Nineopus. Novopus. Freak of nature.

Whatever you want to call it, the nine-legged octopus probably had a leg up on all the other creatures in the Gulf of Mexico — until it

was caught and found its way to Hellas Bakery and Restaurant in Florida.

Head Chef Emmanuel Psomas says he was steaming the octopus Thursday when he discovered that it seemed, well, leggier than normal.

Psomas says he's cooked octopus for 40 years — it's a Greek delicacy — and has never seen one with an extra leg.

He says he counted the legs three times in disbelief.

"I'm like, this can't be," Psomas said. "I've seen a lot of octopus."

He's keeping the octopus in his refrigerator for now, but he plans to enjoy it soon with a bit of vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and herbs.

While unusual, marine experts say the extra leg on the octopus is likely due to genetic mutation.

## Corrections

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.88
Corn (bushel)	\$3.03
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.94
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.52

### Bridal Registry

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Sunday, April 18

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Betty Fitzsimmons Sloan  
1 Plymouth Dr.  
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## Wine Tasting

Sunday, April 25, 2010  
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**Ticket price: \$15**  
Includes:  
wine tasting,  
information on wines,  
light hors d'oeuvres  
& Jazz Concert

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Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00  
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