# Family

# Mysteries packed with action

Today, I want to share a few intense books, mysteries and actionpacked reads.

The first is the bestseller "Swan Thieves" by Elizabeth Kostova. Robert Oliver is a hospital patient. Andrew Marlow, his psychiatrist, is trying to understand why Oliver, himself an artist with the flair and personality of a genius, has destroyed a famous painting. Marlow finds that delving into Oliver's past paints him as less than fully transparent as he uncovers turmoil, betrayal, requited love and more.

first book, "The Historian," you will want to read this new novel. It revisits and expands on some areas from the earlier book.

A second book is "Think Twice" by Lisa Scottoline, a novel by a bestselling author about twins.

If you have read other Scottoline books, you may have run into protagonist Bennie Rosato and his twin sister, Alice Connelly. Bennie, the good sister, has saved Alice many times. Alice, the typical bad sister, has continued to grow more devious over the years. In "Mistaken Identity," Bennie helps Alice overcome a murder conviction, while in "Dead Ringer," Alice impersonates her sister.

In "Think Twice," Alice has de- Noblin herself. cided to be rid of her sister once and for all. The vicious scenario is written. I think you as a reader an assistant editor, she believes



created by the author draws us right into the mystery and intrigue of the story. I found myself having to finish this book just to find out how Bennie attains victory in the end.

We have this in the audio format If you have read the author's as well. Take it with you on a long night journey and be kept awake by the terror created. I heard this author speak at a recent library conference in Wichita. She is not only a great writer but a captivating speaker whose personality and wry wit shine through in her work.

> A third item that I want to share is "Her Fearful Symmetry" by Audrey Niffenegger. Right at the start, the author the kills off protagonist Elspeth Noblin. Her twin nieces find that they inherit her property. This brings the pair to London, where their new neighbors are Robert, Noblin's lover and a crossword puzzle fanatic, along with the disturbed spirit of

for yourselves. Sometimes literary critics have a snobbery about content that we readers choose to disagree with. The world is large, tastes are diverse. See if this one fits yours. We have this book in both print and audio format. A third thriller is "Horns," by

Joe Hill. Protagonist Ignatius William Perrish (Ig for short) awakens and finds he's miraculously grown a set of horns. Mystified, he tracks down nurses and doctors to help treat this malady.

During this time, he finds that people begin telling him things they ought not to confess. He decides since he has these unusual powers, he will try to find out who killed the sweetheart he had grown up with. Many around him think he did it, but this book will lead us to know who really did the crime.

There are light and funny parts to this story as well, so you might want to consider this for an unexpected story line. Hill also wrote "Heart-Shaped Box," and if you liked it, you may want to try this second book.

Speaking of ghosts, there is a new Avalon mystery out, "Ghosts From the Past," by Glen Ebisch. Marcie Ducasse is traveling through New England investigat-Some hate the way this novel it ing stories of the supernatural. As

should pick it up, try it and decide she can look upon this assignment from a totally unbiased and uninvolved perspective. What she gets dragged into is more than just ghostly, but murderous and sinister. Once you read this Avalon mystery, remember we have others from this series that you can enjoy in a comfortable chair.

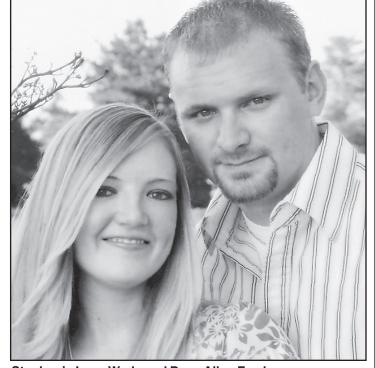
Our last Booked for Lunch of the season will be Wednesday at noon. Mike Baughn will be talking. Come have lunch with us!

Remember to check out the book "All the King's Men" by Robert P. Warren, so you can contribute to the discussion on Thursday, May 20, with Kansas Humanities scholar Steven K. Kite.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for one of the last Chautauquas ever, Wednesday to Sunday, June 2 to 6. The theme is "Bright, Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties."

Chautauqua will feature programs for kids as well as adults. Sign up for a week-long youth camp at the museum. The library will have 11 programs - two for children, and nine for adults or general audiences - during morning and afternoon times. Evening sessions will involve speakers portraying historical characters of the time. The information is now out in the library.

See you in the library!



Stephanie Lynn Wade and Drew Allen Fowler

## Couple to marry in Columbia, Mo.

Stephanie Lynn Wade and Columbia. Drew Allen Fowler plan to marry Saturday, July 17, 2010, at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia, Mo.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Rita Wade of Colby. She is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and a 2008 graduate of Emporia State University with Bachelor of Science degrees in biology and psychol- 2-4 p.m., Saturday, June 12, ogy. She is pursuing a doctorate at Trinity Lutheran Church in in cognition and neuroscience Colby to celebrate the upcomat the University of Missouri, ing marriage.

The groom, son of Dewayne and Donna Fowler of Berryton, is a 2002 graduate of Shawnee Heights High School. He graduated from Emporia State in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and is pursuing his doctorate in chemistry at Missouri.

A reception will be held from

# Farmers: report acreage to stay eligible

for federal farm programs.

"Producers must file their reports accurately and timely for all crops and land uses," said Adrian Polansky, state executive director, "to ensure they receive the maximum program benefits possible."

of acreage to the county office of the U.S. said, including the Direct and Countercyclical Farm Service Agency to maintain eligibility Program and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. These include Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments, Average Crop Revenue Election, Livestock Forage Disaster, Tree Assistance, and Emergency Assistance for Livestock programs.

Reports must be filed by the deadline for Acreage reports are used to determine and each crop, which may vary from state to state.

Farmers need to submit their annual report maintain eligibility for various programs, he Farmers should contact the county office for details. Late reports must meet certain require-

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ments and may be charged late fees.

#### **Meadow Lake Bridge Club**

Tom W.

Meadow Lake bridge winners for April 20 were first, Margaret Denneler; second, Sarah Jane Barrett; third, tie between Elaine Ptacek and Joy Davis; fifth, Barb Ulmer; sixth, Thelma Shalz.

Winners on Tuesday were first, Katie Melvin; second, Dave Ulmer; third, Jean Snyder; fourth, Mary Kersenbrock; fifth, Barb Ulmer; sixth, Elaine Ptacek; seventh, Margaret Denneler.



### Colby student recognized at Washburn

munity College, has received a transfer academic scholarship from Washburn University. Mar-

Quotes as of close of

previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-on

TOPEKA - Morgan Martin of tin was among the 101 students students who transfer to Wash-Colby, a student at Colby Com- recognized at a banquet April 6 in burn from another college and Salina.

This scholarship is awarded to of more than 3.25.

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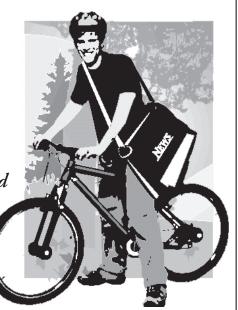
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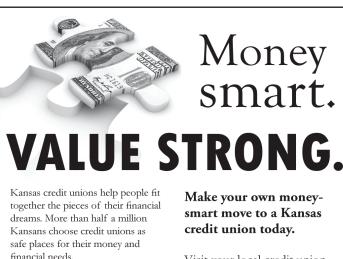
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